



Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad asserts that Malaysia is no longer a cheap labour country



Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah binti Haji Mohd Ali with Dato' Ng Tien Chuah of MPH at the 'Mahathir Mohamad - An Illustrated Biography' book launch

Perdana Leadership Foundation Debuts CEO Lecture Series with Great Success

08 08 08 was a special date for a variety of reasons: it was a once-in-a-century occurrence, the Beijing Olympics kicked off on the date at precisely 8.08pm, and Perdana Leadership Foundation debuted its fundraising CEO Dinner-Lecture Series. Over 500 people thronged the Ballroom of Sime Darby Convention Centre on the night, to listen to the Architect of Vision 2020 and the fourth Prime Minister of Malaysia, Tun Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad, talk on "Approaching 2020: Major Trends That Will Impact Malaysian Business".

08 08 08 also proved to be a special occasion when Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali unveiled the first-of-its-kind cartoon biography of her husband, "Mahathir Mohamad - An Illustrated Biography", lovingly penned by cartoonist Eugene Yu. Books autographed by the couple, bearing the date "08/08/08", were sold out within minutes of the book launch!

08 08 08 became a memorable night for all the right reasons, and the Foundation takes the success of the event as a good start for its Lecture Series.

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Chairman's Message

YBhg Tan Sri Dato' Azman Hashim
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When Vision 2020 was unveiled in 1991, the journey for its achievement seemed a long way off and the dreams it espoused – a united nation, an economically vibrant Malaysia, a just and fair society as well as a mature democratic population – were like clouds upon a sky – visible but very distant. Our Prime Minister then, of course, wasted no time in putting the machinery into gear: plans were drawn up, blueprints created, and agencies mobilised to move Malaysia to becoming a fully developed nation in 2020. Most importantly, the rakyat were inspired by the lofty goals and Vision 2020 lit a fire of enthusiasm in the bellies of all Malaysian citizens keen for better tomorrows.

With twelve years to go to Vision 2020, the Perdana Leadership Foundation's CEO Lecture Series on the 8th of August 2008 featured none other than the architect of Vision 2020 himself, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who shared his prognosis of the country's future in a speech entitled, "Approaching 2020: Major Trends that will impact Malaysian business".

Despite it being on the same night as the opening of the Beijing Olympics and with traffic heavy on a Friday night, the Foundation was delighted to host a full house of around five hundred guests at the debut lecture. We say thank you to all of those who came and contributed via their purchase of tables and seats at the event. The Foundation hopes to make the lecture an annual affair featuring a host of local and international speakers in the years to come.

This is also the year where we debut our Resident Fellowship programme and we are delighted to have identified scholars for the Honorary President Fellowship Award, the AmBank Group Fellowship Award and the Tan Sri Dato' Sri Dr Teh Hong Piow Fellowship Award. They are respected scholars in their respective fields and I am confident they will establish the Foundation more firmly in the research arena.

As part of our Public Outreach programme, our essay contest received a bigger response this year, compared to last year's. With four hundred and ten essays to sift through, I do not envy the judges who have this responsibility! The Foundation of course looks forward to awarding the best writer with the Grand Prize, and this year it is nothing less than a Chevrolet Aveo. Never has good writing been so well rewarded, I am sure!

Our Perdana Library continues with its digitisation efforts and we are especially grateful to the National Archives for its collaboration in this initiative. Our Prime Ministers' speeches, in particular, apprise us of their thinking and intentions and the Foundation is determined in its efforts to build the most comprehensive bank of Malaysian leaders' speeches in the whole country, in physical and digital form. Alongside speeches, the Foundation's trove of policy papers, Hansards, photos and relevant newspaper clippings is steadily growing. At last count, the number of digitised pages in our Library stands at more than five million.

Becoming a leading research and archive institution for the leadership of our country remains our main objective. To achieve this, and to help Malaysia along in its journey to 2020, the contributions and support of our Trustees, the government, and the Malaysian public, become ever more invaluable.

The Foundation's Beginnings

Perdana Leadership Foundation was chartered in January 2003 as a non-profit organisation, founded with gifts from people who supported the vision of a thriving research and learning institution dedicated to the study of Malaysian leadership and nation-building. It is unique in the sense that it began as an entirely private sector initiative, seed-funded and organised by private sector individuals and corporations. Most of the Foundation's trustees were the early benefactors of this Foundation.

The Foundation's physical home in Precinct 8, Putrajaya, was completed in October 2003. The stately building now houses the Perdana Library, an auditorium as well as a multi-purpose hall in addition to the offices of the Foundation's Honorary President, YABhg Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, and his wife, YABhg Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah Mohd. Ali.

A tax-exempt, non-profit organisation, the Foundation intends to become the premier institution for the study of Malaysia's Prime Ministers and the central resource centre for research into national stewardship as well as a platform for reflection, debate, and discussion with distinguished figures in Malaysian leadership.

National Seminar On Development of Islamic Banking Law since Independence at Perdana Leadership Foundation

On 3rd April 2008, Perdana Leadership Foundation, in collaboration with the Faculty of Law, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) organised a law seminar entitled, "National Seminar on the Development of Islamic Banking Law since Independence". Over 200 law students attended the seminar. Four UKM lecturers presented at this seminar. Amongst them were Dr. Hasani Mohd Ali, Dr. Rooshida Merican Abdul Rahim Merican and Dr. Wan Kamal Mujani.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Noor Inayah Yaakub, Perdana Leadership Foundation's Research Fellow, presented a paper on "A Study of Leadership Policies Relating to Islamic Banking in Malaysia and the Development of Malaysia's Islamic Banking Sector from Independence to the Present Day". In her presentation, her research focused on the historical overview of the Islamic banking system in Malaysia. She also emphasised the efforts and initiatives of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad to develop the Islamic banking system in Malaysia.

Dr. Rooshida provided a historical overview of contributions that past Prime Ministers played to industrialise Islamic Banking. For example, Tunku Abdul Rahman was one of the pioneers of Islamic Development Bank (IDB), a monetary institution setup under the OIC. Tun Abdul Razak was known for proposing the establishment of Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad (BIMB) which was established 1983 under the premiership of Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad.

The students had also the opportunity to visit Perdana Library and briefings were given to them on the objectives of the Foundation as well as the Library, its membership information, books and digital collections. The seminar was successful and ended with students enriched with knowledge from the seminar as well as information on their country's past Prime Ministers.



Participants of the seminar reading the Perdana Quarterly



Dr. Inayah Yaakub, PLF's Research Fellow presenting her paper

Events Calendar

- 2 April 2008
Visit from Indonesian Islamic Medical Association to meet Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad
- 3 April 2008
National Seminar On Development of Islamic Banking Law since Independence PLF-UKM – 120
- 7 April 2008
Visit from UUM and Thai students to meet Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad
- 11 April 2008
Visit from Majlis Agama Islam Pahang
- 23 April 2008
Oral History with ex-KSN: Tan Sri Hashim Aman at Bukit Damansara
- 24 April 2008
Oral History with ex-KSN: Tan Sri Abdullah Ayub at Shah Alam
- 25 April 2008
Oral History with ex-KSN: Tan Sri Ahmad Sarji at IKIM
- 30 April 2008
Visit from SMK Jempol
- 7 May 2008
Perdana Discourse Series – "National Sovereignty"
- 26–28 May 2008
Workshop on Oral History & Transcription at PLF
- 18 June 2008
PLF AGM
- 25 June 2008
Book Launch "Smart Growth" by Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah binti Haji Mohd Ali
- 15 July 2008
School Programme: "Galakan Membaca" with Sekolah Sultan Alam Shah, Putrajaya
- 16 July 2008
Visit from MMU Educationists to meet Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad
- 8 August 2008
CEO Lecture Series at Sime Darby Convention Centre
- 27 July 2008
Visit from Presbyterian Church Association to meet Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad
- 4 September 2008
Majlis Berbuka Puasa
- 12 November 2008
Perdana Discourse Series 8: Bangsa Malaysia

Oral Histories with Former Chief Secretaries (KSN)

Perdana Leadership Foundation, in collaboration with Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), held three Oral History sessions with the former Chief Secretaries of Malaysia on 23rd, 24th and 25th April 2008. The aim of the series is to revisit and capture the histories of former Chief Secretaries who worked under the past Prime Ministers of Malaysia. The Foundation has collaborated with Arkib Negara as well as Universiti Utara Malaysia for previous Oral History sessions with Tun Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad and Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah binti Haji Mohd Ali.

Tan Sri Hashim Aman, Tan Sri Abdullah Ayub and Tun Dr. Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid were interviewed by Professor Mustafa Kasim and Professor Abdul Rahman Abdul Aziz from Institute of Dr. Mahathir's Thoughts (IPDM), UUM.

A soft-spoken, reserved gentleman, Tan Sri Hashim Aman was interviewed in his residence at Damansara, Kuala Lumpur. He was the Chief Secretary of Malaysia from 1st December 1980 to 14th June 1984, and had served beforehand at the Health Ministry as well as in Kelantan. Tan Sri Hashim had the opportunity to serve all four Prime Ministers and remembered in particular a quote from Tun Hussein Onn, "Too much power leads to absolute corruption."

A more garrulous interviewee was the affable Tan Sri Abdullah Ayub, who was the Chief Secretary of Malaysia from the beginning of 1979 until late 1980. Among other positions he held while in service were Permanent Secretary to the Finance Ministry and Director-General of the Malaysian Public Service Department. Tan Sri Abdullah was among the first batch of students from Universiti Malaya and was an active member of Gabungan Pelajar Semenanjung Melayu (GPMS). He was one of the key players in the initial discussions on the New Economic Policy (NEP) under Tun Abdul Razak's premiership. As a former Japanese language teacher, he would like to see more Malaysians becoming multi-lingual, and believes that the nationalist spirit is lacking in younger Malaysians.

