

# Looking back with a smile

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## Sealing US-M'sia ties through photo exhibition

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**F**IFTY years of Malaysian-American relationship is celebrated at the National Library with a photo exhibition entitled *Senyum: 50 Years of US - Malaysia relations*.

The photographs, taken from both Malaysian and the US Embassy archives, charts significant events between both nations' leaders as well as the relationship between the ordinary people of both countries.

Among the featured photographs are the meetings between presidents and prime ministers at the palaces and White houses.

"There's a great photo of the Tunku watching Malaysian tin being processed in US steel mills. More recently, we see Prime Minister Abdullah at the Dell headquarters in Texas looking at a laptop made in Malaysia," said US Ambassador Christopher J. LaFleur, who launched the exhibition recently.

Other photographs featured include young members of the Peace Corps, an American volunteer group, that came to Malaysia in its early years to teach English and provide other assistance.

"Although the Peace Corps have gone on to help other developing nations, today we're bringing back young Americans as English teaching assistants," said LaFleur.

The project has the US Embassy looking for able young Americans

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CHRISTOPHER J. LAFLEUR

coming over to Malaysia to teach English in rural areas.

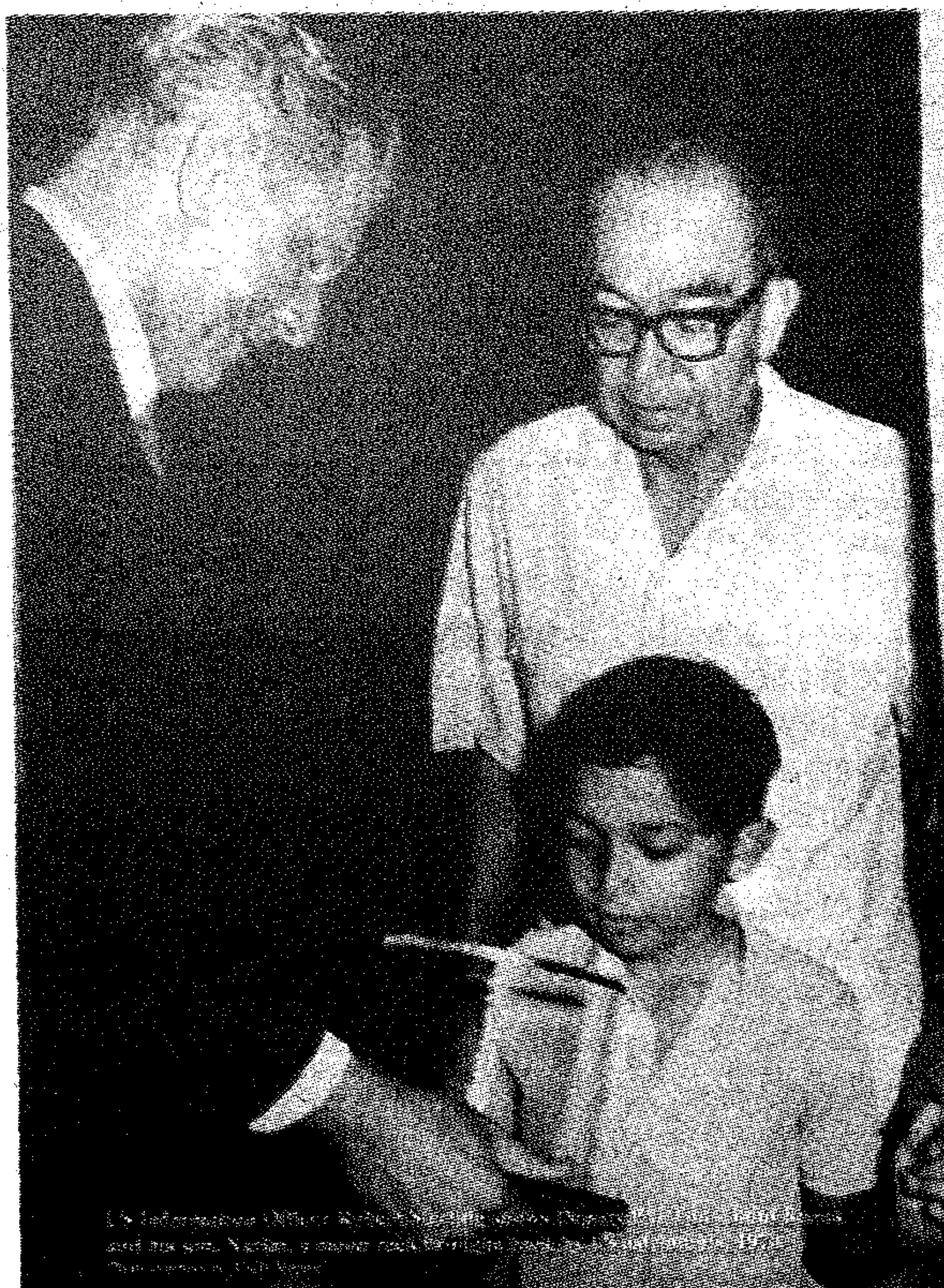
LaFleur said the relationship between Malaysia and the U.S. has grown significantly and the exhibition is just part of the celebration of a relationship that started in the 1800s and officially established when Malaysia achieved independence.

Malaysia is the 10th largest trading partner for the U.S. while the US is the largest investor in Malaysia.

The exhibition in Kuala Lumpur ended yesterday. However, it will be taken to libraries in Terengganu, Kuching, Malacca, Kota Kinabalu and Kelantan.



**VVIP's visit:** President Lyndon B. Johnson walking side by side with the Yang Di Pertuan Agong in 1966. Accompanying them (on the right) is the country's first Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman.



**Amazing:** A 1970 photo of US Information Officer Robert Sterling showing Deputy Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak and his son Nazim, a moon rock brought back by US astronauts.