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## FOREWORD

POLITICAL events shape the destiny of a country. For Sarawak and Sabah, the greatest happening was joining Malaysia and becoming independent 18 years ago.

Prior to 1963, little progress was made. The great changes that have taken place since then bear testimony to the giant fruit both Sarawak and Sabah have reaped by being part of Malaysia. It is no exaggeration to say that the progress we have made in the last 18 years far exceeds that in all the years under the colonial rule put together.

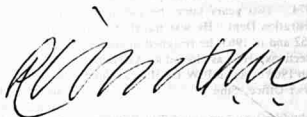
Admittedly, there are still things to be done and problems to be tackled. But with determination and hard work, our nation, though young but so rich in natural resources, will stride to greater prosperity.

"18 YEARS IN MALAYSIA: 1963-1981" by no means gives the full account of the tremendous development that has taken place on the land of Sarawak and Sabah. It provides, indeed, only a glimpse into the vast progress that has brought immense social and economic benefits to the 2.5 million East Malaysians.

We dedicate this book to all who share the wish that the peace and prosperity we now enjoy will continue for many more years.

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