The third former Chief Secretary interviewed was Tun Dr. Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid who served as Chief Secretary from 1990 to 1996. Prior to his appointment as Chief Secretary, Tun Dr Ahmad Sarji held the posts of Secretary-General, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Chairman of the Malaysian Industries Development Authority (MIDA), among others. Tun Dr Ahmad Sarji was bestowed by Yang Dipertuan Agong of Malaysia the "Darjah Seri Setia Mahkota Malaysia (SSM)" – which carries the title "Tun", in 2008. At his office in Institut Kefahaman Islam (IKIM) of which he is President, the serious and articulate former Chief Secretary told of how Tun Abdul Razak would meticulously read the profiles of District Officers at any district he visited to get know his officers' better. Tun Abdul Razak recruited him to be in the team that was to create the Federal Territory in the 1970s.

All of the interviews were recorded and are being transcribed by Perdana Leadership Foundation for publication.



Tan Sri Hashim Aman



Interviewers with Tan Sri Abdullah Ayub



Tun Dr. Ahmad Sarji

Forum on Peace for Prosperity: Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad Meets Thai and Universiti Utara Malaysia Students

On 7th April 2008, Perdana Leadership Foundation received 240 staff and students from Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), Prince of Songkhla University (PSU), and Yala Islamic University who came to attend a jointly organised seminar by PLF-UUM entitled "Cross-Border Studies and Bondings: Malaysia-Thailand: Peace for Prosperity".

After a visit to the Perdana Library where the delegates found out more about the materials the Library offered as well as its digital collection on past Prime Ministers, the Forum began with an opening address by Asst. Prof. Dr. Chatchai Ratanachai, from Prince of Songkhla University. The highlight of the Forum, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's keynote address on "Peace for Prosperity" followed, during which the former Premier and current Chairman of Perdana Global Peace Organisation, expressed his views on conflicts, and the current Islamophobia of non-Muslim nations. He illustrated examples of situations in Iraq as well as in Southern Thailand where Muslims struggled to live in peace with non-Muslims, and urged students to reflect on the true teachings of the Quran as well as the meaning of the word "Islam", which is "peace".

During the Q&A session, lecturers and students from Thailand took the opportunity to ask Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad on his opinions of how to bring peace to their country where Muslims are in the minority. Tun Dr Mahathir's reply emphasised the importance of dialogue and roundtable talks where terms and conditions can be negotiated. To a Somali student who asked for Tun Dr Mahathir's thoughts on ending the civil wars in Somalia, Tun Dr Mahathir responded that weapons must not be used as solutions and the tribes of the country must unite for the country to prosper.

The session ended at 12.30pm, with plans to continue Malaysia-Thai relations among the student bodies, and to host future forums where exchanges of ideas can take place.



Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad and Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah binti Haji Mohd Ali at the seminar



Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad at the rostrum



University students from Malaysia and Thailand listening to the speech



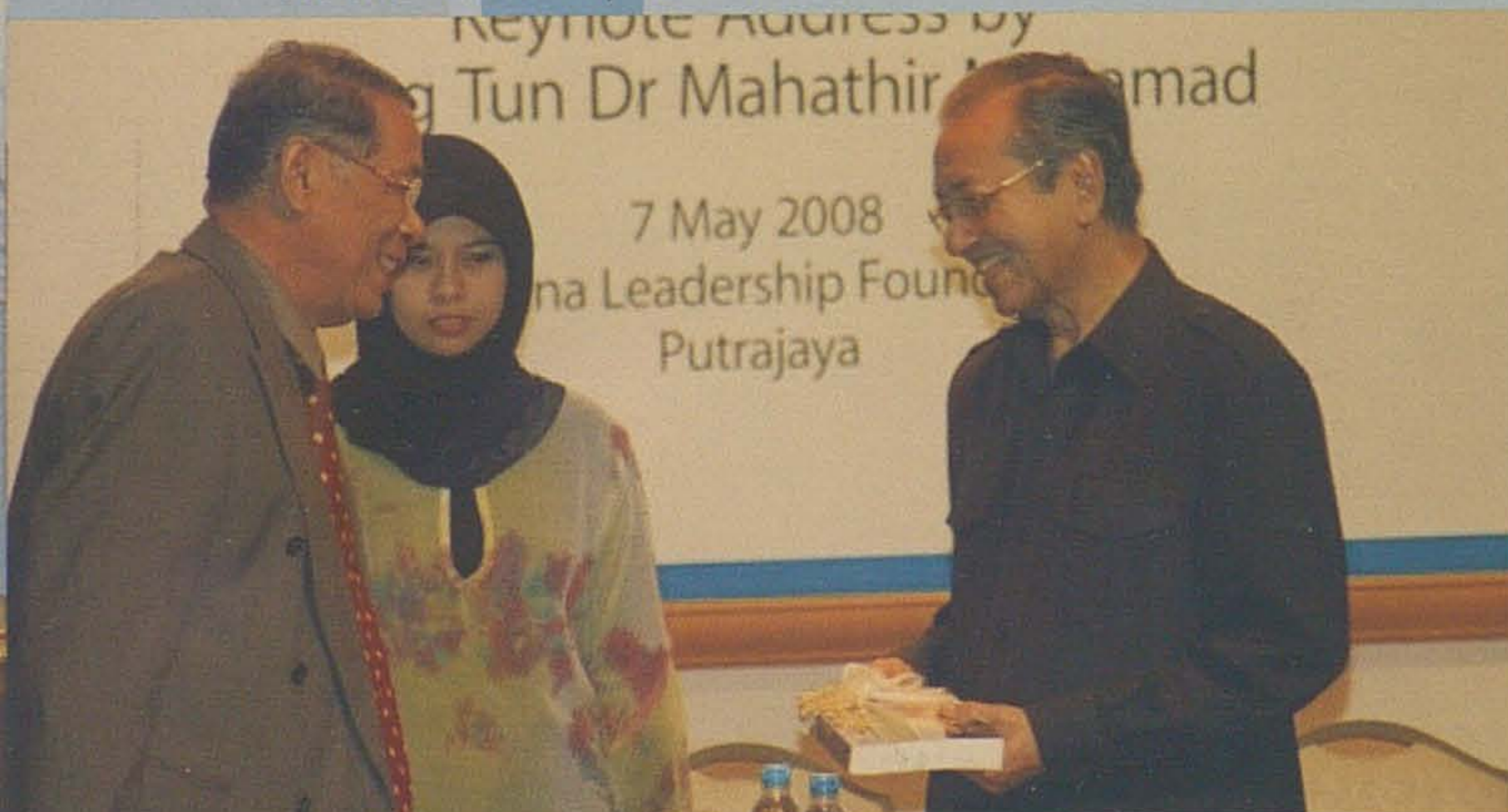
At the bookstall before the Discourse



Members of the audience listening attentively



At the rostrum; Tan Sri Dato' Azman Hashim



PLF scholar Dato' Yusuf Hassan presenting his thesis to Dr Mahathir



During Q&A: Dr Mahathir receiving questions

Perdana Discourse Series 7: National Sovereignty

On 6th May 2008, Perdana Leadership Foundation hosted the seventh Perdana Discourse Series, this time on the topic, "National Sovereignty". Over 200 participants comprising students from higher learning institutions, youth organisations as well as individuals participated in this seventh Discourse. YABhg Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad and YABhg Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah binti Haji Mohd Ali were the guests of honour at the Discourse.

In his keynote speech, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the fourth Prime Minister of Malaysia, explained that the concept of the nation did not exist during the old days as Europe and Asia were divided into small fiefs, principalities, and dukedoms governed by the local chiefs. It was not until the Malayan Union was formed that Malaysia or the Malay states united to form the Malayan nation state. The same thing happened in many other areas of the world that over time, there seemed to be a movement towards unity, towards bringing people of the same race and language group together.

It was a useful historical overview, and Tun Dr Mahathir patiently answered the many questions that members of the audience directed to him.

The topic was plumbed in greater depth at the panellist session following the tea break, where Professor Shad Saleem Faruqi from the Law Faculty, UiTM, Tan Sri Sanusi Junid, former Cabinet Minister and Nurul Ikhlas Binti Abdul Hadi, a student, were given the opportunity to deliver their perspectives on the topic as well as Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad's keynote speech. Prof Shad Saleem Faruqi discussed national sovereignty from the academic and law perspective, while Tan Sri Sanusi entertained the audience with his political take on the topic. Nurul gave a refreshing, idealistic view of national sovereignty and all three panellists had their share of questions at the end of the session.

After the speech and the panel discussions (and lunch), it was time for the participants to proffer their opinions on national sovereignty in their respective, randomly assigned teams. Each team was facilitated by a member of UiTM's academic faculty, and the participants analysed and debated the importance of, as well as threats to, national sovereignty in Malaysia. The resolutions of each team were then presented by the team leaders at a plenary session convened following the break out session. As most of the participants were university students, their ideas were indicative of what Malaysian youth thought of national sovereignty.

Jointly organised by Perdana Leadership Foundation and the Institute of Quality and Knowledge Advancement of UiTM, and sponsored by Proton, the Perdana Discourse Series is a one-day event where a keynote presenter will speak on a pre-determined topic, addressing its definition and tracing issues like policies, strategies and possible models used during the tenure of the past Prime Ministers.

The proceedings of the Discourse will be produced in a monograph in time for the next Discourse.

Perdana Discourse Series 7: National Sovereignty (continued)

Excerpts from Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad's keynote speech

"Now, do we understand what we mean by nation state and how we are committed to it? Many people think that a nation state would involve loyalty to the nation. But we have a multi racial society and it becomes very difficult to get the same kind of commitment to the state among people of races, religion, language and culture. Nevertheless, Malaysia manages to retain its identity as an independent nation state. There were, of course, some problems with the different races but they were not violent.

In the meantime, do we guard our sovereignty or not? This is a very important question. Some people feel that we should be inter-nationalists rather than nationalists. That today, the nationalism of old cannot be sustained any more. You need to come together in order to gain strength.

There is merit in that.

We would become a bigger market, for example, and would be able to compete with China. China has 1.3 billion people, whereas Southeast Asia has more than 500 million people. It's a big market, half the size of China. And of course there would be benefits if we can work together. But it will take a long time before we can reconcile the different ambitions, the different objectives, targets of the different states of Southeast Asia.

