

Speech of Y.B. Datuk Hussein Onn,
Minister of Education on the Occasion of the
Teachers' Day Dinner on 16th May, 1973 at 8.00 p.m.
at the Dewan Tuanku Abdul Rahman, Kuala Lumpur.

My wife and I are very happy to see present to-night so many teachers, parents and others who are interested in matters connected with education. I am sure that like us, there are teachers and others throughout the country who are celebrating the Teachers' Day. This informal gathering helps us to get together and to come to know each other better.

2. What makes this evening's function more significant for all of us is that we have been honoured by the presence of none other than the architect of Malaysian Education Policy himself, namely our Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak, and his wife, Toh Puan Rahah. I am sure that he looks at his edifice from time to time and feels a sense of pride and satisfaction such as any architect would do under similar circumstances.

3. Teachers' Day is a monument to that job magnificently done about eighteen years ago. It not only reminds us of the structure, but also the person who designed it.

4. The monument I refer to is in but the essential ingredient in it is comprised of human beings the teachers, the pupils, and every one else involved in the processes of education in this country. For as long as education endures the monument will live and grow.

5. It is not my intention to-night to make a speech, but to pass the honour to *someone* who deserves our respect and admiration- our Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak.

6. However, before I do so, I would like to thank everyone, including the organising committee, the singers, the musicians, the dancers and others, for their excellent co-operation in making this evening a success.

7. Now, I have great pleasure in calling upon the Honourable Prime Minister to speak to use

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