

# DR M'S SIX ACHIEVEMENTS

**D**EAR Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, I wish to offer my congratulations on the successful one year that you have just completed as the country's leader and head of the Pakatan Harapan government.

**FIRST**, despite your age (93), you agreed to lead the nation once again to complete what you set out to do earlier during your tenure as the fourth prime minister;

**SECOND**, as you have done before, you want to put the country back on course towards becoming a developed nation;

**THIRD**, it is admirable that through the rule of law, you have intended to put right all the wrongs done by the previous government;

**FOURTH**, you have used your resiliency of thought and actions to ensure that the government delivers on the commitments made to the people;

**FIFTH**, you have sustained the good image of the country abroad by applying "Mahathir-style logic" in your dealings and dialogues with leaders; and,

**SIXTH**, when all is said and done, you have made the promise that you will hand over the reins of government to Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

In 2008, I was able to put together a set of scenarios that would take us to 2057, the centennial year of Malaysia's inde-

pendence from the British.

Here I lay my findings: government due for change; new media to be given more space; size of economy to move in tandem with world economy; educational opportunities to be open to all; new assertiveness of monarchy; change in Barisan Nasional component parties; beginning of "rattling" in Sabah and Sarawak for use of newfound power; psychological reversal roles for opposition and hitherto-ruling parties; issues concerning foreign work-

ers and migrants; and a closer working relationship with China and regional leaders in economy, education and ecology.

Most of the scenarios have happened.

As for your future, Dr Mahathir, I am convinced what you have set out to do at the beginning of your second tenure as prime minister will all come true, God-willing.

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