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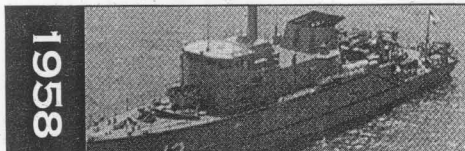
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47 YEARS OF PROVEN TRACK RECORD



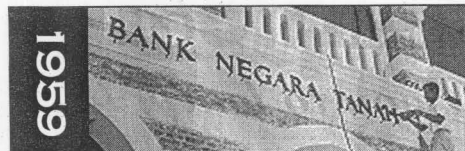
1957

- Declaration of Independence by Tunku Abdul Rahman, August 31, Stadium Merdeka
- Malaya becomes a member of Commonwealth of Nations and the United Nations
- Lt. Col. Abbas Abdul Manan becomes the first Malay military officer to head the Federal Army Battalion



1958

- Hor Lung, Malayan Communist Party's second in command, surrenders
- The Federal Navy is established
- Pioneer industries enjoy "tax holiday" for first 5 years
- The government starts using Bahasa Melayu in all formal government documents



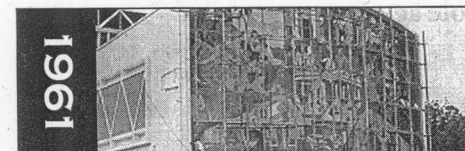
1959

- The Bank Negara Tanah Melayu is established
- Malaya signs the first friendship agreement with Indonesia
- The Yang Di-Pertuan Agong officially opens University of Malaya
- Bahasa Melayu is strictly used for the first time in the Federal Legal Council Conference



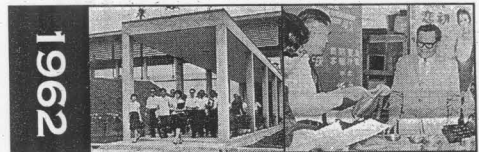
1960

- The end of Emergency rule is declared by the government, signifying victory against Communism
- The Bunga Raya is chosen as the national flower
- National Language Week is launched



1961

- Dramatic turnaround for the country: with the end of Emergency rule came the birth of Malaysia concept
- Language & Literature Agency building is constructed - another step towards making Bahasa Melayu as the national language



1962

- Primary school is made free
- University of Malaya becomes a national institution with almarhum Tunku Abdul Rahman as its first Chancellor
- Rubber Research Institute introduces rubber seeds to increase production of rubber mills
- A body is established to assist Malay Muslims Haji pilgrims
- Malaya becomes the first winner in the Asian Federation Badminton Championship
- 180,000 adults attend classes in support of the "Abolish Illiteracy" campaign called "End It"



1963

- Formation of Malaysia with the addition of Sabah and Sarawak
- Foundation stone laid for Masjid Negara, symbol of multi-racial harmony
- Malaysian Television is launched
- MIDF is established to provide industrial loans to Malay businessmen
- Siti Norma Yaacob becomes the first woman elected as Federal Registrar in the National Court



1964

- Ministry of Culture, Youth & Sports is established for the progress of Malaysia's youth
- Lt. Gen. Tengku Ozman Tengku Mohamad Jewa becomes the first Malaysian to head the Royal Army
- Kota Bharu, Kelantan, receives its first television reception, opening a new era in communication between the state and the rest of the nation



1965

- First Economic Congress of Indigenous People is held
- Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA) is established, replacing RIDA
- Bumiputra Bank is set up, based on Economic Congress of Indigenous People's recommendation
- National Mosque officially opens to all Muslims



1966

- Film Censorship Board is established to regulate the exposure of films with unhealthy influences
- National Monument is completed, dedicated to over 11,000 people who died during the 12-year Emergency
- DPM Tun Razak signs a peace pact designed to end Indonesia's 3-year confrontation with Malaysia