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## Foreword

I am glad that Victor Morais has written another book on an important public figure into whose hands the destiny of the country has been entrusted.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir has broken the monopoly of the legal profession which has so far provided our Prime Ministers (three of them). But like them he too will be anxious to do his best for Malaysia and all Malaysians. His approach is bound to be different from that of the others. A lawyer listens to his client's side of the story and, as hard as he can, he does not get to know the full story until he gets into court and is flabbergasted by the other side's version of the facts. This is an occupational hazard of a profession engaged in contentious business. A doctor, on the other hand, examines carefully his patient's blood pressure and so on, and only after he has got a good idea of his patient's general condition, does he diagnose and then prescribe a remedy. Thereafter he steadily monitors the patient's progress until a full cure has been achieved.

No doubt the new Prime Minister will find that the same applies in efforts to improve the body politic.