

SPEECH BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW
SURVEY OFFICE, TAIPING, PERAK ON 7TH
SEPTEMBER, 1963

I am very pleased indeed to be able to declare open this very excellent building which cost the Federal Government approximately half a million dollars.

I should like to congratulate the Public Works Department, not only for the high standard of construction, but also for being able to complete the building according to schedule in spite of their many other commitments and in spite of the pressure that I have been putting on the Public Works Department to build more roads and other Rural Development projects.

I should like also to congratulate the Survey Department, both State and Federal, for the great contribution their officers have made in the implementation of our National Development Programme and also for the way that they have by year expanded into a more and more efficient Department.

In proof of my praise of their efficiency, I should like to quote the comparative figures showing the increase of capacity and output of work over the last ten years. In 1952 records show that the Survey Department surveyed a total of 22,384 lots throughout the country whereas by 1962 they had succeeded in achieving an increase of over 100% capacity by completing the survey of 52,539 lots. I am sure that figures for the current year, 1963, will be even more complimentary to the hard work and steady output which the Survey Department is contributing towards our National Development.

I have much pleasure in declaring open this new office of the Survey Department Headquarters in Perak.