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The Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia

I also believe that with these comprehensive and updated contact details of our Ministries, government departments, agencies as well as the political parties in the book of Malaysia Leaders can further improve transparency and the public delivery system.

The Minister of Information

I believe this valuable and comprehensive compilation of biography and success story our leaders who lead the nation-building can gaze our younger generation into their future and set dreams and aspirations, as well as further propel us forward, create added value, foster innovation and generate knowledge among all Malaysian.

Minister in the Prime Minister Department



Officially launched
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**YAB. Dato' Seri Abdullah Haji
Ahmad Badawi**
Prime Minister of Malaysia
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VISION

As a publication that disseminate, consolidate and as recognition for leaders from government, political and corporate sector who contribute towards the nation-building. It also functions as an aspiration, motivation and guidance for our younger generation to learn.

MISSION

“To recognised and establish a comprehensive representation of the leaders in Malaysia, leaders with personalities that have entered the consciousness of the public at large and may come from diverse range of political, public and private sector that fuel the Malaysian life.

To produce a write up on the human side behind the enigmatic names of those leaders that commonly carries the indefinable leadership qualities that stand them head and shoulders above the rest.”

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this immense project is to produce a niche in the knowledge market by providing a valuable and comprehensive compilation of people that display the best of those who lead the nation-building, and those who comprise the decision-making machinery that drives Malaysian life. It comprises leaders from the highest executive power in the country, to notable top management in the public sector, and influential figure from political arena as well as business icons in the corporate community.

SECTION GUIDE

FOREWORD

Foreword from the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister in Prime Minister Department and Minister of Information.

CABINET MALAYSIA

In line with the democracy system in Malaysia, it features comprehensive information on the Cabinet Structure and Profile, Contact Details of all Cabinet Ministry as well as the biography of the Speaker Dewan Rakyat (House of Representatives).

THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT

MINISTRIES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

Besides the biography of Ministers and Deputy Ministers, this section will compile the Structural Diagram, Profile and Contact Details of all the Ministries, Departments and Agencies which includes the Political Secretary, Private Secretary, Press Secretary and Ministry Secretary-General.

STATE GOVERNMENT

CHIEF MINISTERS, MENTERI BESAR, EXCO MEMBERS & STATE SECRETARY

Main contents are the biography of Chief Minister/Menteri Besar & Deputy. Other information includes the Structural Diagram, Profile and Contact Details of all State Government such as State EXCO, State Chief Secretary and State Departments.

MALAYSIA POLITICAL PARTIES

This section features the biography of the Party Presidents of Barisan Nasional &

Component Parties such like UMNO, MCA, MIC & others. The History, Background, Vision, Mission & Objective of the Political Parties will be published together with the Organization Structure, Contact Details of President, Deputy President, Chief Secretary, Supreme Council Members and etc.

MALAYSIA CORPORATE COMMUNITY

PUBLIC LISTED COMPANIES, GOVERNMENT-LINKED CORPORATIONS & BUSINESSES

In recognition of distinguish Corporate Leader in their respective fields, this section aim to provide information to both the international and local corporate world about Corporate Chief and Corporate Companies that contributed to the nation-building. It provides an invaluable platform for Corporate Branding as well as a source of business listings and information on corporate brands in Malaysia.

Corporate Chief Profile & Biography Section

The profile of Corporate Chief shall includes their Name, Position, E mail, Year Born, Birth Place, Honours Bestowed, Education Background, Career Profile, Professional Achievement, Corporate Activities, Voluntary Organizations, Professional/Association Membership and Personal Motto.

Corporate Company Profile Advertorial & Details Section

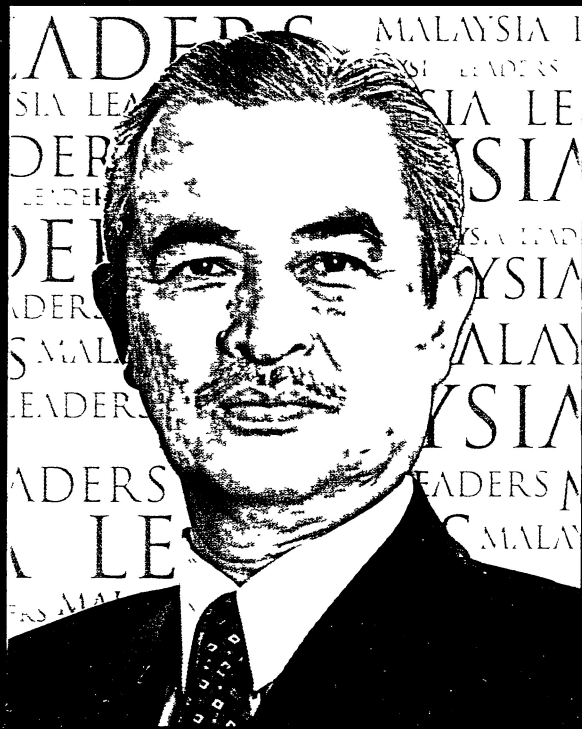
Each Corporate Company will showcase the Corporate Advertisement, Corporate Profile such as the History & Background, Corporate Vision & Mission, Products and Services, Awards & Recognition, Market/Industry Information, Information on Group Companies (Subsidiary), Company Details and Corporate Logo

