

Bring Tunku 'back' on Aug 31

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THERE has been much hype and activity in the media regarding the upcoming 50th Merdeka celebrations.

On watching the recorded speech and declaration of independence by Tunku Abdul Rahman at the Merdeka Stadium, it occurred to me that perhaps we could, if the national organisers have not already considered this idea, to actually bring the Tunku "back" on the eve of the 50th Merdeka celebrations nationwide.

The organisers could consider projecting on giant screens at the same time at all the

major Merdeka eve celebration grounds nationwide the recorded image and speech of the Tunku minutes before the stroke of midnight. And when the Tunku shouts "Merdeka, Merdeka, Merdeka..." everyone can shout "Merdeka" in unison following each shout by the Tunku as if the Tunku himself is leading all present to embrace and express the liberating energy of independence.

I believe for those who were with the Tunku at the Merdeka Stadium during the historic moment it will bring back memories

of that historic day.

And for Malaysians who were not part of that moment of Malaysian history, it will, through technology, transport them back to that nostalgic time.

I am confident that if this idea can be implemented at public or private events the image and sounds of that historic day will have a powerful and meaningful impact on our Merdeka celebrations.

Let's transport ourselves back into history and bring the Tunku to us at that moment in time on the eve of Aug 31, 2007. Let him lead

us to Merdeka. Let him and the leaders who were present on that day touch the hearts and souls of the present generation of Malaysians.

Let him remind us of the day when Malaysians stood shoulder to shoulder irrespective of race, religion and creed in a united commitment and solidarity to give birth to a glorious new nation, Malaysia. Merdeka! Merdeka! Merdeka!

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