But as I said, in the meantime, we have to guard our own sovereignty. That means we have to be independent. To be independent means we would be in total charge of our country. That nobody has any right to make a decision affecting our country. We were very tough on this I would say. We didn't want to be dictated to by anybody. We would criticise any other nation however powerful if they try to undermine our sovereignty.

But that depends on our attitude really. There are some people who say that it is not worthwhile to be so independent because we would benefit by submitting to some powerful countries. Well, that is something that we should think of, but then we would lose our freedom to decide for ourselves if we do that.

I believe that even small countries can sustain its own independence by judiciously having relations with different blocks, different countries so that we balance their influence against each other. During the Cold War, small countries tended to rely on the conflicts between the Eastern and the Western block in order to sustain their Independence, in order to get some support from these antagonists in the Cold War."



Student Nurul at the rostrum



Panelists and moderator



A break out group in session



Students debating points

Excerpts of Panelists' Presentations



Prof. Shad Saleem Faruqi (Academic Panelist)

“Let me take you to the doctrine of national sovereignty. Traditionally speaking, this doctrine basically meant that a person or an authority holds and exercises supreme power. The traditional notion of the sovereign as exemplified in western jurisprudence is that the sovereign was above the law. The sovereign was in no way subject to any laws, restrictions or limitations and he had powers that were unlimited, illimitable and indivisible.

However in later years, especially in the twentieth century, writers began to question this absolutist notion of sovereignty and they began to say that if sovereigns are defined by the law then they can also be restricted by the law or by some legally foundational instrument or compact like a document, a constitution or a social contract.

So, the idea that the state can do what it likes within its territory was abandoned. And fortunately so, because in democratic societies, the power of the state was further checked by the rise of private sector institutions, the NGOs, political parties and associations that were seen as catalysts of democratic thought and discussion. Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad alluded to them this morning and he supported that these organisations actually are instruments of democracy, instruments of popular power. And then of course, the power of the state is checked by the media which in America is referred to as the fourth estate.

However, in post World War II era, international, political and economic factors are causing a weakening of the concept of national sovereignty. I have outlined a number of such factors; number one, the rise of international law, international institutions and international procedures are working towards a decrease of state power. Number two; globalisation is creating a world wide market in a borderless world. Number three, these days there is tremendous importance on international trade and aid.”

Excerpts of Panelists' Presentations

(continued)



Tan Sri Sanusi Junid (Panelist)

"As far as national sovereignty is concerned, Malaysian sovereignty in particular, it has got to do with pride. Whether we have our sovereignty or not depends very much on the balance of pride. How much of our pride are we supposed to sacrifice and what pride are we supposed to hold?"

I take the case of various races in this country. The Malays, what are we proud about? The Malays are proud of their political power. That is why when the Menteri Besar, ministers, the Prime Minister go around you have kompong, you have got this bunga manggar, you got the drums, you got the people in full dress receiving you. All these are ceremonial signs that you are very happy with yourselves; because if you are unhappy you won't do all these things. I have seen parents whose daughter chose a different man than the one they favoured; the wedding ceremony would have no pomp and pageantry. But when the child selects as a husband the one that the parents want, you see a lot of celebration. In other words, celebration is a sign of our happiness. It's a show of our pride."



Nurul Ikhlas Abdul Hadi (Student Representative)

"First of all, we know that a sovereign nation is one that is empowered to make independent choices for itself. However one of the things that was not mentioned in this talk just now is that the objective behind sovereignty is to promote unity and also for the nation to take care of itself.

In Malaysia, as of today, the question of unity is questionable. For example, we have three major races and we never actually talk about being a single unit as Malaysians. Whenever we describe ourselves to another country; we say Malaysia is a country with three major races; the Malays, the Indians and the Chinese. Why don't we as Malaysians describe ourselves as purely Malaysians? So, I am trying to discuss this idea with you on redefining national sovereignty in terms of unity.

Before we can even speak about outside forces attacking us, as young people we should start thinking about how to work ourselves from the bottom up. Fix the bottom rung first before solving the bigger problems. As long as there are problems in unity, there will never be true national sovereignty within Malaysia."



Perdana Leadership Foundation's Honorary President at the rostrum



Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah binti Haji Mohd Ali delivering her speech at the book launch

Perdana Leadership Foundation's CEO Lecture Series Repositioning Malaysia towards Vision 2020

A good lecture is one where the audience leaves with fresh ideas and new perspectives. Such a speech was delivered at Perdana Leadership Foundation's CEO Lecture Series on the 8th of August 2008, when Malaysia's fourth Prime Minister and the Foundation's Honorary President, challenged the more than 500 guests to shift away from the low-cost paradigm of Malaysia's economy. Moving up the value chain in terms of employment and output would place Malaysia in better stead to achieve the goals of Vision 2020, said the former Premier. Tun Dr Mahathir pointed out that Malaysia's costs are already higher than those in other Asian countries, except Singapore, so it can no longer position itself as a cheap-labour country.

Tun Dr. Mahathir also stated that the country needs to change its approach in infrastructure development by focusing on railway lines instead of roads, and improving mass public transportation. He asserted that one of the dangers Malaysia faces is due to its US dollar reserves; if the US dollar and economy collapse, the repercussion will be heavy for Malaysia as it carries 30 percent of its foreign reserves in US Dollars and sells 20 percent of its products to the US.

Following Dr Mahathir's talk, an hour-long question and answer session ensued, in which the good Doctor patiently elaborated on issues brought up by members of the audience.

Dr Mahathir's ideas were well-received by the crowd of more than 500 guests, made up of corporate executives, academicians, government officers as well as youth organisations. Among the guests were AmBank, HSBC, Maybank, MK Land, Bina Puri, Sime Darby, DRB Hicom, Berjaya Group and UMW Holdings. Tan Sri Dato' Azman Hashim, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Perdana Leadership Foundation, delivered the opening address, emphasising the Foundation's role not just in faithfully chronicling and preserving the past, but also in highlighting trends that will affect the future.

Contributions from the event will go towards sustaining the operations and programmes of this Foundation, an institution set up to research, archive and disseminate the nation-building history of Malaysia.

Getting to Know Tun Dr Mahathir, Cartoon-Style

Official Launch of “Mahathir Bin Mohamad – An Illustrated Biography” by Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah binti Haji Mohd Ali

When Eugene Yu started out on a quest four years ago to learn as much as possible about Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, little did he realise that he would end up being the published author of the first ever cartoon biography of the fourth Prime Minister of Malaysia, and that his book would be launched by none other than the wife of the former Premier, the ever-gracious Yang Amat Berbahagia Tun Dr Siti Hasmah binti Hj Mohd Ali.

The launch was the prelude to the CEO Lecture that both took place on an auspicious date: 8th August 2008, when “Mahathir bin Mohamad – An Illustrated Biography”, published by MPH Publications, was unveiled to an audience of approximately 500 people at the fundraising dinner.

In her speech before the launch, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah pointed out that books like the illustrated biography help place a humorous frame on past events and cartoonists like Eugene provided a service of sorts: that of making us laugh and cope with life’s trials and uncertainties better. Tun Dr Siti praised Eugene’s comprehensiveness at including segments of Tun Dr Mahathir’s life that would usually get overlooked, such as his period of private medical practice, and articulated her hope that some of what her husband – and her family – went through could be inspiring to the readers of the biography.

Following the official launch by Tun Dr Siti Hasmah, a multimedia presentation of the book’s selected content was flashed to the audience. The one hundred exclusive copies of the book, signed by both Tun Dr Mahathir and his wife, and dated 08 08 08, were snapped up within minutes of their announcement.

“Mahathir Bin Mohamad – An Illustrated Biography”, by Eugene Yu is available at MPH Bookstores and Perdana Leadership Foundation. Autographed copies of the book are available at RM100 each while unsigned copies are RM20 each.



Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali flipping through the cartoon book while Dato' Ng Tien Chuah, CEO of MPH, looks on.

Perdana Leadership Foundation's CEO Lecture Series



PLF Honorary President meeting the CEO Lecture participants



Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah binti Haji Mohd Ali at the rostrum



Dato' Ng Tieh Chuan, Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah and Mr. Eugene Yu at the book launch



Tan Sri Dr. Leo Moggie at his table



Tan Sri Azman Hashim, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Perdana Leadership Foundation during his welcoming speech



Tan Sri Nik Mohamed Yaacob and Puan Zarina Abu Bakar interacting with Tan Sri Tee Hock Seng



Tun Dr. Mahathir delivering his keynote speech



At PNB's table



Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad and Tun Dr Siti Hasmah enjoying their meal



Datuk A Kadir Jasin of Berita Publishing



The NCB Holdings table



The Sime Darby Grand Ballroom filled with participants from the corporate sector, academics and individuals



Dayang Nurfaizah entertaining guests



VIP table at the CEO Lecture Series



CEO Lecture Series guests



Tan Sri Vincent Tan and Tan Sri Sanusi Junid at the VIP table

Excerpts of Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad's Keynote Address

On the Malaysian Economy

"Malaysia cannot any longer offer itself as a cheap labour country. But the chances are our highly trained workers would still cost less than similarly trained workers in the developed countries. This may mean a shifting of some middle range hi-tech industries to Malaysia. Our advantage today is still the ability to take instructions in simple English. But there will be a spread of English language capabilities in China, Vietnam and other competitors of ours. Accordingly our advantages seem likely to be eroded not only because others are acquiring working knowledge of English but we ourselves would probably downgrade learning of English. I hope that the teaching of science and mathematics in English would continue. But I am not sure. If the decision is made not to, then the hi-tech industries are going to bypass us."

On Malaysian Infrastructure Development

"Malaysia has the best system of expressways and roads in south East Asia. But still they are clogged. We need to build more and more. I think we need to change our approach. Instead of building roads we should improve mass public transportation...We should see more railway lines. Business depends a lot on ground transportation. Road transport will become more and more costly as the price of oil will never go back to the old levels. Whichever way we look at it, the answer would still be improved and more extensive network of railway lines. Presently our railway lines run north / south. We need to have more east / west lines also".