EDITORIAL

Provide brief background on the Malaysian Democratic Constitution, Parliament and State Assembly which make interlinks and supports within government and corporate sector as well as political arena.

FOREWORD

Prime Minister of Malaysia



Leadership is a fundamental quality required in the people of any country in order for that country to progress, develop and make its mark on the global stage. In this respect, Malaysia has been blessed by men and women who have all given freely of themselves to build this country, each in his or her own distinctive way. That Malaysia has come a long way in her first 50 years is testament to the sacrifices and vision our leaders have had.

This book celebrates a select group of people in politics, government and the corporate sector who have led with distinction. It is timely that Malaysians know more about the lives of leaders who have done much for the country. The lessons drawn and the inspiration derived from such a compilation as this one can be especially important to the younger generation of Malaysians. They must build in themselves a belief that if other Malaysians have scaled the greatest heights, then they can too. Equally, Malaysia's youth must also have a grounded perspective of the reality of what it takes to achieve unparalleled success in various fields of endeavour. In achieving these objectives, 'Malaysia Leader' is indeed a resource that we can all look to.

Looking forward to the next 50 years, we need leaders of the same caliber and dedication, of the same ideals and commitment to the country, and, importantly also equipped to face the many new challenges the 21st century will invariably bring. In celebrating leadership in Malaysia, this book is a necessary step in developing leadership that will serve the country well, come 2057 and indeed beyond.

DATO' SERI ABDULLAH HAJI AHMAD BADAWI

FOREWORD

Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia



I am pleased to pen a few words in the inaugural Malaysia Leaders that provides us with the opportunity to appreciate and recognize the accomplishment, contribution, sacrifice and achievement made by our leaders in building our nation. A book that is much-needed to capture the names and faces that matter and it goes beyond a functional purpose as a reference digest; it gives an insightful glimpse into the unique story behind each personal success.

The achievement of Malaysia today has not come easily, it has been a long and arduous journey, a journey fraught with sacrifices and disappointments but nevertheless we have been able to overcome the obstacles. It is the culmination of the efforts and hard work of both the leaders and the people who have together built Malaysia what it is today. It is also the result of the pragmatic visions of Malaysia's successive Prime Ministers who, through their dynamic and charismatic leadership, had wielded the support of the people to build a nation that the various communities, diverse as they may be, are proud to their home.

I commend the private initiative and enterprise of the publisher, Axos (M) Sdn Bhd for creating a dynamic platform such as this book which recognizes our remarkable leaders' contribution for our country. This book complements the efforts of Malaysia Government in promoting greater awareness on Malaysian leaders who actively involved in making decisions for the country as well as inspiring other Malaysian to strive towards even greater heights.

With that, I wish to complement Malaysia Leaders on a very worthwhile annual and wish the publication every success it deserves.

Thank you.

DATO' SRI MOHD NAJIB TUN RAZAK

FOREWORD

Minister in Prime Minister
Department



I am honoured to be invited to write a few lines to commemorate the inaugural launch of the Malaysia Leaders.

Mission 2057 paved a vision towards the “road to excellence” and what it takes “to distinguish ourselves” in all fields after we have become a developed nation by 2020.

Adhering this mission, the government is constantly focusing on human capital development to ensure that our younger generation are able to play prominent role in spurring national development to greater heights.

In line with Mission 2057, a vision formulated by our honourable Prime Minister, YAB. Dato' Seri Abdullah Haji Ahmad Badawi, the publication acknowledges the important to disseminate, consolidate and elevate recognition for leaders from government, political and corporate sector who contribute towards the nation-building. The book of Malaysia Leaders will instil positive inspiration, meaningful motivation and an inspiring guidance for our younger generation.

I believe this valuable and comprehensive compilation of biography and success story our leaders, will inspire bold dreams and aspirations, as well as further propel us forward, create added value, foster innovation and generate knowledge among all Malaysian.

