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By Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad

1. I believe people must have noticed a certain architecture associated with Putrajaya. The brown colour of the buildings set it apart from other major development in the country. The design of the buildings also differs from those usually found in this country.

2. Then there are the mosques which reflect Islamic features while not being reproductions of those in other Muslim Countries. The five-domed Court building is perhaps the most impressive (some people think it is a mosque). Each Ministry building has its own design with each having some distinct shape so that they are different from the others.

3. The mosques too are unique with one being more traditional and the other ultra modern. Yet they blend with the architecture of Putrajaya.

4. Unfortunately a new building has been added which is made up of glass, with no architectural features. It is not very imaginative as it looks like match boxes stacked on each other. It would be fantastic for New York but it is not Putrajaya. It is not very Malaysian or Islamic. It is in fact entirely out of place.

5. Of course this is only my opinion. Others will think otherwise.

6. I was in London recently. There you may do anything you like inside the house but the facade must remain as it was when it was built. You immediately know you are in London when you are in London.

7. It is the same with Paris. The roofs of the buildings in Paris are unique to Paris. And you immediately feel you are in Paris and nowhere else when you are in Paris.

8. I would like to think that a century from now people would know they are in Putrajaya because of the uniqueness of the city architecturally.

9. Every country has its own architectural feature. Spires and steeply sloping roofs are common in East Asia but each country has its own particular shape. Thailand, China, Korea and Japan all have the gracefully steep sloping roofs which terminate with upturned corners and edges. But still they manage to be unique for their countries through the variations in details.

10. For that matter every state in Malaysia has its own unique architecture. We never had high rise buildings. For a time we did not know what to do to make these skyscrapers look Malaysian. But now we have brought back the Malaysian roofs to top our high rise buildings.

11. They are actually utilitarian. We had flat roofs before. But somehow rain water manage not only to form puddles which refuse to evaporate, but often they find some cracks in the cemented roof to leak into the room below.

12. But with the roofs there are no more puddles and the water does not leak into the room below anymore. I am sure somebody will tell me that the leaks are still there.

13. The high rise flats in Putrajaya also have roofs. But the buildings are not enclosed entirely in glass like in America. They are different from the main boulevard with its ministerial building but they do not stick out like a sore thumb like that pile of glass boxes sticks out.

14. Please Putrajaya Holdings, please keep the uniqueness of Putrajaya's architecture.

33 Comments

Alpha Tango October 29, 2012 at 9:31 pm | Permalink
Dear Tun

As with all sane Malaysians, my Family and I are very proud of Putrajaya to the extent that we bought a place in Camelot and called our residence "The Camelot".

Agreed that all structures, homes and buildings as well, must have an architecture and design that is unique to Malaysia and synonymous to Putrajaya. And all designs must first be vetted by Perbadanan Putrajaya and the relevant agencies, ministry.

"Having such structures does not a Putrajaya make"

The other aspect is the mentality and mindset of the populace.

We see motorcyclists, and motorists, now regularly flaunting red lights, encroaching into the pedestrian zone while waiting at the red lights [pupils, pedestrians have to weave their way in between the motorcycles, cars, vans], parking illegally and double parking even though there are ample parking areas a stone's throw away [very prevalent near the night markets], littering when there are rubbish bins all over the place, generating municipal solid waste when Alam Flora has a Recycling Collection Center which weighs and pays for every recycleable item taken [except for batteries, glass, tyres. Alam Flora even collects at the household's doorstep if the household is not bothered to send their MSW over to the Recycling Collection Center].

During my time in school, we used to have Civics class in junior high where we learnt a lot about being civil. Sadly, the schools do not have this anymore. Secondly, the period of docile "education" of adults [the carrot] should be stopped immediately. The authorities should now practice enforcement and apply penalties to such offenders [the stick works !]. I do not like using Singapore as a reference but look how "clean" and efficient they have become when laws are enforced and offenders penalized.

We do NOT relish Putrajaya being just another city in Malaysia.

As for the opposition, they are a prime example of NATO [No Action Talk crap Only]. Entertaining the opposition by even just acknowledging their existence is a pain in the s [check with the specialist Mr A.I.].

Many thanks, dear Tun, for giving my 25 Sen.
God Bless You and All Sincere Malaysians.

HBT456 October 29, 2012 at 5:21 pm | Permalink
Good evening YAB,

53. <http://www.themalaysianinsider.com/malaysia/article/pakatan-states-to-block-aes-cameras-rollout/>

54. Is Guan Eng protecting his ego, his cronies' interests, his father or his people's interest?

55. If Guan Eng is clean and capable, he should hantam PM Najib and his cabinet.

56. This shows that Guan Eng is nothing but an empty vessel.

57. After 55 years of Merdeka, if DAP is good, they have become the ruling party long time ago jor.

That's all, YAB.

P.S. Kit Siang is only a social activist, and he is afraid of stronger Malaysia Chinese Association.