On the Price of Oil

"We have been able to enjoy cheap oil because we have a relatively small population to match our small production. By 2013-2015, we would be producing as much oil as we consume. There would be no excess oil for export at world prices so there will not be oil export earnings to subsidise local consumption. After the hedge funds attacked the U.S. Dollar, they have been forced to regularise their activities. But the current fall in the value of the US dollar is more due to the intemperate spending by the American government, although there is a currency trading element as well. Loose lending practices involving risky housing financing has created huge losses by banks, funds and institutions."

On the US Economy

"The United States is bankrupt. It has a debt of 14 trillion dollars and it consistently suffers from twin deficits in its balance of payment and government expenditure. The US dollar is backed by nothing, no gold, no foreign reserves. The only reason why it has not collapsed completely is because people still accept payment in US dollars, especially for oil. If the countries of the world cease to buy US bonds, stop paying for imports in US dollars, then the US will have no money to pay for its imports. The greenbacks would be just useless pieces of paper. Unfortunately if the US Dollar has no value and its economy collapses, the repercussions will be felt by everyone, including Malaysia which carries 30% of its reserves in USD and sells 20% of its products to the US. The resultant worldwide depression will be worse than in 1929-30. Everyone believes the United States would do something to save itself from bankruptcy. But do not rely on it too much. We have to think and act for ourselves. We need to prepare ourselves for a world in deep depression".

On India's and China's Growing Demand for Raw Material

"Today's oil prices are far too high and will damage the economies of the poor as well as the rich. Accompanying the rise in oil prices is the increase in the prices of raw materials such as steel, copper, aluminium and some rare minerals. This is due simply to increases in demand by two awakening giants; China and India. China's and India's per capital income is lower than us at the moment. Imagine the purchasing power of their 2.3 billion people when their per capita doubles for example. They will suck in everything the world produces. A frightening thing happened recently - the shortage of food grains. It had not happened for decades. But in future we can expect this to happen again and again."

On the Free Trade System

"We believe in a free market; in supply and demand determining prices. But markets can be manipulated and shortages can be created. In fact, today, huge quantities of goods can be traded without the goods really existing. This was what happened when currency trading was allowed. The total trade in currency was very many times more than the total value of world trade. Similarly the total volume of oil traded would be more than the total amount of oil produced or consumed. It seems that the trade in nothing is worth more than the trade in something. We have forgotten why we promoted free markets and free trade. The systems we created were for our own good but they have now become the systems we must sustain even if they destroy us. Something is wrong here. All systems and ideologies were good until rogues see ways to abuse them for their own benefit or profit. This is what we are seeing happening to the free market. It is being abused simply because governments have abdicated their responsibility to prevent crimes in business and punish rogue businessmen. If we are going to benefit from the free market and free trade, governments will have to go back to regulating them."

Excerpts from “Mahathir bin Mohamad – An Illustrated Biography” by Eugene Yu



During the 1964 election, Dr Mahathir was nominated for a parliamentary seat in Kota Setar Selatan.



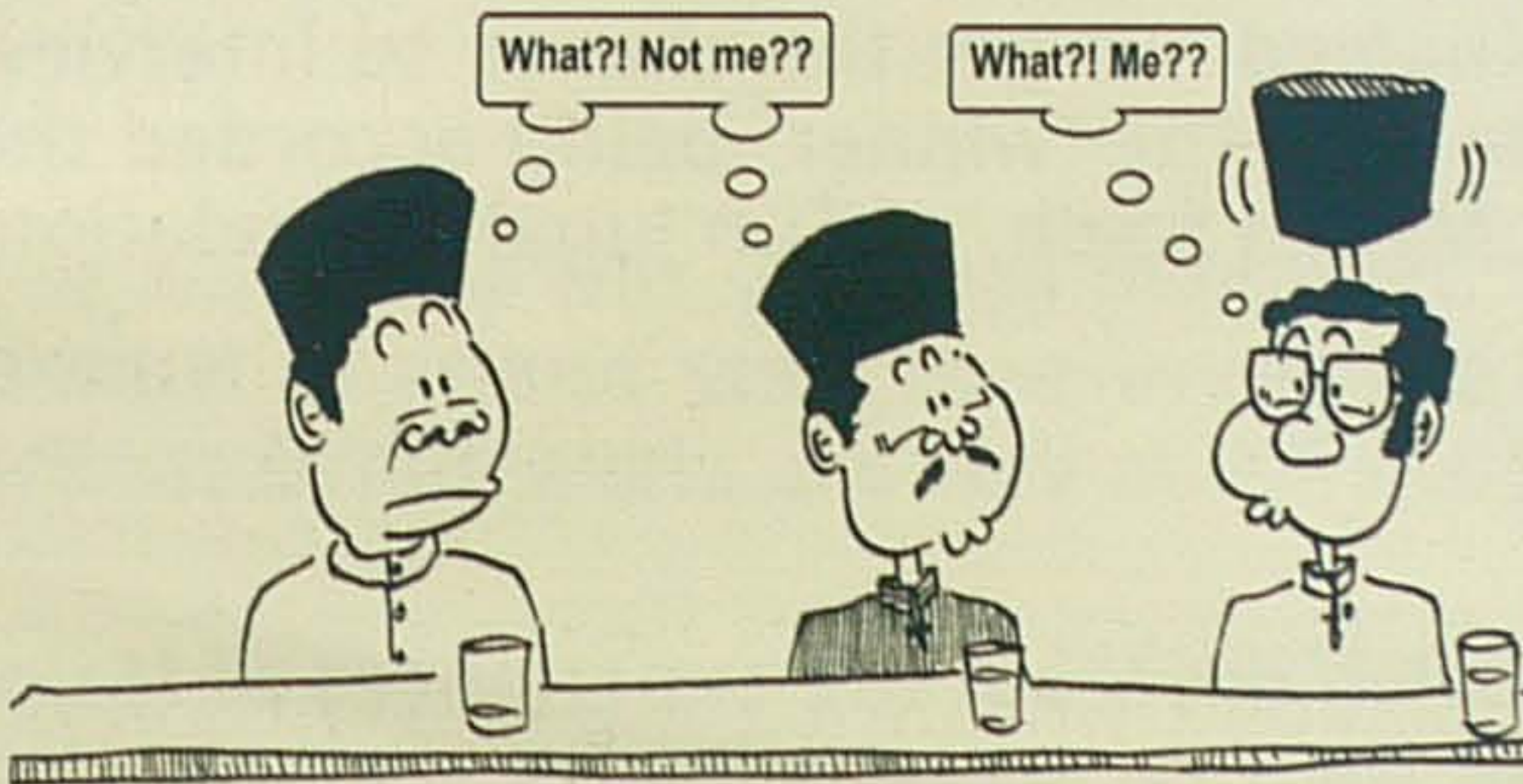
He won with a large majority, as the voters remembered his devotion and service as a Doctor.



In the 1974 elections, Dr Mahathir was returned unopposed as the Member of Parliament for Kubang Pasu



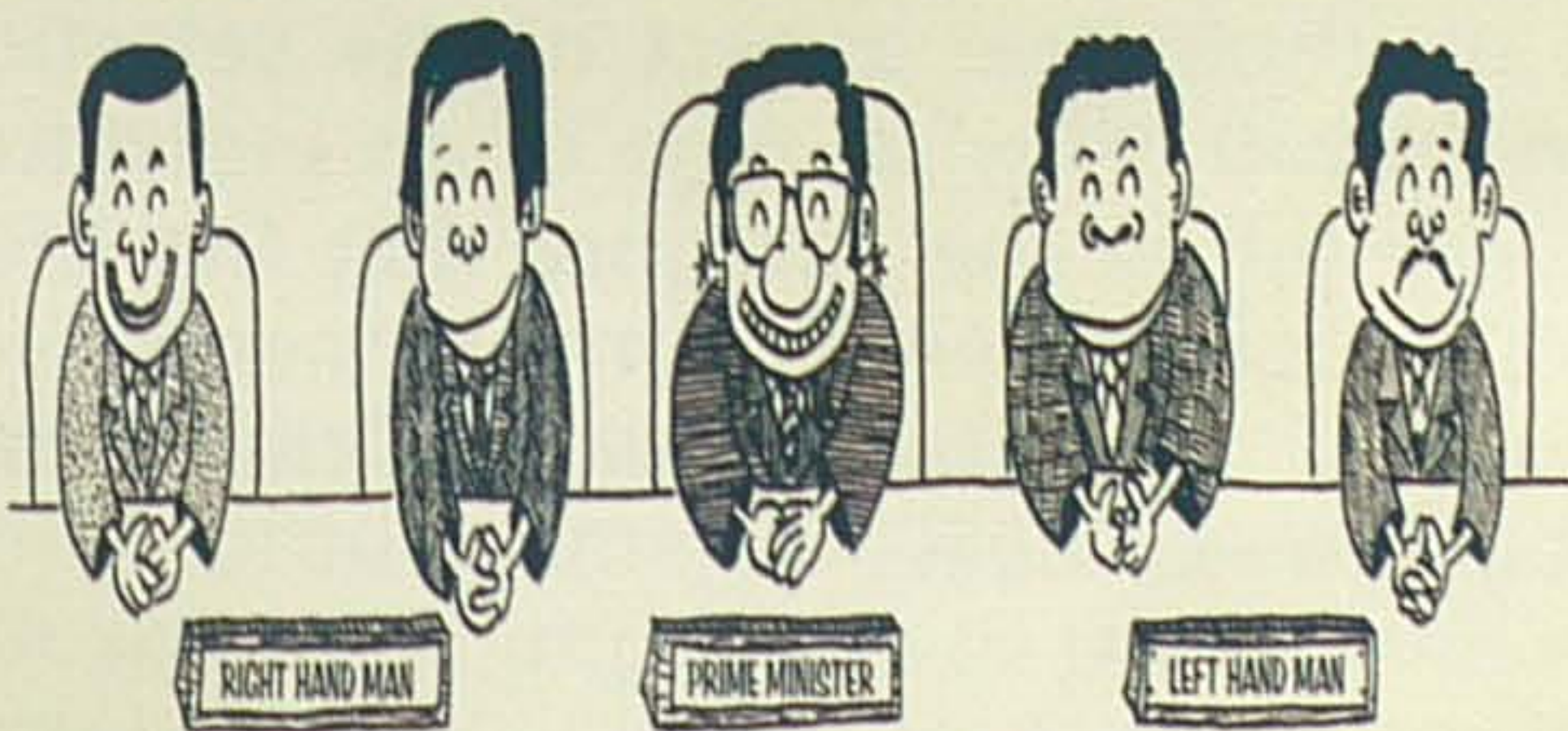
This was followed by his appointment as Minister of Education on September 6, 1974.



