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Now I know why Merdeka means so much to Tunku's generation

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I MUST admit, prior to reading the excerpts The Star has been publishing lately, I only knew Tunku Abdul Rahman (*pic*) as the first national leader who was instrumental in obtaining independence for Malaya and was known as Bapa Malaysia.

Little did I expect, as I started reading the excerpts, that there is so much to learn about this noble man, and why he is a Prince Among Men.

The events are truly inspirational, and some of the accounts even brought tears to my eyes.

I am now in my mid 40s and I envy all those who were associated with the Tunku directly or indirectly during his time.

Now I understand why Merdeka is more meaningful to our older generation. Imagine if past events

on true leadership, unity and patriotism could move people like me, much more those who experienced them in real life.

We are about to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Malaysia. Do we Malaysians accept each other as brothers and sisters? How much do we appreciate each other?

Is there real unity? Can we live as caring and loving Malaysians regardless of our faith and colour without the supervision of the Government? I don't know, but wish very much for that.

I would like to suggest that these excerpts be compiled in book and made available to the young so they will know the true meaning of Merdeka.

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