HBT456October 29, 2012 at 10:01 am | Permalink

Good morning YAB,

49.

<http://www.themalaysianinsider.com/business/article/south-korea-pension-fund-needs-more-contributions-new-investments/>

50. Under EPF policies, we can withdraw certain percentage from our 1st account for unit trust investment.

51. If YAB asks how our Malaysia Islamic Fund regulated by BNM, Security Commission, EPF Chairman and MoF, I would say, MIF is doing well because it is similar to what NPS Chairman Jun Kwan Joo is explaining.

52. Unit trust and Insurance investments are for long term investment to hedge against human errors due to fear and greed.

Good day, YAB.

Kal-ArOctober 28, 2012 at 3:23 pm | Permalink

What a shame..I agree with Milshah..so far..for me, for what I've seen, we live with ignorant people today...if this keep continue..we can see a world destruction in few decades to come....

Ibnu MukminOctober 28, 2012 at 12:43 pm | Permalink

Salam Idul Adha Tun,

As we all may not be aware a Free Palestine Movement sent another supply ship SV Estelle early this month to provide much needed civilian supplies to Palestine.

And true to their WORLD KNOWN brutal regime character the Isreal Military intercepted this ship in international waters. A good number of the good people who were on this ship are held in Isreal prisons and subjected to torture.

Tun, I believe sending one such ship at a time is not going to change things.

Perhaps its time we send a fleet of 100 ships to Palestine at one go and get as many people to be on this ships as possible. The ships can come from as many ports as possible.

Let us see how the Isreal Regime will react then.

In this modern day and age where we have send man to the moon, we can't allow such brutality to exist to a whole population of people without doing everything we can to STOP this brutality.

Thanks Tun.

amin tanOctober 27, 2012 at 9:13 pm | Permalink

Dear Tun,

Please allow me to address Milshah

//milshahOctober 27, 2012 at 10:52 am | Permalink
Assalamualaikum Tun,

I wish to draw your attention by the recent announcement to abolish the death penalty for drug traffickers. I don't think this is a good idea and I am against it. The law was enacted for a reason.//

Dear Milshah,

We all understand the severity of the drug menace, consequences of drug addiction. There is no dispute about it. But there are other factors and implications as well to the mandatory death sentence. Mandatory death sentence means there is only one sentence, death. There is no mitigation, no alternative. What if there is a mistake. What if it is unknowing and innocent drug mule. For a fistful of ringgit, you pay for your life. Let us be merciful. In my opinion putting a convicted drug trafficker in jail for 15 years is enough deterrent. This is only my opinion.

amin tan

mubarakchanOctober 27, 2012 at 6:03 pm | Permalink
Tun

For 'far-zone'. Many thanks for your compliments and yours to Tun as well. I just happened to be able to see things which most Malaysians could not or would not see. They just look even when they were in foreign lands.

I have always been a strong supporter of all Alliance and BN parties, and UMNO ever since I was young in the 1950s. I happened to have an interest in early Malay and Malayan history. What I say these days was the accumulation of a life-time of observations and experiences. As time went by, I could discern and visualise why certain things happened to certain groups of people and why others were unaffected. You will be surprised all my Malay student friends were on scholarships in the 1950s and 1960s. Many could not afford many things of their hearts' desires eg. a pair of suede shoes, or a pair of cavalry twill trousers etc.

From colonial times and through 1957 to 1970 before the advent of the NEP, the Malayan economy was governed by Currency Board of Malaya, Singapore, Sarawak, North Borneo and Brunei monetary policies. We could only spend what we earned. This meant only the rich stayed rich and the poor stayed poor. This was the nub of neo-colonialism with the British owning 70 percent of the good assets and the Chinese towkays and the Chinese about 15 percent with the other 15 percent belonging to the rest.

The Currency Board was dissolved in 1972 ! And Bank Negara Malaysia the banker to the Government, took its rightful place under the Malaysian sun !

It was the return of my Malay graduate friends and those already in place in Malaya like Tun and many others that this unfair hiatus was corrected through the promulgation of the NEP. And yet the untimely death of Tun Abdul Razak and transitional politics delayed the start of the NEP properly until 1981 with the premiership of Tun. To this day, there has been no explanation why this beloved country had to kick start with the NEP apart from a simple explanation that all communities would have an share of the prosperity of this nation, especially the hard-core poor.

In reality, the NEP created the Malay middle-income group in both the Government and private sectors and before this there were no opportunities for qualified Malays to reach for the sky. But with the advent of the NEP, there was hope for all to benefit from the riches of the land including the non-Bumiputras.

As for the non-Malays, their political parties should have kept pace with the new resurgent UMNO. But unfortunately, their leaders were not qualified to lead them and as a result, none of them ever mentioned the word 'sacrifice' and ended up going for more mundane things. Hopefully, their past records will not catch up with them.

My thinking at this juncture was simplistic.