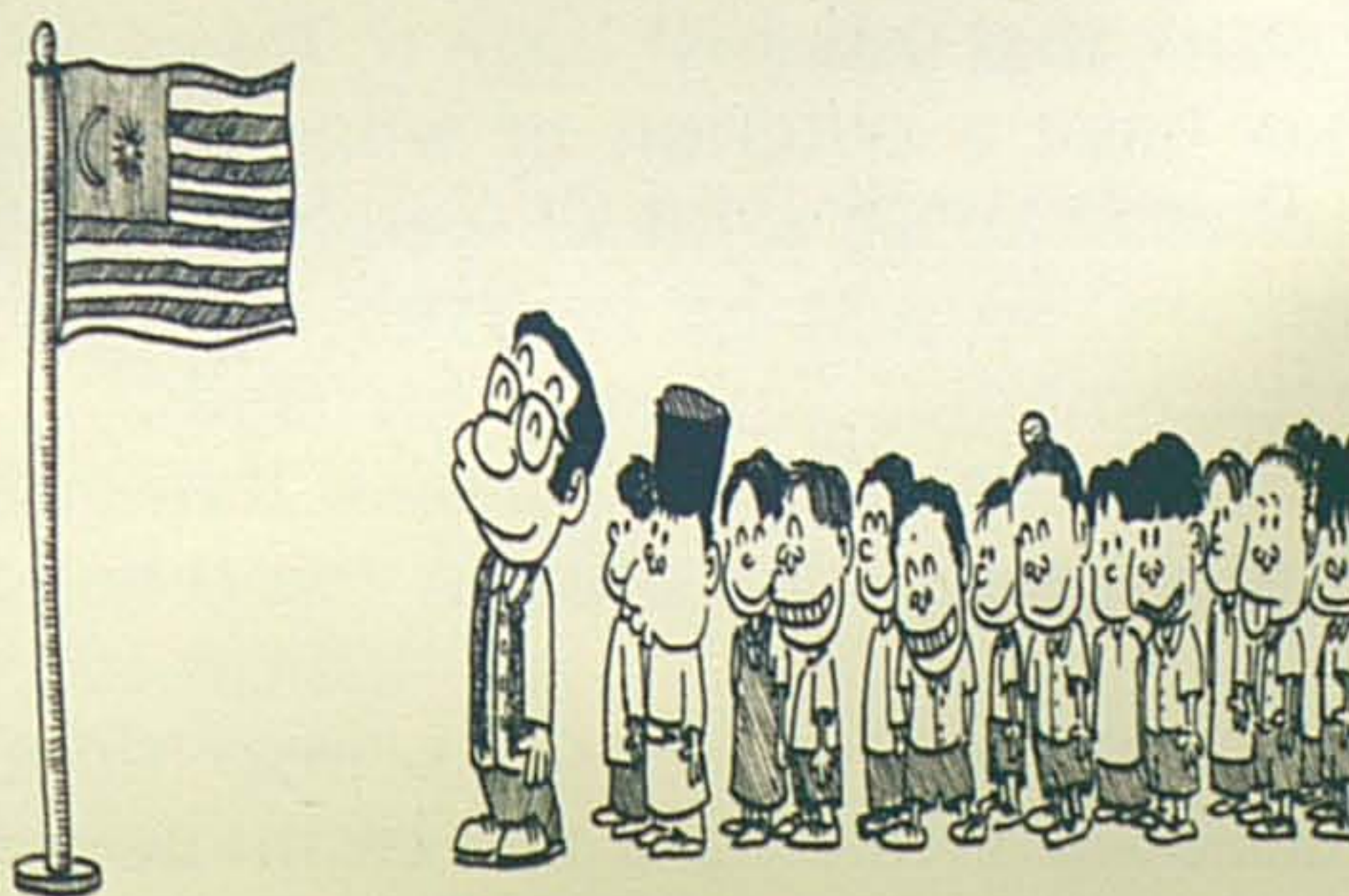
On March 5, 1976, he was appointed Deputy Prime Minister by Tun Hussein Onn, the Prime Minister at the time.



In January 1978, Dr Mahathir was appointed Minister of Trade and Industry ...



On 16 July, 1981, Dr. Mahathir became the fourth Prime Minister of Malaysia. He was then 56 years old.



Since 1981, Dr. Mahathir devoted his life to Malaysia.

“Mahathir Bin Mohamad – An Illustrated Biography”, by Eugene Yu is available at Perdana Leadership Foundation and MPH bookstores. Autographed copies of the book dated 20/08/2008 are available at RM100 each only at the Foundation while unsigned copies are RM20 each. All proceeds will go to the Foundation.

Workshop On Transcription & Oral History 2008: “Oral History: Preserving Legacy and Corporate Memory”

Date: 26th to 28th May 2008

Venue: Perdana Leadership Foundation

We all have stories to tell, from our childhood tales of woe, to our first job experience, and family history. When pieced together, the jigsaws of our life experience has much to say, and much to teach. Likewise, a nation and a corporation will have its own “story” – a series of incidents and events that it went through from the time of its birth and throughout its maturing period. While this is often recorded in black and white – in thick history tomes, classroom textbooks, and corporate brochures – there is more perspective that can be gained from dialogue with “witnesses” of history: the people who lived through an organisation’s milestones. These could be the decision makers and the people who worked with them, or they could be those who played roles in smaller communities and organisations. The personal accounts of each all add to the richness of a nation’s and an organisation’s history, and in some cases, help to fill in gaps in understanding.

Personal accounts, then, become national and corporate legacies, and as worthy of capturing and preserving as official textual accounts.

The capture and transcription of these “Oral Histories” formed the focus of the Perdana Leadership Foundation’s workshop in May. Entitled “Oral History: Preserving Legacy and Corporate Memory”, the workshop taught its fifty participants on the importance of personal stories, taking them through tools and techniques by which to elicit substantive responses from their respondents, and going on to advise on transcription and preservation of the raw materials. The workshop featured UiTM Dean, Dr. Rusnah Johare and her assistant Pn. Nurusobbah, as lead facilitators, as well as Puan Sulateri Abd Hamid from Arkib Negara Malaysia and Puan Che Zan Yasin from Petronas who shared their organisation’s experience on Oral History projects.

As a special “surprise”, the participants were allowed to “practise” on a live subject, none other than Angkasawan Major Dr. Faiz Khaleed. To get the chance to interview Dr Faiz, participants had to compete in a game with the “winner” being accorded the honor of interviewing the astronaut. Dr Robert Menua Saleh, of Tun Jugah Foundation, turned out to be the lucky participant.

A Special Session with Malaysia’s Angkasawan

The interview conducted by Dr. Robert Menua Saleh drew out the experiences of Major Dr Faiz Khaleed, our Angkasawan, as he retold the rapt participants of the selection process for the Malaysian Astronaut Programme and his training period in Russia with Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor. Below are excerpts of his responses.

Major Dr. Faiz Khaleed:

“I think that you just have to focus and be yourself because in the whole programme, they have a criterion of who they want. That psychological aspect of the selection process carries a lot of weight. They will examine you on what type of an individual you are. So just be yourself and see whether you fall in the category that fits their requirements, and stay focused sometimes people tend to mask themselves during the selection process, trying to show qualities that are actually not theirs. But after a long period of time you tend to show your true colours.”

“Our national leaders really inspired me when I was young because they really pushed our country to a new paradigm. Before Independence and after Independence, we can see in our country “anjakan paradigma yang baru”. So our leaders did that and we should appreciate that. And by appreciating them you cannot just say congratulations, thank you very much, and so on. I think we also have a role to play to continuously push our country to new levels of achievement. This means we cannot be complacent with what we have achieved so far...”

“Alhamdulillah, with this first (Astronaut) programme, we have created a lot of interest in space-related studies. And this is good. Right now, a lot of children can answer questions like the basics of microgravity or how fast a capsule travels, and these are all physics, these are all science. When there is interest, the learning is not forced but voluntary and enthusiastic...”



Major Dr. Faiz Khaleed

Workshop on Transcription & Oral History 2008: "Oral History: Preserving Legacy and Corporate Memory"

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The Workshop's 53 participants came from:

Arkib Negara Malaysia, Bina Puri Holdings Bhd., Brunei History Centre, Curtin University Sarawak Campus, Institut Integriti Malaysia, Institut Kefahaman Islam Malaysia, Jabatan Arkib Sabah, Jabatan Hal Ehwal Wanita Sabah, Jabatan Kastam DiRaja Malaysia, Jabatan Muzium Malaysia, Kementerian Pelajaran Malaysia, Lembaga Muzium Selangor, Malaysian Cocoa Board, Majlis Amanah Rakyat, MARDI, MIMOS, Perpustakaan Awam DBKL, Perpustakaan Awam Kedah, Perputakaan Awam Negeri Sembilan, Perpustakaan Awam Pulau Pinang, Perpustakaan Awam Selangor, Pustaka Sarawak, PETRONAS, Tun Jugah Foundation Sarawak, Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris, Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Universiti Teknikal Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi Petronas

Participants' feedback on the workshop:

"One of the best workshops I have ever attended locally. The programme included Dr. Faiz; it was most enlightening and informative. We also had the honour to have a group photo with Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. My only comment - the workshop should have touched more on Archival techniques and preservation of the oral history recordings."

