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Mydin's arch of history

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THIS year would be a good time to reminisce about our present and past prime ministers.

In conjunction with the 43rd Merdeka celebrations, Mydin Mohamed & Sons Sdn Bhd, owner of Mydin Emporium and Mydin Supermarket, has built a giant arch (pintu gerbang) at the entrance of the emporium, in Jalan Masjid India, Kuala Lumpur, with pictures of these prime ministers.

It is designed to signify the success of Malaysia from the day of independence. The four eras shown are:

* Tuanku Abdul Rahman (first Prime Minister) - the era of Bapa Kemerdekaan (Father of Independence): 1957-1970. View montages of the national monument (in remembrance of the sacrifices made by soldiers in seeking independence) and the historic picture of Tuanku Abdul Rahman with his right hand raised as he shouted merdeka on Aug 31, 1957.

* Tun Abdul Razak (second Prime Minister) - the era of Bapa Pembangunan (Father of Development): 1970-1976. Montages of agricultural and land utilisation programmes show his determination to develop Malaysia, especially the rural areas. This had led to the transformation of Malaysia into a developing country.

* Tun Hussien Datuk Onn (third Prime Minister) - the era of Bapa Perpaduan (Father of Harmony): 1976-1981. Montages of cultural dances and children of all races standing as one to remember Tun Hussien Onn for his determination in seeking unity, making Malaysia a harmonious country for all to live in.

* Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed (present Prime Minister) - 1981 to date. It has montages of the Petronas Twin Towers, KL Tower, Multimedia Super Corridor, Penang Bridge, Bukit Jalil Stadium, and many other achievements to remind us of his efforts to lead the country into modernisation.

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