How can the other communities progress and prosper if the Malays with their heritage and historical legacy, are not on par with the others ? This can only retard progress for all. And so, together with others, it was better to achieve the objectives of the NEP faster if top British assets could be acquired at free market prices instead of nationalization. This has been achieved with great success during the early years of the NEP and the fast trek forward during Tun's 22 year Administration. Tun and all his predecessors understood this.

In order not to have a clouded mind, I did not open or read the 'Malay Dilemma' to this day even though I have two pristine copies which I bought from Donald Moore's Bookshop in 1970 ! In the practice of politics, who can follow the writings in any book ? And a week is a long time in politics !

It is so very important in our beloved country that we always have a leadership which is normal in all respects because all Malaysians are polite, courteous and intelligent. Any deviation from the norm in a small and prosperous country will give rise to all sorts of allegations whether these are true or not. And in any country, it is at the top leadership where the buck stops (to quote President Harry S. Truman).

And why am I a staunch supporter of BN ? My reason for this is just commonsense. There is no reason to change a Government in a young and developing country just because of scandals. We change those manning the levers of power if there is need to do so. And I am also cognizant of change always. Vide. Channelnewsasia. Lee Kuan Yew November 2008. All Singaporean Blogs 2009 to 2012. The Financial Times London April 2010. Gillian Tett 'Singapore's Harvard Investment Model'. The Star. Seah Chiang Nee's Columns on Saturdays. - in October 2008, Singapore lost US \$108 Billions of her citizens Trust money on Wall Street.

I have seen the attrition of many good and capable personalities affected by the many down-turns in the economic cycles since the 1960s so much so the country do not have many experienced personalities left. This is the reason why I proposed that not only to expand the private socio-economic cake but also to take into accountability of the GLCs now managed by the Government, by returning these GLCs thus :-

1. To the former Bumiputra owners who did not break the law.
2. To the new Bumiputra and non-Bumiputra owners.
3. To the existing Bumiputra management and their partners.

And the Government manages the ownership of the more difficult Bumiputra equity as mentioned by Tun. Thus, the risky leading edge of business is left to the private owners and the Government can focus on governing and not making profits which are not required for it to do so.

Vote BN. All Malaysians in this beloved and unique land !

HBT456October 27, 2012 at 5:59 pm | Permalink
YAB,

22. If they think of putting a good show just to make them as Malay politicians look not so archaic whom can be lobbied, they should not amend this law.

That's all, YAB.

HBT456October 27, 2012 at 4:28 pm | Permalink
Good afternoon YAB,

19. Since milshah brought in the matter wrt death penalty on drug mules, I will leave it for the state management of the courts and KDN minister concerned to decide.

20. Sending drug mules imprisonment of 30 years is similar to granting death sentence to them on the day of the sentence.

21. If 30 years of imprisonment is to replace death sentence, means tax payers like milshah requires to bear the cost of feeding them 30 years if they are lucky to live until that age and unable to run away from prison during this period.

That's all, YAB.

milshah October 27, 2012 at 10:52 am | Permalink
Assalamualaikum Tun,

I wish to draw your attention by the recent announcement to abolish the death penalty for drug traffickers. I don't think this is a good idea and I am against it. The law was enacted for a reason.

We have seen the bad impact of drugs like cocaine, ganja, opium, etc on the individual, families and society. Drug addicts are considered dead zombies or "bangkai hidup" because they live only to satisfy their drug addiction.

The drug addicts are willing to steal or even murder to get money to buy the drugs. We have heard sons stealing from parents, even killing their own family members to get money to buy the drugs. Even when these drug addicts are captured and rehabilitated, there is always the risk they returning back to drug addicts.

Historically, we have also seen how the British defeated the Chinese in the opium war to colonise Hong Kong by giving opium to the Chinese people.

Drug trafficking is a lucrative business. Profits can run into billions and there is always demand because drugs are addictive. Some countries, like Columbia, drug cartels have become so rich, they can actually build a small army. Because they are rich from the drug business they are even able to buy judges, lawyers, police and politicians.

In the wake of this powerful drug cartels, crime rates increased dramatically. The Columbia government had to bring in the army because the police can do nothing against these powerful drug cartels.

By having the mandatory death sentence on drug traffickers, anyone would think 10 times if they wish to become a drug trafficker.

But now, if the mandatory death sentence is changed to jail term, the cost benefit in the minds of the drug trafficker has changed. The illegal drug business is very lucrative, they can buy Porsche and mansions, and if caught, they would only serve jail term.

Therefore, I do hope the mandatory death sentence for drug trafficker is maintained for the sake of the country. I know it's an easy way for politicians to become popular by abolishing this and that, but think of the country interest first.

Hajar October 27, 2012 at 10:07 am | Permalink
Dearest YAB Tun,

I visited London recently, and there's a new skyscraper named "THE SHARD" (also referred to as the "Shard of Glass/Shard London Bridge"); second tallest completed building in the European Union; and it also seems OUT OF PLACE.

It looks awkward because it is located near the London Tower Bridge.