Janet Rata Noel, Tun Jugah Foundation, Sarawak

"The workshop was very well managed. The staff are friendly & helpful. I am looking forward to attend your next event/workshop. Your efforts to involve professional facilitators/speakers are very much appreciated..."

Izaruddin Bin Moss, Sarawak State Library (Pustaka Miri)

"I must congratulate the organiser, Dr. Rusinah and other individuals who successfully organised the workshop. I suggest more OH workshops to be organised by the Perdana Leadership Foundation involving more officers and researchers from both public and private sectors in order to capture tacit knowledge, corporate memory and the legacy of our national leaders."

Dr. Robert Menua Saleh, Tun Jugah Foundation, Sarawak

"The workshop was excellent and the best of its kind. I hope PLF will host other similar programmes/workshops in the future. It was good to have a 'live' interview with someone important to the nation, as part of the workshop".

Noriha bt Muhammad, Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris

Workshop 2008





Group photograph of Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah Binti Hj Mohd Ali with students and staff of Sekolah Alam Shah

Perdana Leadership Foundation's debut School Programme: Galakan Membaca

More than fifty five students from Sekolah Alam Shah, Putrajaya visited Perdana Leadership Foundation for its inaugural School Programme: Galakan Membaca "Membaca Perintis Pelajar Berkepimpinan" held on 15th July 2008. The objectives of the programme were to encourage school students to gain knowledge via reading, to cultivate interest in history as a source of leadership learning and to promote Perdana Library as a comprehensive resource centre on the strategies and policies of Malaysia's past Prime Ministers.

The one-day programme started with a briefing by the Foundation's librarians on online databases and Perdana Library's search system. The students were divided into five groups with each group given a topic to tackle, focusing on leadership and Malaysian history.

YABhg Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah binti Haji Mohd Ali, the fourth First Lady of Malaysia welcomed the students to the Foundation and highlighted the importance of reading in becoming knowledgeable leaders. She then illustrated a few anecdotes on her husband, Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, and said he started reading since he was in school. He was the school librarian with easy access to new books, and would read the same texts over and over again until he memorised the facts.

After the lively session with Tun Dr Siti Hasmah, the students resumed their group discussions and presented their conclusions at the plenary session that followed. Attractive prizes were offered for best group presentation and best debater. The Renaissance (Group Three) won best group presentation and Adam Lokman bin Amdan was chosen as the best presenter. Tan Sri Nik Mohamed Yaacob, Perdana Leadership Foundation's Executive Director, presented certificates and gifts to the students at the closing ceremony.

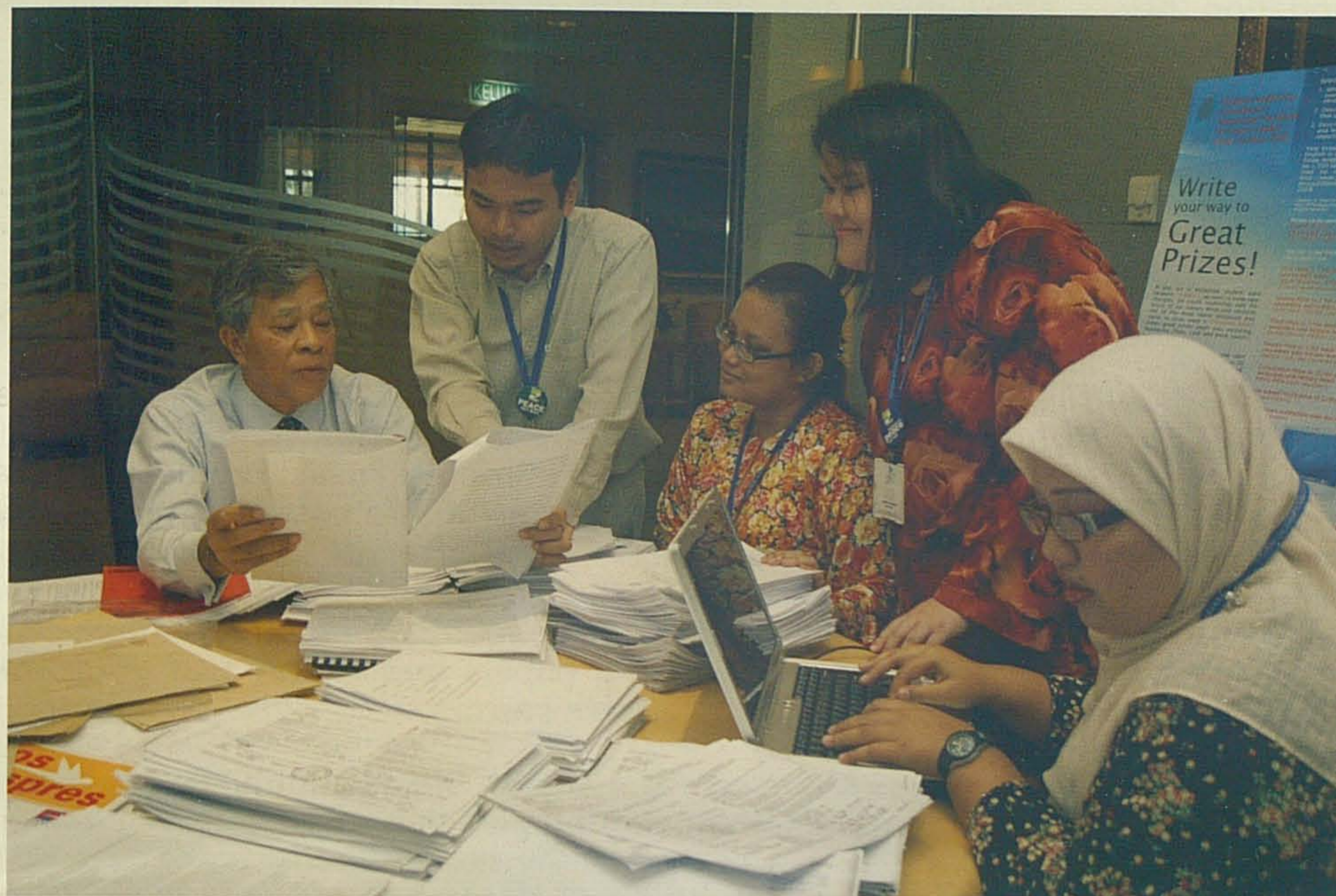


Christian youth delegates enthusiastically posing with Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad and Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali

Visit from Youth Leaders of Asian Presbyterian Churches to Perdana Leadership Foundation

Perdana Leadership Foundation received 35 youth leaders from Presbyterian Churches in seven Asian countries (Malaysia, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Myanmar, Madagascar, Singapore and Jamaica) on 27th August 2008. The young leaders were part of the "Council for World Mission" and paid a courtesy visit to Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. They toured the Foundation and had a spirited dialogue with the Foundation's Honorary President and his wife, Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah Binti Haji Mohamad Ali, where the former Premier emphasised the importance of religious tolerance in a multi-cultural and multi-racial country like Malaysia.

Essay Contest 2008 receives positive response from Malaysian students



Tan Sri Nik Mohamed and the Essay Secretariat perusing entries

More than four hundred Malaysian youths expressed their thoughts on the future of Malaysia and the role of youth leadership in Perdana Leadership Foundation's Essay Contest 2008. This is the second year that the Foundation is organising the contest, after a successful debut in 2006/2007 which saw Grand Prize winner Mohd Haizal Zainuddin drive away with a Proton Savvy. This year, the Grand Prize is a Chevrolet Aveo.

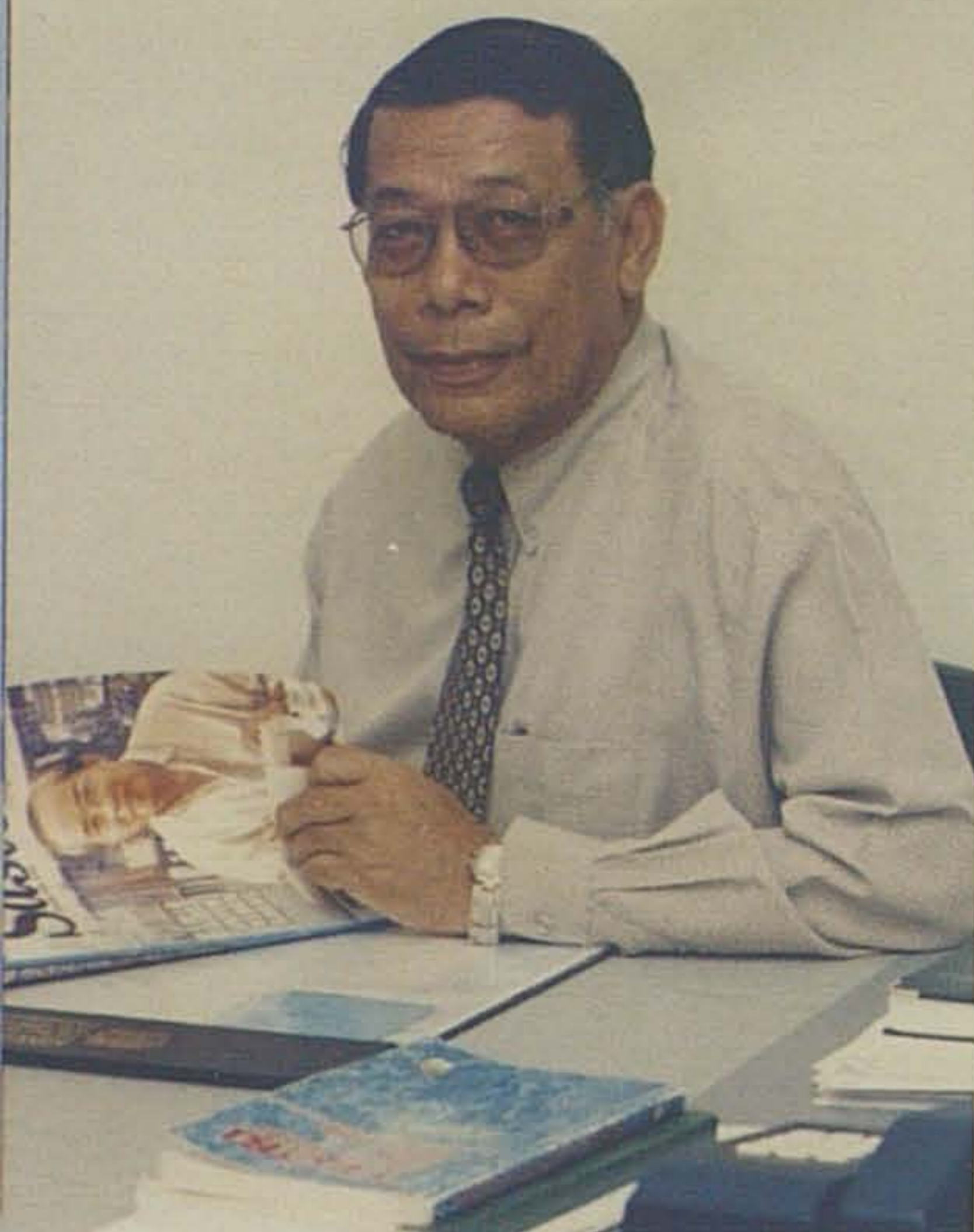
The four hundred and ten entries came from over 85 schools and institutions from all parts of the country with most participants from the upper secondary school segment, tackling the topics "Describe what leadership means to you and the role that youth leaders play in shaping Malaysia's future", "What is your vision for Malaysia in 2057 when the country celebrates its centennial Independence celebrations?" and "Describe the relationship among culture, education and leadership, and the factors that you believe are important in moulding the future leaders of Malaysia". Students were free to write in either Bahasa Malaysia or English, and there was a 50:50 split in terms of language selected for the essays. All essays had to be 1,500 to 2,000 words in length. The essay contest, part of Perdana Leadership Foundation's 2008 Public Outreach Programme, was open to students between the ages of 13 and 21.