Salute! To Axos (M) Sdn Bhd for publishing the Malaysia Leaders. The realization of the inaugural Malaysia Leaders is a refreshing and a worthy initiative, as it vibrantly showcases Malaysia Leader's contribution to the nation's development.

“Towards Excellence, Glory, Distinction.”

Thank you.

DATO' SERI MOHAMED NAZRI BIN ABDUL AZIZ

MESSAGE

Executive Chairman



Malaysia just celebrated our 50th anniversary of independence last year. It has been a momentous fifty years, fifty years of peace, prosperity and progress. We certainly are proud with what we have achieved within this short span of time. Given the diverse ethnic composition of the country, the achievement of Malaysia is remarkable, one which the nation can be justly proud of. Nevertheless, we should thank for the vision and dedication of our leaders who leads the nation to be one of the most prosperous and stable country in South East Asia and on the way to becoming a developed nation by the year 2020.

Our Prime Minister also called upon the country to embark on a new challenge, namely "Mission 2057" to ensure continued development in all aspects since independence and after Vision 2020 had been achieved. In "Mission 2057", the government hoped to formulate a mission taking into account current changes so that younger generation to play a role in spurring national development to a higher plane.

Since attention will be on human capital development especially on the culture, harmony, unity, cooperation and tolerance in religion in our people, we hope that the publication of the book of Malaysia Leaders that recognize and chart the profile of only our distinguish leaders will act as a comprehensive and useful source of reference and facilitate as an aspiration for our younger generations.

In realizing our vision of the government to build a better Malaysia and as an effort in appreciating and recognition their contributions for the nation development, on behalf of the board, I wish to thank the corporate sponsors, organizations and individuals for their kind and outstanding support in helping to make the Malaysia Leaders initiative a success.

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The Senate

The Dewan Negara (Senate) consists of 70 members.

The membership of the Senate is made up of two categories:-

26 members elected by the State Legislative Assembly to represent 13 states (each state represented by two members).

44 members appointed by His Majesty the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong on the advice of the Prime Minister, including two members from the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur, and one member each from the Federal Territory of Labuan and Putra Jaya.

To be eligible as a member, a person must:-

- be a Malaysian citizen;
- be not less than 30 years old;
- be of sound mind;
- not be an undischarged bankrupt; and
- not have a criminal record.

The tenure of office is a three-year term for a maximum of two terms, applicable to both federal and state appointments.

The life of the Senate is not affected by the dissolution of Parliament. Senators are drawn from the ranks of persons who have rendered distinguished public services or have achieved distinction in the professions, commerce, industry, agriculture, cultural activities or social service or are representatives of a racial minority or are capable of representing the interests of aborigines.

Every member, before taking his seat in the Senate, must take the prescribed oath before the President of the Senate. By the oath, the members swear or affirm that they will faithfully discharge their duty as members to the best of their ability, to bear true faith and allegiance to Malaysia and to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution.



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Yang Berhormat Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Abdul Hamid Pawanteh

President of the Senate

(07 July 2003 – Present)

The President of The Senate must be a Member of the Senate.

Role of the President include:

- to preside over the sittings of the Senate;
- to be responsible for the observance of the rules in the Senate;
- to ensure the relevancy of the points raised during the Debate ;
- to interpret the Standing Orders in case of disputes and the decision is final.

Any person who wants to assume the post of the President of the Senate must not be a member of any State Legislative Assembly.

Yang Berhormat Senator Dato' Ir. Wong Foon Meng

Deputy President of the Senate

(07 June 2004 – Present)

The Deputy Speaker or Timbalan Yang di-Pertua Dewan Negara assists the Speaker of the Dewan Negara and chairs proceedings in the absence of the Speaker.

Y.Bhg. Datuk Zamani bin Haji Sulaiman

Secretary of the Senate

(01 April 2004 – Present)

The Secretary of the Senate is responsible for monitoring the progress of proceedings in the Dewan Negara (Senate) and also assists and advises the President during these proceedings.

The House of Representative

Dewan Rakyat has 222 elected members. A General Election is held every five years to elect members of the Dewan Rakyat. Parties with the most votes can form a government to rule the country.

Customarily, a Bill originates in the Dewan Rakyat. Once approved, it is tabled in the Dewan Negara for another debate. After that, the Bill has to be approved before being presented to Yang Di-Pertuan Agong for his consent.