Yang peliknya ialah bangunan ini nampak tercacak keluar (teramat tinggi) dari bumi dengan "architecture" yang betul-betul lain dari bangunan-bangunan sekelingnya yang rata-rata bangunan lama dengan "architecture" yang unik untuk bandar London. Saya percaya majoriti penduduk London tidak suka dengan kehadiran bangunan ini.

Thanks Tun.

*** May Allah SWT bless Tun and family ***

mgpunyaOctober 26, 2012 at 9:31 pm | Permalink
YABhg Tun,

.....it's a developer led development out there.....everywhere...

azienmatOctober 26, 2012 at 7:32 pm | Permalink
Kenapa Putrajaya panas?

Dengan ada bangunan kaca sebegini, tinggi pula, bertambahlah panas dunia Putrajaya.

Pengurusan selain mengekalkan 'identiti Putrajaya' selamanya Putrajaya, perlu memikirkan Putrajaya menjadi bandaraya yang nyaman dingin.

Ini kerana setiap kali turun ke Putrajaya terasa bahangnya, mengganggu menghayati pemandangan indah Putrajaya. Anda disyorkan datang waktu malam, itupun jika ada elektrik.

amin tanOctober 26, 2012 at 7:04 pm | Permalink
Dear Tun

Please allow me to post this interesting BBC interview of CONRAD BLACK

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-20036674>

amin tan

sitinurOctober 26, 2012 at 5:27 pm | Permalink
Asalamualaikum....
selamat menyambut hari raya aidil adha kpd tun sekuarga....

cakkuncakOctober 26, 2012 at 1:10 pm | Permalink
Dear Tun,

I thank God that we the rakyat still have you to write on things that concerns some of us. I would like to think that when you write, the powers that be will tend to 'listen'.

Nowadays with even the PM is on Facebook, I still feel the Government are not 'listening' to the people. The Government seemed to be doing more 'marketing' than 'listening'.

I concur with your opinion on the need to preserve the architectural features of Putrajaya so as to make it stand on its own throughout centuries to come, and not just to satisfy some project proposal.

I love Putrajaya and when I do take my kids there, I will proudly talk about how all of it will be there for years to come for them and the grandchildren to continue to awe as a symbol of how this nation have grown. Naturally my still very young kids always shrugged off my pride as something boring and funny, but in my heart I know one day when they are grown up, they too will have the same awe that I have now everytime I visit Putrajaya.

Having said this, our Government today is a disappointment despite they has learnt a bitter lesson when the previous PM before this one was not 'listening' either.

Thus, it is hardly a surprise my dear Tun of this kind of 'short thinking' mentality.

Nevertheless, you are a fresh breeze of air in this suffocating environment of 'political paralysis' – as I like to call it – on the part of the Government of the day.

I dont agree with your opinion on all matters but on most matters I salute your consistency and your ‘heart’ concerning the country.

I dont agree that the Government have done enough on corruption for example...and in this case of Putrajaya, dont be surprised that it could be due to corrupt practices, but of course we cant say anything if we cant prove it! (as if those people who are corrupt would be stupid enough to do it for all to see...)

BotakOctober 26, 2012 at 10:04 am | Permalink
THE ARCHITECTURE DESIGN
THE LANDMARK OF A BUILDING SYMBOLIZE
THE IDENTITY OF A NATION

MALAYSIA MUST CONTROL THE INFLUX OF FOREIGNER
AS INVESTOR TO BOOST OUR ECONOMY
BUT MUST NOT ALLOW INVESTOR TO INVADE
AS IN TO SETTLE AND HAVE LAND IN MALAYSIA
PENANG IS BRINGING AS MUCH FROM SINGAPORE
AS SUCH WILL STRENGTHEN THEIR POLITICAL ROOTS
SINGAPORE GOVT COLLECTS MUCH CHINESE MALAYSIAN TO BE THEIR PERMANENT
RESIDENCE,GIVING CITIZENSHIP
SUCH THREATEN MORE THE MALAY ROOTS THERE
THEY DISALLOW MALAYSIAN MALAYS TO BE
THEIR PR NOR CITIZENS
THEY ALSO DISALLOW INDONESIA TO HAVE WORK PERMIT
INSTEAD THEY ALLOW MORE AND MORE CHINESE FROM CHINA
MILLIONS OF INDONESIA ARE WILLING TO WORK FOR THEIR NEIGHBOR

BotakOctober 26, 2012 at 8:13 am | Permalink
THE DUBAI HILTON IN DUBAI ALSO SPOIL
THE IMAGE OF ISLAM BUILDING IN DUBAI DESIGN BY BRITISH
IT IMAGES A CHRIST CROSS

MiddleAgesOctober 26, 2012 at 3:39 am | Permalink
Peace Tun,

1. In my many years as observer of your style of politics, i am of the opinion this time Tun, you hit on the dazed button spot on.
2. Why i say so i because you have effectively numbed the Malays into thinking which party they should vote for, leaving them in a more confused state than they were say several months ago.
3. My reading is that, w.r.t. MCA latest sky dive, not as glamorous as Felix's, is that the BN coalition effectively shot themselves in the foot.
4. My plea Tun, is have mercy on BN. They have tried their best.

sudinOctober 25, 2012 at 4:46 pm | Permalink
Salam Tun.