This contest is organised with the objectives of promoting analytical thinking, good writing and sound research among Malaysian students, whilst highlighting the resources available at the Perdana Library. In line with the Foundation's objectives of researching the contributions of Malaysia's past leaders to the country's development as an independent nation, this contest seeks to stimulate deeper thought on issues that affect the country, as well as uncover Malaysian youths' aspirations and ideals for the nation.

The panel of judges assessing the essay entries are Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Dr Khoo Kay Kim from Universiti Malaya, Berita Publishing Editor-In-Chief Datuk A. Kadir Jasin and former Business Times editor Hardev Kaur. The essays are evaluated based on three criteria: quality of research, quality of analysis and style. Results of the contest will be announced in November 2008.

"The Foundation is pleased with the response to our 2008 contest as the topics challenge Malaysian youths to think more deeply of the country's future. We hope that in the course of writing their essays, the students learnt something new about their country and appreciate the role that they can play in fashioning a brighter future for Malaysia. We thank all teachers, lecturers, parents and of course, the students themselves, for putting in the effort for this year's contest."

Tan Sri Nik Mohamed Nik Yaacob
Perdana Leadership Foundation's Executive Director



Perdana Focus: Dato' Professor Dr. Mohd Yusof Hassan

Perdana Leadership Foundation's Research Awards was introduced in 2005 with the aim of stimulating research on the leadership of Malaysia's past Prime Ministers. The Foundation offers short-term and long-term grants to qualified scholars with academic administration provided by the Universiti Teknologi MARA. The objectives of the Research Fellowships are: to encourage the study of this country's history beyond facts and figures; to yield valuable insights for future Malaysian leaders via in-depth study of the nation's past leaders and how their leadership as well as policies affected national development; to increase awareness of, and boost interest in, Malaysia's rich intellectual heritage. The first fellows of the Research Awards are Dato' Prof. Dr. Mohd Yusof Hasan, Dr. Suhaimi bin Shanon, Prof Madya Kamarudin bin Ngah, Assoc. Prof Azhari Karim, Assoc. Prof Sue Valquis Md. Mashhor and R. Sivaperegasam P Rajanthiran.

Dato' Prof. Dr. Mohd Yusof Hasan is one of Perdana Leadership Foundation's research scholars. He is also the Research Fellow at Pusat Pendidikan Global Aminuddin Baki, Universiti Perguruan Sultan Idris (UPSI). He has a Bachelors Degree from University of Malaya, a Masters Degree from Universiti Sains Malaysia and a Ph.D from Australian National University. His areas of expertise include Malay Literature, Critical Thinking, Epistemology, Management Ethics and Communication. He has written 100 articles and 300 working papers and lectured to government institutions, semi-government as well as private sectors.

Research Focus: *Pemikiran Mahathir Mohamad: Kesenambungan Gelombang Keintelektualisme Melayu Global dari Munshi Abdullah dan Za'ba*

For his PLF research, Dato' Prof. Dr. Mohd Yusof Hasan has written a book entitled, "*Pemikiran Mahathir Mohamad: Kesenambungan Gelombang Keintelektualisme Melayu Global dari Munshi Abdullah dan Za'ba*". The research links three Malay intellectuals, Munshi Abdullah, Za'ba and Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad as global thinkers who discussed the issue of poverty among the Malays. Through their observations, they have come up with solutions that help Malays improve their living standards. The book is jointly published by Perdana Leadership Foundation and InQKA, UiTM.

Dato' Yusof, what motivated you to research Malay intellectualism?

I was driven by a desire to know more about the great Malay intellects of the world. I wanted to comprehend how the Malay Mind works. A lot of research has been done on the minds of other ethnic groups; for example, the Japanese, the Arabs, the Chinese and so on.

Why do you relate Munshi Abdullah and Za'ba with Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad in your book?

I selected Munshi Abdullah and Za'ba to be together with Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad as they have made immense contribution to Malay intellectualism. Islam has envisioned that in every 100 years, there will be great thinkers for each race. From this perception, I postulate the three intellectuals appear in three intellectual waves: the first wave: Munshi Abdullah; the second wave: Za'ba and the third wave Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad; they have been chosen because of their big contributions to Malay intellectualism. The three of them are alternately linked in about 70 years: Munshi Abdullah (1850), Za'ba (1920) and Mahathir (1990). They have discussed and written topics on Malay poverty and how to resolve the problem. Amongst their masterpieces are: Abdullah's Tale and Abdullah's Voyage by Munshi Abdullah; The Poverty of the Malays and The Salvation of the Malays by Za'ba; and also The Challenge, The Malay Dilemma and Malays Forget Easily by Mahathir Mohamad.

Can you elaborate on the issue of Malay poverty?

In Munshi Abdullah's literature, they attributed poor Malays in three states (Pahang, Terengganu and Kelantan) as well as Malacca and Singapore to socio-cultural and leadership issues. Za'ba's work also blamed lack of education and negative traits specific to the Malays, such as malice, laziness and jealousy as causes of poverty. Za'ba also felt that not only were Malays materially poor; they were also poor of kindness and sensibilities.

Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad elaborated that Malays are poor due to hereditary and environmental factors. Other factors include leadership issues, colonial policies, and competition with the Chinese as well as racism. Hence, crisis of leadership occurs amongst the Malays; even though they are blessed, they tend to forget their blessings easily because of the influence of opposition parties and their own preponderance to ruinous and vicious slander.

Perdana Focus:

Dato' Professor Dr. Mohd Yusof Hassan

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What elements of modernisation did these intellectuals propose to ensure the sustainability of Malay society?

Munshi Abdullah emphasised the role of science and technology, and openly admired the administrative and government systems of the colonialists which he believed represented modernity. Za'ba advocated the importance of education to modernise the Malays. Apart from knowledge and literature, he also believed if Malays mastered science and technology, they would be economically advanced. Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad exposed dilemmas that the Malays face, their challenges, and proposed solutions. He also reminded Malay leaders not to corrupt and damage their own race out of selfishness.

Do you think the concept of "Malay Supremacy" is still relevant today?

In my opinion, the concept of Malay supremacy will always be relevant; and is not a show of power over other races. Supremacy means having invincible rights. Malays and "bumiputeras" have their rights on this land as the early settlers. Articles 152 and 153 of our Constitution, state the position of the Malays; the Sovereignty of Malay Kings, the security of Islam, the wholeness of the Malay language and Malays' special privileges. Therefore, historical factors and the social contract need to be understood and implemented by all Malaysians to live in harmony. Each ethnic group needs to respect each other without compromising racial sensitivity.

Has Malay society come out of poverty in the new millennium?

Malays have not come out of poverty, especially in rural areas. Despite the economic development of the country, rural Malays are still poor, and pockets of Malay poverty exist in the cities. While there are middle-class Malays - mostly civil servants- with comfortable incomes, and rich Malays who benefited from the New Economic Policy, the country's wealth remains largely with the private sector businesses and traders in urban areas. Rural Malaysia - with its Malay majority - remains sidelined.

Dato', what are your expectations for the research work that you have undertaken?

Through the publication, I hope to help the Malays realise their races' intellectual powers and its global reach, centuries ago. The three intellectuals underscore that Malay thinking is on par with other races; This research is the result of new theory which links continuity of Malay thought and Malay intellect on the global level. The ideas have contributed to the cultural development of a nation; specifically the Malays and generally Malaysians. The intellectual contributions of Abdullah - Za'ba - Mahathir are a gift to the nation.

Looking at Malaysia's current political circumstances, do you have any opinions on the future of the Malays?

Well, looking at the current situation, I am distressed and concerned. The 12th General Election, witnessed the splintering of Malays into various factions, despite Islam exhorting unity. In politics, the Malays are facing a leadership crisis due to differences in ideology and political objectives. Economically, the Malays are surviving but real wealth is in the hands of others. In education, we see a clash between private and public institutions. Social problems abound among Malay youth. Competitiveness in business, entrepreneurship, agriculture, industry and services is lacking. However, I still have hope that the Malays can succeed, if we all work hard and keep our faith on God.

