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*Bunga Raya, the National Flower*

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*Extract from a Speech by  
Prime Minister of Malaysia*

“The three main ethnic groups in Malaysia: the Malays, Chinese and Indians, profess different religions...While Islam is the religion of the Malay majority and the official religion of the country, freedom of religion is a right that is protected by our Constitution...In this context, I have personally sought to promote good governance based on the principles of Islam Hadhari Approach...”

“...we rejoice in our diversity not simply because it gives Malaysia a good name internationally as a working multi-cultural society, but because that this very diversity is in fact a source of our strength...”

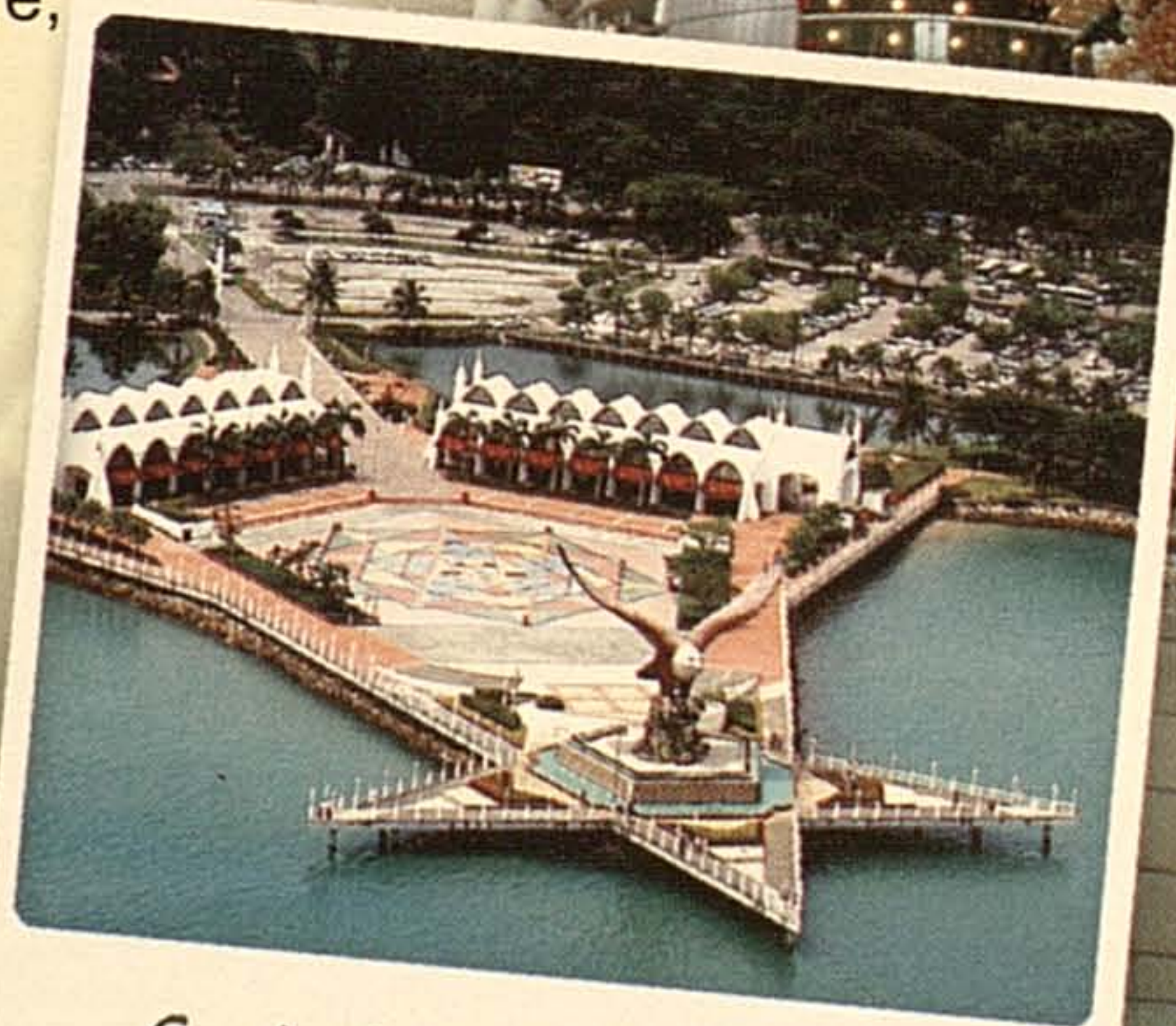
**DATO' SERI ABDULLAH AHMAD BADAWI**

*Speech delivered at Curtin University of Technology, Perth, Australia on 22nd February 2007*

## *Islam Hadhari Approach in Perspective*

Islam is the official religion of Malaysia. The present government under the premiership of Dato' Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has introduced Islam Hadhari as an approach to further propel the development of the country, for the benefit of all, irrespective of race or creed. The comprehensive teachings of Islam serve as the foundation and inspiration for the administration of the country and the benefits are intended to be shared by all Malaysians.

Islam Hadhari emphasises the teachings of Islam which focus on enhancing the quality of life of a cultured society. It is vital in order to face the challenges of the new millennium such as information explosion, borderless world, global economy, materialistic culture, identity crisis and intellectual imperialism.