When KLIA Sepang was nearing completion with F1 track & Bt Jalil complex projects still on-going, Tun decided to continue with the ‘mega money spinning’ projects by shifting the Federal capital elsewhere nearby, thus ensuring continued development and providing employment opportunities, while simultaneously reducing traffic crawls to all road leading into KL during the morning rush hours.
However it was Anwar that made the announcement, “Perang Besar will be the new Federal Capital of Malaysia”.
The name was later changed to Putrajaya.

Immediately afterwards or thereabout, Anwar requested his father be included in the board of directors of a major public listed company with large properties bordering/surrounding Perang Besar. All of his plentiful 'overnight became millionaires' cronies that he created during the past 3-short years as MOF were then openly planning/scheming on ways to become multi-millionaires next, and unperturbed by the 'no moral' gossips on Anwar fast spreading like wildfire to a dry and windy Australian bush.

Anwar was sacked for being a low-moral creature, and his instant millionaire cronies declared war with Dr. M, and many left for overseas together with their riches, which Malaysia was then very desperate to hold on to whatever currencies to help resist the financial woes caused by crooks like Soros and at the invitation of Anwar.

The Putrajaya that we see today will never see her present grandeur if Anwar & cronies have had their ways then! Even the then PAS president was seriously considering selling Putrajaya to a certain middle-east country if they win the election!

HBT456October 24, 2012 at 11:03 pm | Permalink
Good evening YAB,

I take this opportunity to wish "Selamat Hari Raya Aidilatha atau Raya Haji" to YAB and family.

Goodnight, YAB.

AHMAD BADRIOctober 24, 2012 at 5:48 pm | Permalink
YA Bhg Tun,

For such an important place as Putrajaya, I would propose that any future development and construction of structures be exposed to the public for comments. If left unattended, we will see more tasteless buildings, artless and out of synchrony with any thing – be it of future historical landmark, of something cultured, refined or symbolic of anything. And the architect will proudly say, "Oh, it's my style" which I have heard many times before. Regardless of how it looks, he gets paid well.

And as for the guy who approves it? Obviously we need someone who is more cultured and with high degree of genuine intellectual literacy.

One hundred years ago Kuala Lumpur was a tiny little town with a few buildings. We have this vision that one hundred years from now Putrajaya will be an attractive cosmopolitan with its own aura, a garden city, a city well designed, of high art and futuristic construction, with its own charm and majestic attractions, something our future generation will thank us for and be very proud to preserve our unique heritage.

mgpunyaOctober 24, 2012 at 5:11 pm | Permalink
YABhg Tun,

I am not at all surprised, sir. I believe it's the same everywhere here in Malaysia. You should look at our schools in particular, everything nice when newly completed. But, try to come back a few years and you'll find new colourful structures everywhere/anywhere with roofs of all kinds, signages, murals of all sizes and colours all over the place....etc etc

far_zoneOctober 24, 2012 at 7:09 am | Permalink
Dear Tun,

Though I hardly write in my comment, I would open your blog almost every day. I look forward to your refreshing ideas and critical thinking of yours and of course all the comments made by your readers that I find most amusing and informative though sometimes annoying. Congratulations on your most recent appointment! The problem with Malaysian is that probably we like 'rojak' too much! There's pro and cons but when it is reflected in the construction of a city, it's just damaging and very sad. There seems to be no continuation or lack of vision by the city planner(s) or just pure ignorance on their part. Somehow, I believe they would come up with excuses that it's the developers money so it is up to them to do what they want. For me, this type of thinking defeats the purpose of hiring educated city planners or in many cases sending them abroad for seminars etc. I think not just Putra jaya but

all the main towns in this country and it is particularly sad for Putrajaya.

By the way, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Mubarakchan for his continuous support for BN and his understanding with the Malay dilemma. Apart from Tun, you are also one in the million. My closest friend is Chinese but I know that she still thinks Malay is 'beneath' her race. Thank you Tun for opening my window to the world. Hanya Allah s.a.w yang dapat membalas jasa Tun.

ayahchorOctober 23, 2012 at 10:03 pm | Permalink
YABhg Tun,

Malaysia mempunyai bilangan spesies tumbuhan antara yang tertua dan terkaya di dunia. Malangnya kita masih lagi belum mempunyai Taman Botani dan Herbarium negara. Kita pernah mempunyai Taman Botani dan Herbarium yang amat terkenal di Singapura, tetapi kini Taman itu bukan lagi kepunyaan kita.

Pembangunan Putrajaya, bercadang membangunkan Taman Botani, Herbarium dan tiga belas taman yang lain dan menjadikan Putrajaya bandar dalam taman, sesuatu yang amat disanjung oleh khalayak terutama mereka yang berminat dalam pemuliharaan alam tumbuhan.

