

## THE TUNKU IS MORE THAN A LEADER

*Tun Razak paid a moving tribute to the sterling qualities of Tunku Abdul Rahman as the Prime Minister, as a leader and, above all, as a friend on the occasion of his 63rd birthday on 8th February, 1966. This is what the Tun said:*

Our beloved Prime Minister. Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-haj, is 63 years today. And as always every year all Malaysians await the birthday of their Prime Minister and national leader with joy and warm affection.

The Tunku has led our country for the last 11 years so successfully towards political stability, economic prosperity and, above all, towards the happiness of our people of various races.

The Tunku, to the envy of all of us despite his age, is as young as ever, as hale as ever, as bright as ever and as happy as ever.

Tunku's greatest asset is his natural tendency for leadership, his humour and his ability to laugh and make others laugh and to joke even if the joke is against himself.

Under his able leadership the people of Malaysia of every racial origin have learned to live together side by side in peace as their ancestors had done for centuries.

I am quite sure as we go along towards nationhood this friendship among races will be strengthened until ultimately a really united Malaysian nation emerges.

To me personally, the Tunku is more than a leader. He has been my very close friend since our student days in London. He has been a source of inspiration to me as indeed to all Malaysians. He obtained for us our independence and was the architect of **Malaysia**.

During the many years that I have been privileged to know him and to work under the Tunku I always have the greatest admiration for his sincerity, integrity and his loyalty towards his Wends. The Tunku always appears the same and at ease whether he is with Kings or with Heads of States or with the ordinary People. He is a Prince Charming among men and a persuasive leader in politics.

We are indeed very fortunate to have the Tunku- a man of noble birth and character and of outstanding statesmanship and diplomacy, as our Prime Minister and national leader

My loyalty to Tunku is wellknown. As I have said earlier, he is not only my leader and friend, but I also regard him as a father. Had my father been alive today, he would not have been much older than the Tunku.

May Allah shower upon him all the blessings on his birthday and grant him good health and long life so that our Tunku will continue to guide us towards greater peace and greater prosperity for many more years to come..

## THE CULTURAL PROBLEMS

### THE TUN PRAISES THE MALAYSIAN SOCIETY OF ORIENTALISTS

*Tun Abdul Razak described as timely the Cultural Conference of the Malaysian Society of Orientalists held at the Library Room of the University of Malaya on 22nd October, 1965. "We will be interested to know the cultural impact on nation building in a multi-racial society such as ours." he added.*

The subject of your conference, "The Cultural Problems of Malaysia in the context of South East Asia" is one not only of tremendous interest to me personally but also of vital **important** to the people of Malaysia and the future development of this country. I II

Malaysia, as most of you well know, is a multi-racial, **multi-religious** and multi-cultural country. It is a melting **place of the** great cultures of the great countries of Asia—of India, **China and** the Polynesian region of Asia. Also in comparatively **recent history** Malaysia has been the subject of cultural impacts and **influences** by countries of the Middle East and by European **countries**. Therefore Malaysia can truly be said to be the melting **pot of the** cultures of the great countries of the world. You will, **therefore** agree with me that cultural problems of Malaysia will **make a** very interesting study as Malaysia represents various **cultures of** Asia, the Middle East and Europe.