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A Tribute

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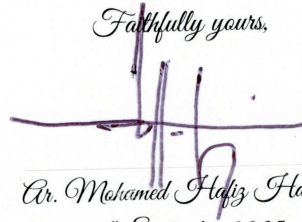
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Exclusively dedicated to :

*Yang Amat Berbahagia
Tun Dr Mahathir B. Mohamad*

*May Allah bless you always Sir
for all that you have done for
Malaysia.*

Faithfully yours,



*Ar. Mohamed Hafiz Hashim
13th September 2025*



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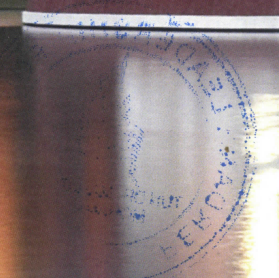


And when Abraham said, "My Lord, make this a secure city and provide its people with fruits - whoever of them believes in Allah and the Last Day." Allah said. "And whoever disbelieves - I will grant him enjoyment for a little; then I will force him to the punishment of the Fire, and wretched is the destination."

And when Abraham was raising the foundations of the House and with Ishmael, [saying], "Our Lord, accept this from us. Indeed You are the Hearing, the Knowing.

Our Lord, and make us Muslims [in submission] to You and from our descendants a Muslim nation [in submission] to You. And show us our rites and accept our repentance. Indeed, You are the Accepting of repentance, the Merciful.

(Al - Quran 2 :126 - 128)





**A SPECIAL DEDICATION TO
OUR LEGENDARY CENTENARIAN**



**THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
TUN DR. MAHATHIR BIN MOHAMAD**

A CENTURY OF VISION: MALAYSIA SALUTES YOU

As Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad marks his 100th birthday, Malaysia pauses to honour a statesman whose life and legacy have become inseparable from the nation's journey. Few individuals in history leave a mark so profound, so enduring, that their influence spans generations. Tun Dr. Mahathir is one such figure — a man of unyielding conviction, formidable intellect, and relentless dedication to the idea of a progressive, sovereign Malaysia.

Born in 1925, Tun's century has been defined by his visionary leadership, courage to challenge convention, and bold pursuit of national transformation. His tenure as the fourth and seventh Prime Minister saw Malaysia evolve from an agrarian economy to a rising industrial nation. With hallmark initiatives like Vision 2020, the Multimedia Super Corridor, and Putrajaya, he reimagined Malaysia's future and set it in motion.

Among his most iconic contributions is the creation of Putrajaya — the nation's federal administrative capital and a bold symbol of modern Malaysia. Conceived as a city of the future, Putrajaya was envisioned by Tun as more than a physical relocation of government; it was an embodiment of his belief in planned, intelligent urbanism, integrating governance, technology, and quality of life. Today, Putrajaya stands as a manifestation of his foresight — a thriving, green, and dignified seat of administration that reflects national pride and ambition.

Yet, beyond policies and infrastructure, his true legacy lies in the empowerment of Malaysian identity — instilling pride, resilience, and ambition among its people. Tun Dr. Mahathir has been more than a political leader; he has been a teacher, a reformer, and above all, a guardian of the nation's destiny.

At 100, Tun remains an emblem of determination and lifelong service, continuing to inspire Malaysians to think critically, act boldly, and dream beyond boundaries. His journey is not just a story of leadership, but a testament to the power of vision guided by purpose.

On this extraordinary milestone, we celebrate not just the man, but the mission he embodies. May future generations draw wisdom from his example, courage from his convictions, and hope from the nation he helped shape.

Happy 100th birthday, Tun. Malaysia salutes you.

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PREFACE

This year marks the 30th anniversary of Putrajaya, since its launch in 1995 as Malaysia's Government Administrative Centre by Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad during his tenure as the Fourth Prime Minister (1981–2003). Through these pages, we hope to capture the transformation of Putrajaya from its founding to the present day, in tribute to Tun Dr. Mahathir's visionary role in its birth and growth.

My architectural practice Arkitek Urbanisma Sdn Bhd had the privilege of being appointed in 1998 — following a design competition — as the Lead Urban Design Consultant for the Putrajaya Core Area or City Centre (PjCC) by Putrajaya Holdings (PjH), the master developer of Putrajaya. Our mandate was ambitious: to deliver a comprehensive urban design blueprint for the PjCC, envisioned as a man-made island at the heart of Putrajaya's master plan. Our responsibilities included reviewing the master plan, formulating urban design guidelines, coordinating infrastructure, and — critically — rationalizing the project costs to remain within budget. These were among the key concerns of Allahyarham Datuk Hashim, the Founding CEO and Managing Director of PjH, the man entrusted to deliver Putrajaya.

As a pioneer of Putrajaya's development, Datuk Hashim possessed an encyclopedic knowledge of its evolution. When I set out to document our design work for the PjCC, he was naturally the first person I turned to. He encouraged me to develop a coffee-table book that would chronicle the city's growth — as there has not been much published on this subject.

From 1998 to 2006, I devoted eight years to fulfilling our commitment to the PjCC. The scale of the endeavour was unprecedented in Malaysia. Yet, under the vigilant stewardship of Allahyarham Datuk Hashim, operations flowed with remarkable efficiency. When the Prime Minister moved into his office at Precinct 1 in June 1999, the urgency to complete the PjCC intensified. It became a dual pressure — with both the CEO and the Prime Minister overseeing the progress, at times quite literally with binoculars from his office window!

Thanks to Allahyarham Datuk Hashim's leadership, Putrajaya took form within the stipulated time and budget. The successful delivery of the project would not have been possible without his unwavering discipline, integrity, and no-nonsense approach. Precinct 1 was fully occupied by 2001, and by 2005, the infrastructure and government buildings within the PjCC were completed. Allahyarham Datuk Hashim served as CEO and Managing Director of PjH until 2003 and continued as Chairman of the Board until his retirement in 2007.

Putrajaya stands today as the legacy of Tun Dr. Mahathir's vision for the country. The city has elevated Malaysia's profile in urban development and remains a testament to architectural and engineering excellence. More than just the seat of government, it is now internationally recognised as an outstanding Garden City.

Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad will forever be synonymous with the founding of Putrajaya. I also wish to pay tribute to Allahyarham Tun Azizan Zainul Abidin, the First President of Putrajaya Corporation and Allahyarham Datuk Mohd Hashim Hassan who will be remembered as the few great men who helped bring Tun Dr. Mahathir's vision to life. They deserve their rightful place in the annals of the city's history.

On a personal note, I am deeply indebted to Tun Dr. Mahathir for his visionary ideas and exemplary leadership that encouraged and inspired my team and me to fulfil and deliver our commitment as the consultant for the role entrusted on us.

May Allah swt bless you Tun. Putrajaya shall forever remain as your living legacy for many more generations to come.

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