Hari ini The Star (23rd October 2012) melaporkan sebanyak RM744.93 mil telah dibelajakan setakat bulan Disember 2011 bagi membangunkan Taman-Taman Putrajaya. Malangnya Taman-Taman ini tidak digunakan sepenuhnya mengikut tujuan sebenarnya taman-taman ini dibina. Yang ketara sangat ialah Taman Botani dan Herbarium Negara yang dicadangkan tidak berdaya maju, malah terbangkali.

Dalam perancangan asal Taman Botani Putrajaya merupakan Pusat penyelidikan tinggi tumbuh-tumbuhan, pemuliharaan kepelbagaian spesies, pembelajaran dan destinasi pelancong. Selain itu, ia mempunyai 13 subsidiari taman, seperti Wetland, Taman Wetland, Pancarona, Taman Gimnosperma, Rimba alam, Taman Palma dan berbagai-bagai taman dirancangan bagi memenuhi kepentingan Taman Botani supaya ia dapat diiktiraf oleh Persatuan Botani Antara Bangsa.

Tun, tidak semudahnya untuk mendapat pengiktirafan Taman Botani. Ia memerlukan Directorate yang terdiri daripada Botanists, Ecologists, Cytologists, genetic dll baru lah taman itu iktiraf sebagai Taman Botani dan mendapat bantuan antara bangsa. Taman Botani yang diiktiraf seperti Taman Botani Singapura, Bogor, Sri Lanka. Sydney..

Malang sekali Tun, Perunding (Consultant) yang merancang dan membangunkan Taman Botani adalah seorang yang import dari luar negara, yang tidak tahu langsung tentang tumbuhan tempatan jauh lagi tentang Flora Malesiana, sedangkan Project Managernya pula seorang Jurutera Awam. Tidak ada botanist, ecologist dan agronomist, scientist atau biologist dalam membangun taman botani Putrajaya. Begitu juga Taman-Taman yang lain tidak ada pakar alam tumbuh-tumbuhan. Yang banyak hanyalah Landscape Architects dan yang menentukan spesies tumbuh-tumbuhan yang ditanam ialah pengusaha pengusaha tapak semai yang berluasa di sekitar Muar. Spesies-spesies kebanyakan diimport dari negara jiran. Oleh sebab itu Tun, Taman-Taman di Putrajaya mempunyai spesies tumbuhan yang sama dan hampir 90% spesies tumbuh-tumbuhan merupakan spesies yang diimport, sedangkan spesies asal Malaysia terbiar dan banyak yang diancam kepupusan.

Persoalannya Tun, mengapakan ahli sains seperti botanist, ecologist, horticulturist, agronomist tidak diberi peluang untuk pembangunan physical negara. Apakah seorang jurutera atau architect tahu tentang alam tumbuhan dalam pembangunan physical. Ceritanya hampir sama apabila tukang gunting dan nak jadi tukang gigi (When a barber wants to become a dentist) Begitu cara kita membangunkan Taman-Taman di Putrajaya. Begitu jugalah pembangunan physical kita

mubarakchanOctober 23, 2012 at 7:38 pm | Permalink
Tun

Sorry. A minor correction on line 2 of my Comment '...an artist who wanted to be an architect.' and last para. '...to provide the guidelines...

mubarakchanOctober 23, 2012 at 7:01 pm | Permalink

Tun

I always teased my architect friends that there is an artist ready to jump out of their skin. But I have never met an artist who wanted to be an artist.

This glass blockhouse which you mentioned, must have been either the owner or the architect wanted to make a statement to show originality. But unfortunately, they must have missed the plot because they had not got the vision, the experience and the aesthetic taste which fired up your determination to create an exceptional capital for all time for Malaysia. As a result, this ugly glass building stands out like a sore thumb amongst the fine Islamic and Malay inspired architectural examples around it.

Your broad strokes in the creation of a masterpiece which is Putrajaya is now marred by one little pimple when the purpose and the thematic nature to showcase Islamic and Malay fine arts and architecture were overlooked. How sad !

There is a very ugly building which has just been built next to the Ministry of Agriculture along Jalan Sultan Salahuddin, Kuala Lumpur. The Ministry was supposed to shift to Putrajaya. It did not otherwise there would have been 2 eyesores instead of one.

You were correct to establish a capital city for the Government called Putrajaya.

There is Canberra, Pretoria, Washington D.C. and the Imperial pile of red stones by Lutyens and his associate called New Delhi in 1931. Each and every one has a theme. London with its shop-lined streets and Paris with the boulevards and of course, Vienna with its imperial palaces of the Hapsburgs now devoid of royalty.

However in Kuala Lumpur, you will find examples of the Honolulu Treasury Building, Hawaii, the Yokohama Intercontinental and the Citibank, New York.

