

# Let's work to boost Tunku's legacy of unity

**FEB 8, 2021**, was the 118th birthday of Malaysia's Father of Independence Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj.

It is regrettable that the day went by without any mention of it or any significant event to mark it.

By right, the entire nation should have commemorated the occasion and paid a glowing tribute to Tunku Abdul Rahman, who left a legacy of

moderation, harmony and unity for all to emulate.

The legacy of Tunku has touched the hearts of many, young and old, from different racial and religious backgrounds.

He was a great statesman and I remember some of his outstanding remarks as prime minister. Tunku would be well remembered for his many words of wisdom on unity,

some of which are quoted below:

**"EVERY** one of us must respect each other's right and feelings, be tolerant of each other's religion, customs and habits for in diversity, we can find real unity."

**"WE** are all Malaysians. This is the bond that united us. Let us always remember that unity is our fundamental strength as a people and as a nation."

Tunku should not only be remembered by Malaysians as a founding father of our beloved nation, but also for his simplicity, sincerity, integrity, strong sense of patriotism and, above all, for his unwavering stand on harmony and unity in a multiracial nation.

The value he stood for were exemplary and his ways were an inspiration for Malaysians who strove for a

united nation.

In recognition of Tunku's legacy of unity, let all Malaysians work towards national unity through "mutual respect of each other's rights and feelings, religions, customs and habits, for in diversity we can find real unity".

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