

THE OUTWARD BOUND TRUST

AN APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC

Speaking at the annual general meeting of Outward Bound Trust on Nth August, 1966, Tun Razak, who is its president, made a personal appeal to both Government and private bodies to nutke greater use of the excellent training facilities which the Outward Bound School provides.

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The primary purpose of the School is to provide young men from all walks of life with opportunities to test and develop their capacities of character and physique.

In so doing it seeks to stimulate in the young men a challenging perspective of their individual capabilities and a sense of enterprise, initiative and self-reliance.

The School does not try to produce leaders in the shon time at their disposal. It helps young citi/ens to learn the difference between good and bad leaders.

In a developing nation such as ours, the work being done at the School is of great importance and it is imperative that more use is made of its potential for good.

A nation is a poor guardian of its own interests if it does not encourage its youth, who are the citizens of the future, to become strong, self-reliant and vigilant men and women, to man the watch towers over all it holds most dear.

Malaysia, as a young nation with a young population, considers that it is of the utmost importance that we should pay particular attention to our youth and give great accent to their activities.

It was because of the realization of this fact that our Prime Minister, after the last National Election, decided to form the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports and place this Ministry under his charge.

The Outward Bound School is one that caters for our youth. The Outward Bound Trust of Malaya was formed in 1953 when this country was facing trouble from militant Communism, as in fact it still is today. I

In the face of internal threat as well as in the face of external aggression, more than at any other time, a nation needs men and

women with character, courage and self-confidence so that they can willingly act on their own and lead others to play their part in the defence of their country.

Outward Bound achieves this through its own special methods by making young people fit, by teaching them to look after themselves in the open, and by facing them with problems which they have to tackle on their own in every day life.

Our young nation needs leaders at every level in every walk of life.

We need good and loyal citizens with a sense of responsibility and dedication and a realization of their obligation to their country and to their birthright. Not only do we need leaders, we need good and loyal followers.

The School is well equipped to give the youth of this country the type of training which will turn them into responsible citizens and future leaders of our nation

The Outward Bound Trust now enters its second decade and more than ever it needs the help of well-meaning and public-spirited people who have the future well-being of Malaysia at heart. . . . If you support Outward Bound Movement in Malaysia, you will be helping to strengthen the foundations of our nation and you will be contributing towards the continuance of a firm and enlightened leadership which carries with it stability, freedom and a sound future for this country.

Your success in your work in each one of your District can only be judged from one thing, and one thing alone, that is results. To achieve results you have to stick to what you are doing through thick and thin until the project is a success. To do this you can in fact get better advice than I can ever give you by looking at a postage stamp and remember that the merit of a postage stamp is in its ability to "stick" to its objective until it arrives at its destination.

— *Tun Razak said this at the conference of Assistant Rural Development Officers on 11th November 1960.*