As the architects run out of ideas and constrained by the forms and functions which are provided by the modern materials, eventually only the very best architects will come up with unique designs like the Petronas Twin Towers.

When I first visited Putrajaya, I was struck by its unique ochre colour and designs which seemed to be something out of the Flash Gordon or Buck Rogers comics of my youth. It was definitely exceptional.

A friend of mine bought a heritage building in Sydney and he wanted to change it into a hotel. He told me that every small renovation had to have the consent of the City Council and this approval usually took weeks. Eventually, he gave up.

If the authorities charged with the maintenance and construction of Putrajaya are equipped with a master plan to follow, surely more eyesores would not erupt on this masterwork in the future. In any event, if the powers that are want to make a statement at anytime in the future, there will be no one to stop if they do not appreciate the beauty of the masterwork. Hence, it maybe timely to publish an authoritative book or manual to prove the guidelines for future constructions to follow or Putrajaya, unique administrative city will end up making no statement whatsoever in the years ahead being dotted with incongruous eyesores all over the place. This is bound to happen !

Vote BN all Malaysians ! And feel big and strong !

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Salam Sejahtera

YAB Tun Dr Mahathir

1. Tidak dinafikan rakyat Msia semuanya bangga dengan Putrajaya yang unik, tersendiri dengan unsur Melayu dan Seni Islam.

2. Putrajaya adalah hasil kejayaan teramat cemerlang 'arkiteknya' iaitu Dr Mahathir Mohamad dan menjadi lambang kehebatan rakyat Malaysia.

3. Ahli parti pembangkang pun bangga, walaupun kutuk tetapi disebaliknya bercita-cita mahu ke Putrajaya

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Salam Sejahtera Tun,

Alhamdulillah Tun mengetengahkan perkara ini,
Dahulu lagi saya cuba mengetengahkan perkara sebegini, sepatutnya di Malaysia perkara sebegini hendaklah di bendung oleh bandan kerajaan yang menyelia bangunan.

Lihat saja di Johor banyak bangunan yang "flat roof" berbentuk kecinaan. Siapa yang mengawal ?

Kita hanya sedar apabila perkara sudah terlambat!

Terima Kasih Tun

ROZALI BIN AYED October 22, 2012 at 5:45 pm | Permalink
Assalamualaikum WBT Yg Bhg Tun,

Rasa rasa amat bersyukur ke hadhrat Allah SWT yang telah mengurniakan idea bagi Tun mengilhamkan sebuah kawasan istimewa bagi Pusat Pentadbiran Kerajaan Persekutuan yang kini dinamakan PUTRAJAYA. Inilah diantara satu mercu tanda sumbangan Tun terhadap pembangunan negara Malaysia yang sepatutnya menjadi kebanggaan seluruh rakyat Malaysia.

Sebagai seorang berlatar belakang teknikal saya pernah terlibat dengan projek pemasangan lampu-lampu jalan yang masuk dari gate nombor dua (dari arah Hospital Serdang) termasuk jalan masuk ke Seri Perdana (rumah kediaman resmi Perdana Menteri Malaysia). Saya juga pernah berkhidmat di Hospital Putrajaya yang terlibat dengan tugas mengawalselia, operasi dan senggaraan pemasangan elektrik lebih dari lima tahun (2000 -2008). Itulah diantara sumbangan khidmat bakti saya di Putrajaya yang tidak akan saya lupakan sehingga ke akhir hayat.

Bangunan-bangunan di Putrajaya memang begitu unik dari segi struktur dan rekabentuknya yang boleh dianggap tiada terdapat di negara-negara lain di dunia (dinilai melalui pemerhatian saya sendiri setelah berpeluang melawat beberapa buah negara di dunia termasuk Eropah dan United Kingdom). Keindahan bangunan ditambah seri lagi oleh beberapa jambatan berstruktur begitu indah merentasi beberapa tasik buatan yang begitu cantik dan saujana mata memandang. Sebagai sebuah negara Islam contoh, beberapa Masjid di Putrajaya dibina mengikut seni Islamnya tersendiri dan menjadi suatu mercu tanda bahawa Islam amat terjaga martabatnya di Malaysia. Putrajaya adalah sebuah Pusat Pentadbiran Kerajaan Persekutuan termasuk rumah-rumah kediaman petugas awam dan rumah-rumah awam lainnya yang dibina begitu indah rekabentuknya. Putrajaya juga adalah suatu mercu tanda kesejahteraan negara dan rakyat Malaysia yang telah berjaya dibangunkan oleh kerajaan Barisan Nasional.