The Bill will then be gazetted in the form of 'Government Gazette', thus making the Bill a law as stated in the Government Gazette.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives (Speaker of the Dewan Rakyat)



Yang Amat Berbahagia YB Tan Sri Datuk Pandikar Amin bin Haji Mulia

Speaker of the House of Representatives

(28 April 2008 – Present)

Speaker may be a member of the House or a non-member who is qualified for election into the House. The Deputy Speaker must, however, be a Member of Parliament (MP).

Functions of the Speaker include:-

- to be responsible for maintaining order in the House;
- to ensure that relevancy is observed during debates;
- to interpret the Standing Orders in case of disputes; and
- to certify money bills before such bills are transmitted to the Dewan Rakyat

The Speaker must resign his office by writing to the Secretary of the House, and must vacate his office in the following cases:

- when the House first meets after a general election;
- on ceasing to be a member of the House in the case of an elected MP; and
- on standing for election to the House or if he is disqualified by law.

When the Speaker is not present, the Deputy Speaker presides at the sittings.

A member of the State Legislative Assembly must resign from the Assembly if he wants to assume the post of Speaker of the House.

Yang Berhormat Datuk Ronald Kiandee

Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives

(28 April 2008 – Present)

The Deputy Speaker or Timbalan Yang di-Pertua Dewan Rakyat assist the Speaker of the Dewan Rakyat and chair proceedings by rotation in the absence of the Speaker.

Y.Bhg. Puan Roosme binti Hamzah

Secretary of the House of Representatives

(26 December 2007 – Present)

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Secretary of the House of Representatives

(26 December 2007 – Present)

The Secretary of the Dewan Rakyat is responsible for the proceedings of the House and also advises the Speaker on matters regarding the House during these proceedings.

Duties also include sending out notices for commencement of meetings, collating proposals and written enquiries from members, producing verbatim reports of proceedings, meeting procedures, and also administrative duties.

THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT

MINISTRIES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

Malaysia practises Parliamentary Democracy with Constitutional Monarchy and His Royal Highness is the Paramount Ruler. The Federal Constitution was legislated with the setting up of conditions for this system to exist. One of the conditions of Parliamentary Democracy is the division of the administrative power into three parts, which are Legislative, Judiciary, and Administrative or Executive.

Representing the interests of the multi-ethnic electorate, the Malaysian government has been fully independent since 1957. By no means comprehensive, we present a simple basic description of the country's highest elected authority.

Malaysia's structure of government is unique, consisting of a monarchical Head of State (the Supreme Ruler), a federation of states that have their own unique set of state laws, and a Federal Parliament comprising two Houses: the Senate (Dewan Negara) and the House of Representative (Dewan Rakyat).

The Senate (Dewan Negara)

The Senate consists of 70 members – 44 members of which are appointed by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong on the advice of the Prime Minister, including two members from the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur, and one member each from the Federal Territory of Labuan and Putrajaya. The remaining 26 members are elected by the 13 States Legislative Assembly, where each State is represented by two members.

The House of Representatives (Dewan Rakyat)

The House of Representatives, sometimes referred to as the Lower House, is fully elected body, with the exceptional provision made for the Speaker of the House (Speaker Dewan Rakyat), who may be elected from non-members of the House. The House of Representatives consists of 219 members who hold office for a period of five years. Members of the House are elected by the people through general elections, where each member represents a constituency.

The Cabinet

The Prime Minister comes to power via first-past-the-post electoral system. The Political Party, with the majority of winning parliamentary seats across the country, fields its head for the post of Prime Minister. The Prime Minister heads his Cabinet of Ministers, supported by appointed Deputy Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, and more importantly, the administrative machinery.

The head of the civil service within each Ministry is represented by the Secretary-General, who is not a political appointee, but is selected to serve in any Ministry or Government Agency by the Public Service Commission.

After the 2004 General Elections, the number of ministries increased from 25 to 28, in response to the growing needs and importance of certain sectors such as education, arts, culture and heritage, the plantation industries and tourism.

Titles, Honours, Awards and Decorations

All Members of Parliament (MPs), whether they are from the Senate or the House of Representatives, are given the honorific address of Yang Berhormat. There are variations, such as Yang Berhormat Mulia, reserved for Members of Parliament of royal lineage.

The Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister are given the honorific Yang Amat Berhormat.

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

About PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

The Office of the Prime Minister, PMO in short, under the authority of the Prime Minister's Department, is entrusted with assisting the Prime Minister in implementing the following mission and objectives.

Mission

To secure an efficient environment for the Prime Minister to perform his duties and responsibilities effectively.

Objective

To provide, organise and speedy services in performing the tasks and responsibilities of the honourable Prime Minister.

