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MESSAGE FROM THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT, MALAYSIA

Congratulations to Yayasan Seni Berdaftar for financing and publishing the production of Omar Ariff's book, Pusaka Bumi.

Yayasan Seni Berdaftar's continuous efforts in nurturing creativity among local artists is most commendable. Such outstanding work is refreshing as it reflects just one example of Malaysia's vast but hidden pool of homegrown talent.

Having experienced diverse aspects of Malaysia myself and more recently from the perspective of conserving and managing our natural resources and the environment I can understand the challenges Omar faced in capturing these spectacular images.

I believe he was aided in a very big way by the subjects themselves Malaysia's remarkable plants and animals – but to depict life in natural habitats in the way that he has speaks volumes of his skill and talent.

This work of art has all the elements of opening our eyes to the natural wonders around us. The pictures underscore a very strong case for protecting our country's unique natural resources and heritage.

I am delighted that this beautiful book will also help raise funds for worthy causes under the auspices of Yayasan Seni Berdaftar.

To all concerned, my very best wishes for success in your endeavours.



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MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN OF YAYASAN SENI BERDAFTAR

Yayasan Seni Berdaftar (YSB) is honoured to be the sole sponsor and publisher of Omar Ariff's magnificent work. Through his superb photographs, we can at last see Malaysia's nature in all its splendour. So busy are we in our endless pursuit for materialistic acquisition that we cease to see the beauty of nature that is all around us.

I have known Omar since he was a toddler. My impression of him then was more of an intense and inquisitive youngster with a flair for adventure. He is now, of course, a doting father of two lovely girls, and a brilliant photographer by profession.

Yayasan Seni Berdaftar is always on the look out for useful avenues to support worthy causes through an artistic approach. In promoting the skills of a local artist, we preserve his work for posterity and in the process raise funds to help others. The book's principal message is that we tend to overlook the gifts of nature. Sometimes, we need the eye and passion of an artist to direct our own gaze to life around us. As Omar's extraordinary photographs show, natural wonders do thrive even in our own backyard.

I know this has been a long and arduous journey for all involved in the production of this book. Good work takes time and I am delighted with the end result. My congratulations to Omar and his team.

As you turn the pages of this book you will be amazed at how under the right circumstances even the ordinary can look exceptional. In a way, this reflects how success in life may be attributed to opportunity. At Yayasan Seni Berdaftar, we strive to make that a little more attainable.

With best regards



TOH PUAN MAHANI IDRIS DAIM



*o ye mankind who thirsts for peace of mind
preserve thee the gifts of God Almighty*



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