Keindahan dan kestabilan urus tadbir Putrajaya seharusnya kekal ditangan pihak yang bertanggungjawab membangunkannya ia itu kerajaan Barisan Nasional. Pakatan pembangkang (PKR, DAP & Pas) yang berhasrat mahu menawan Putrajaya kerana terlalu taksuf dengan kuasa dan keindahan Putrajaya seharusnya disekat. Pakatan pembangkang patut rasa malu yang amat sangat pada diri sendiri kerana rakyat tidak pernah lupa Pas pernah membuat kenyataan pembinaan Putrajaya terlalu tinggi kosnya, membazirkan wang rakyat dan jika berjaya memerintah akan menjual semula Putrajaya. Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim dari PKR juga patut turut rasa malu dengan hasratnya mahu menakluki Putrajaya, kerana pernah menganggap Malaysia lapuk, sedangkan Putrajaya dikenalpasti sebuah Pusat Pentadbiran Kerajaan Persekutuan diantara yang termoden di dunia. Pakatan Rakyat sepatutnya bina pusat pentadbiran di negeri-negeri yang mereka kuasai yang boleh menyaingi Putrajaya, tak perlu nak sibuk-sibuk inginkan Putrajaya.

Jasa Yg Bhg Tun amat besar bagi negara dan rakyat Malaysia. Tun dengan kurniaan Allah SWT adalah seorang negarawan yang terbilang di dunia. Ada pihak pemimpin pembangkang yang pernah mendakwa Tun tidak lagi relevan untuk diambil kira pandangannya kerana sudah tidak berkuasa dan lebih dari itu kerana usianya sudah lanjut.

Bagi saya pemimpin sedemikian yang sangat tidak relevan untuk diambil kira sebagai seorang pemimpin, mahu diambil kira tentang jasa kepada negara langsung tiada sumbangan ke arah itu. Mengeluarkan kenyataan hanya bermotifkan kepentingan politik dirinya dan parti anutannya dan bukan berasaskan realiti. Pemimpin sedemikian amat tidak layak diangkat seterusnya menjadi pemimpin.

Semoga dengan izin Allah SWT Putrajaya terus kekal di tangan Barisan Nasional.

Sekian, terima kasih dan Wassalam Yg Bhg Tun.

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Askm Tun, semoga kita semua sentiasa dalam rahmat Allah SWT utamanya hidayah yang patut dipegang teguh dan segala kurnianNya wajib digunakan ke jalan yang memberi menafa'at kepada semua alam.

Putrajaya is Tun's fanstastic idea as any other Tun's contribution to make Malaysia an advanced nation, comparable among those in the world, in addition to its uniqueness as a peaceful, harmoniuous multi-racial, multi-religious and multi-cultural country that have become the envy of many in the world.

As many things are not perfect, so is Putrajaya. The glaring one is the poor signage for direction and location. Even the locals are complaining about the difficulties they experienced when travelling in Putrajaya. Then what about those from outside Selangor and the foreigners? The Putrajaya Holdings should seriously look into these matters. It seems to ordinary people as a small matter but it will cause great embarassment to such a great city. The same were said about KLIA regarding bad signage. Maybe the road design "director" must be from outside Selangor or Malaysia and not the staff of Putrajaya Holdings, as to ensure the signage are very clear and effective.

Maybe slight out of the topic...

One of the leaders of the opposition had once indicated that they will SELL Putrajaya because it is a waste of public funds, if they are in power. How he wanted to do it, only known to himself. Ironically, now the opposition is scrambling (as smell blood to take over the government) to "go" to Putrajaya and the PM will stay in the PM's residence which they dubbed as Mahathir's grand palace. These people are really without shame.. as pepatah Melayu.." muka tebal".

We pray that may Allah SWT protect us from TTS (tentera-tentera syaitan) among us.

samuraimelayu@gmail.com October 22, 2012 at 2:36 pm | Permalink

SALAM KASIH DAN SAYANG
AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN

Izinkan,

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10. For that matter every state in Malaysia has its own unique architecture. We never had high rise buildings. For a time we did not know what to do to make these skyscrapers look Malaysian. But now we have brought back the Malaysian roofs to top our high rise buildings.

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We beleived the first of such building with the Malay roof architecture was the apartments across the T-Junction of University Hospital, PJ and the architect (now deceased) who was asked to design it was very reluctant and pessimictic about it initially. We told him to just imagine ' the short and long pants' with the same top.. and the rest is history.

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ALFATIHAH, AMIN

Ps. To adik HBT, if we look at the bigger picture, Putrajaya is not about spending money for a lost cause. Take good care.

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Good morning YAB,

15. What Putrajaya Holdings require to do in the long run to maintain the uniqueness of Putrajaya's architecture is to maintain low rise condominium and apartments, landed property of single, double, bungalow, low rise buildings for rental and sales and beautiful botanic and tropical gardens to maintain her fresh air, and green technology for our future generations to come.

16. Once they locked in this view, Putrajaya can contribute property taxes and tourism revenue to our Federal Government.

17. Putrajaya Holdings's utmost mission is to increase human traffic from middle to higher income earners to improve her revenue before taxes.

18. Question of "To be or not to be" by spending money for a lost cause just to maintain faith, that is the question to be answered by Putrajaya Holdings, Federal Government and Malaysians.

Good day, YAB.

P.S. Buildings in Washington DC must not be taller than her National Monument.

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