*Eagle Square, Langkawi*

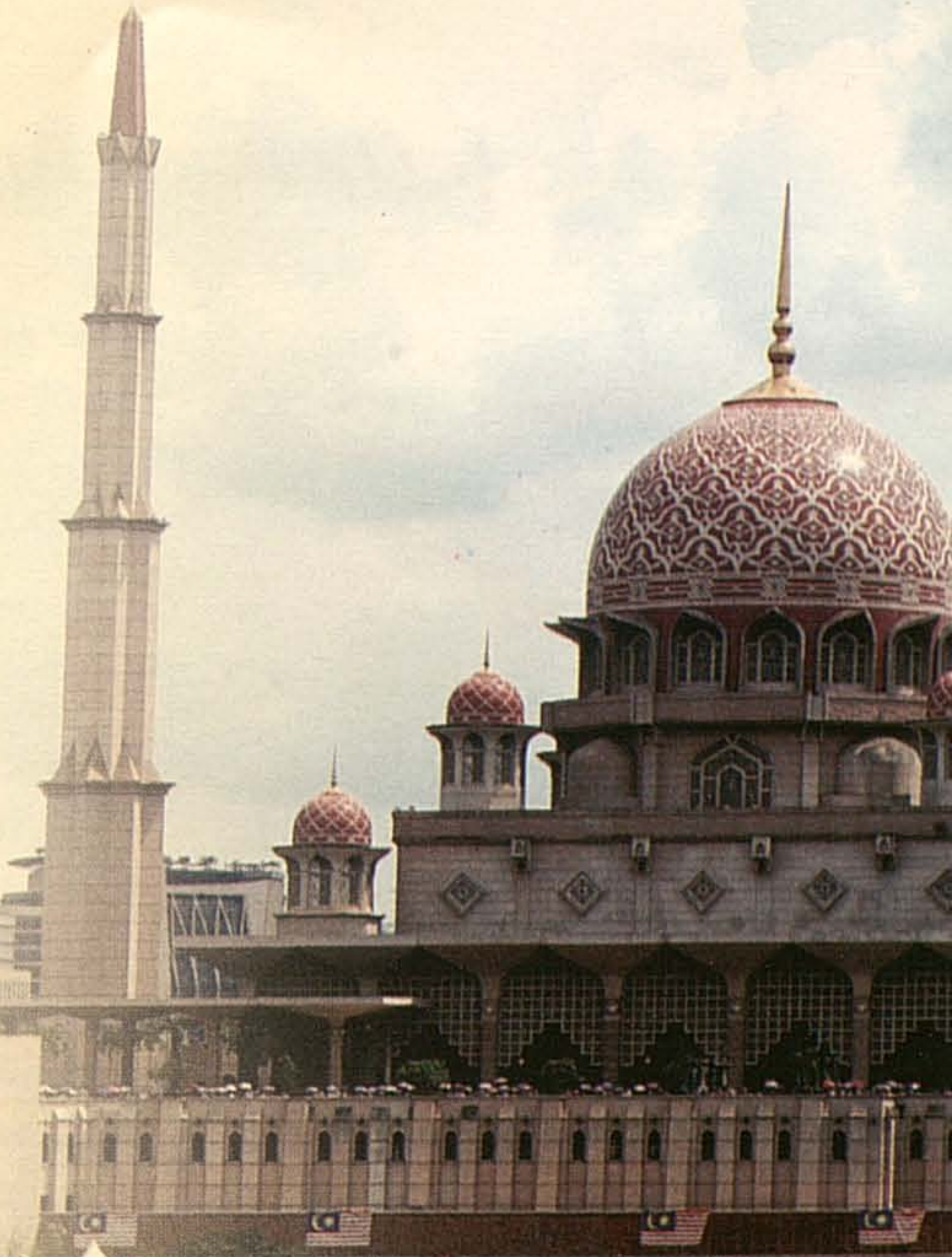
## *Islam Hadhari Approach and Development*

Islam Hadhari is an approach which accentuates the development of man at its core. It aims to make everybody understands that progress is encouraged in Islam. The method emphasises the practice of Islam in a holistic manner of people's daily lives and it is compatible with modernisation.

This is evident in the country's vast development in the past 51 years since it attained Independence on 31st August 1957.

Islah Hadhari appeals for an integrated and balanced development. It applies to people who possess knowledge and noble values such as honesty and trustworthiness, to take on global challenges.

The wholesome development stressed in the method is consistent with the tenets of the religion, and focuses on enhancing quality living.



*Putra Mosque, Putrajaya*

## *Islam Hadhari Approach and Democracy*

It must also be emphasised that Islam Hadhari Approach is entirely consistent with democracy because it promotes peaceful living and respecting each other in the society. Islam Hadhari Approach shows the way Muslims should relate to their fellow men especially those of other religions.

This is apparent from the way Malaysians of all religions mix and mingle good-naturedly especially during each other's festivities such as Hari Raya, Deepavali, Christmas and Chinese New Year where it is a tradition for Malaysians to celebrate such occasions together.

During these occasions, Malaysians not only renew their friendship among friends of various races and religions but also enjoy mouth-watering delicacies. The Open House concept of celebration is a unique feature that exists in Malaysia and attracts tourists from all over the world.



*Interior of  
Penang Peranakan Mansion*