Prime Minister's Office's Function

- To Carry Out Staff Functions And Duties Related To Specific Fields As Directed By The Honourable Prime Minister
- To Handle Work Plans And Office Management
- To Prepare And Co-Ordinate Drafts Of Speeches, Addresses And Other Forms Of Statements By Honourable Prime Minister
- To Ensure Suitable Mass Media Coverage For The Honourable Prime Minister's Activities

Client Charter

"To ensure that the Prime Minister is given efficient services and prompt responses to each client who has dealings with the Prime Minister's Office"



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YANG AMAT BERHORMAT DATO' SERI ABDULLAH BIN HAJI AHMAD BADAWI

Prime Minister of Malaysia, Minister of Defence



Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi, the fifth Prime Minister of Malaysia, also popularly known by most Malaysians as 'Pak Lah' began his political role in the prime minister office on October 31, 2003.

Born in Bayan Lepas, Penang, on November 26, 1939, Dato' Seri Abdullah received his preliminary education at the Permatang Bertam Malay School in Kepala Batas. He continued with his secondary education at Bukit Mertajam High School and also the Methodist Boy's School in Penang. During this time, Dato' Seri Abdullah also attended a religious school started by his family. In 1964, he furthered his tertiary studies at University of Malaya and was awarded with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Islamic Studies.

Dato' Seri Abdullah has held an extremely varied number of portfolios within the Malaysian civil service since his entry into the service in 1964 as an Assistant Secretary with the Public Services Department. Moving quickly through the ranks to become the Director-General in the Ministry of Youth and Sports in 1971 as well as its Deputy Secretary-General in 1974, he then left the Ministry in 1978 to enter politics. Besides that, he was once served as Director of Youth at the Ministry of Youth and Sport as well as secretary of the National Emergency Council (MAGERAN).

In 1978, Dato' Seri Abdullah began his career as a people's representative after winning the Kepala Batas Parliamentary constituency in Penang, a seat he has retained since, through six subsequent general elections. Since 1965, the Prime Minister has served faithfully in UMNO and his was elected as the party's Supreme Council member in 1981. Three years later, he was elected as one of the party's Vice Presidents in 1984, 1987, 1990 and 1996. He became UMNO Deputy President in 2000.

His success as an elected Member of Parliament of the Kepala Batas constituency in 1978 (a seat he has retained since) enable he to be appointed to his first post in the administration of the Government of Malaysia, as the Parliament Secretary to the Federal Territory Ministry. He was then promoted as the Deputy Minister in the same Ministry in 1980. A year later, he was promoted to become full Minister within the Prime Minister's Department in 1981, a post he retained until 1984.

Following that, he has held the Minister's post in the Ministry of Education (1984-1986) and Ministry of Defence (1986-1987). In 1991, Dato' Seri Abdullah was appointed the Minister of Foreign Affairs, a position he remained in for eight years. It was in 1999 that he was announced as the new Deputy Prime Minister. In addition to his Prime Minister's portfolio, Dato' Seri Abdullah is also the Minister of Defence after swapping his Finance Minister position with his deputy, YAB. Dato' Sri Najib Tun Razak on 17th September 2008.

Dato' Seri Abdullah has been conferred a number of honours and awards internationally during his career, including an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Western Michingan, the Diplomatic Service Merit from South Korean President, Chun Doo Hwan, and the Grand Cordan of the Order of the Sacred Treasure in Japan. Additionally, he also received the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit from the Chilean government and an Honorary Fellowship from the London Chartered Institute of Marketing for his contribution to the United Kingdom.

Dato' Seri Abdullah also played several prominent roles in several international conferences. He is the Chairman of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) since his premiership in 2003. As of 2005, he is the Chairman of the ASEAN. He also served as Chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement from October 2003 to September 2006.

In the last 12th general elections, Dato' Seri Abdullah successfully defended his victory in the 2004 general elections when he won the Kepala Batas Parliamentary seat. He won Encik Subri Md Arshad (PAS) with a majority of 11,246.

Dato' Seri Abdullah married the late Datin Seri Endon Dato' Mahmood in 1965 and after 40 years of marriage, lost her after a prolonged battle with cancer on 20 October 2005. They have 2 children and 5 grandchildren. The Prime Minister married Datin Seri Jeanne Abdullah on 9th June 2007. Datin Seri Jeanne has two daughters.

The Prime Minister is a keen writer, he had written a number of articles between 1990 and 2002, published in various English print dailies, on subjects ranging from youth culture to sustainable security. The Prime Minister has also written a frequently quoted article on Malaysia-Singapore relations in 1990.

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