Any message for PQ readers, Dato' Yusof?

For Perdana Quarterly readers and the Foundation, I would like to stress on the need to instil nationalism and patriotism amongst ourselves. We must love our country, our nation and religion wholeheartedly to become a strong nation. We must honour our intellectuals because they helped shape our nation. We must not forget their services to the nation, and we must stop digging out their past weaknesses. A developed nation always respects the leaders that helped mould the country.



Other Books / CDs for sale

Books / Speeches by Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad

- Globalisation & The New Realities
- Islam & The Muslim Ummah
- The Malaysian Currency Crisis
- Melayu Mudah Lupa / Malays Forget Easily
- The New Deal for Asia
- Reflections on Asia
- The Role of Islam
- Terrorism & The Real Issues
- The Way Forward
- Islam, Knowledge & Other Affairs
- Selected Speeches by Dr. Mahathir Vol. I
- Selected Speeches by Dr. Mahathir Vol. II

Perdana Discourse Series

- Monograph Perdana Discourse Series No.1 /2004
 - National Unity
- Monograph Perdana Discourse Series No.4/2004
 - Political Stability and Sustainability as Key Success Factors in Developing Malaysia
- Monograph Perdana Discourse Series No.6/2007
 - Media and National Development with Keynote Speech by Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad

Peace

- Final Judgement by Michael Collins Piper
- The High Priest of War by Michael Collins Piper
- The New Nuclear Danger by Dr. Helen Caldicott

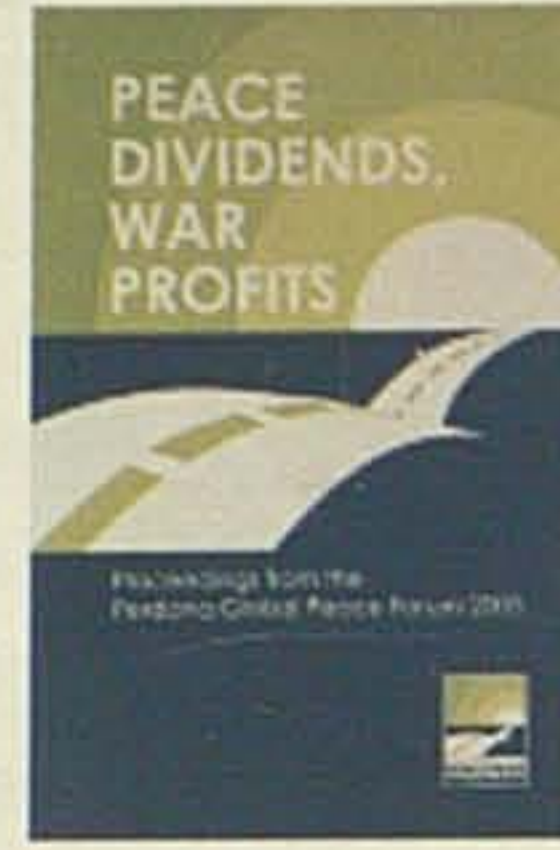
CDs / VCDs / DVDs

- Perdana Global Peace Forum 2005 DVD (Set of 5)
- Perdana Discourse Series: Positioning Malaysia in the World Arena DVD (Set of 2)

The Perdana Bookstore

The following titles are available for purchase at the Perdana Leadership Foundation. If you are interested in any of the titles, please contact Puan Latifah at 03 8885 8942 / latifah@perdana.org.my. All proceeds from the sale of these items will go to the Foundation.

Perdana Leadership Foundation Publications



Peace Dividends, War Profits: Proceedings from the Perdana Global Peace Forum 2005

Publisher : Perdana Leadership Foundation

Edited by : Dr. Rusnah Johare, Jasni Rahim, Zarina Abu Bakar, Shamsul Akmar Musa Kamal

Year : 2007

Price : RM 25.00

This Publication features the main speeches from the Perdana Global Peace Forum 2005 which was organised by the Perdana Leadership Foundation on December 15-17, 2005 at the Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur. The Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, delivered a dinner keynote address on Islam and Peace, while the Deputy Prime Minister, Dato' Sri Najib Tun Abdul Razak, presented the Forum's closing address



Merdeka 50: A Celebration of Malaysian Art

Publisher : Perdana Leadership Foundation and Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia (IAMM)

Author : Dr. Zakaria Ali

Year : 2007

Price : RM 80.00

This publication is a catalogue of the sixty-seven paintings and sculptures on display at the exhibition. Each work is accompanied by a commentary by the exhibition's curator, Dr. Zakaria Ali. More than just a catalogue, though, this book contains a fascinating essay on art and nationalism in Malaysia, revisiting the visual elements that embodied, in their time, the struggle for peace and independence. This book is also a tribute to Malaysia itself, illustrating the nation's progress and the patriotism that surrounds it.

New Publications from Perdana Leadership Foundation



Pemikiran Mahathir Mohamad: Kesenambungan Gelombang Keintelektualisme Melayu Global dari Munshi Abdullah dan Za'ba

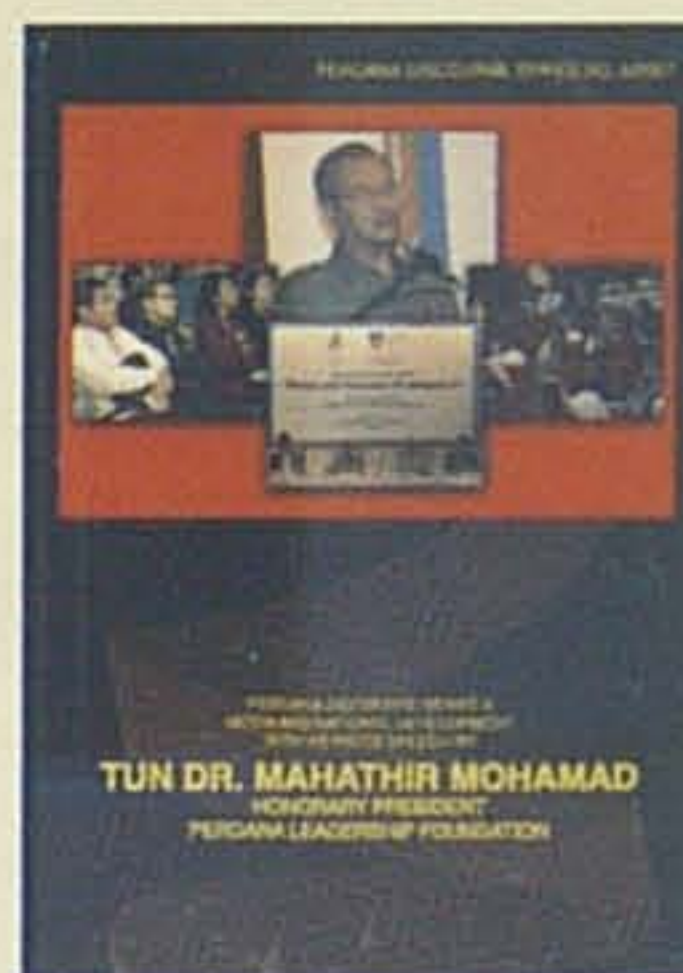
Publisher : Perdana Leadership Foundation

Author : Dato' Prof. Dr. Mohd Yusof Hasan

Year : 2008

Price : RM 60.00

Dato' Prof. Dr. Mohd Yusof Hasan, Perdana Leadership Foundation's Research Fellow, relate the intellectualism of three Malay personalities, Munshi Abdullah, Za'ba and Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. The three Malay personalities who advocated for the Malay race, offered solutions to the poverty of Malays and produced numerous writings on the subject.



Perdana Discourse Series 6: Media and National Development with Keynote Speech by Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad

Publisher : Perdana Leadership Foundation

Edited by : Norshidah Mohd Nordin, Rohaya Abdul Wahab, Radhah Ghouse, Shehah Mansor, Fazimah Hayati, Hasan Basri, Zarina Abu Bakar

Year : 2008

Price : RM 10.00

With a view of deliberating and defining the role of Media, the organisers, Perdana Leadership foundation together with Institute of Quality and Knowledge Advancement (InQKA), University Teknologi Mara, convened the sixth discourse series on the 18th April 2007. The discourse was an interactive platform where participants had the opportunity to share and discuss issues relating to the role of the media in sustaining stability for the country.



Mahathir Mohamad - An Illustrated Biography

Publisher : MPH

Author : Eugene Yu

Year : 2008

Price : RM 20.00 (Autographed copies - RM 100.00)

Launched by Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah binti Haji Mohamad Ali at the CEO Lecture Series on 8th August 2008, this comic pictorials presents the life story of the fourth Prime Minister, Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. This is the first time that his life story is being told entirely through cartoon panels. Mr. Yu has chronicled the journey of Dr. Mahathir from a child born in Kedah, to a doctor and young politician and then to becoming the fourth Prime Minister of Malaysia. Limited autographed copies dated 20.08.2008 are available for RM100.00 at the Foundation.

Visit from Majlis Ugama Islam dan Adat Resam Pahang

On 11th April 2008, 12 delegates from Majlis Ugama Islam dan Adat Resam Pahang visited the Perdana Library at the Foundation. Led by YDH Dato' Sri Wan Haji Abdul Wahid bin Wan Hassan (Orang Kaya Indera Pahlawan Pahang) and the Mufti of Pahang, YH Dato' Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Osman, the guests exchanged learning points with the PLF team led by PLF's General Manager. Among the topics of discussion were the history of the Foundation and the roles of Perdana Library as an archive centre for the legacies of Malaysia's past Prime Ministers. The guests were also brought on a tour of the Perdana Library.



Visit from Foreign Educationists

On 17th July 2008, educationists from various developing nations accompanied by staff of Multimedia University visited Perdana Leadership Foundation to pay a courtesy call on the Foundation's Honorary President, YABhg Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. During the short dialogue session, the delegates solicited the fourth Prime Minister of Malaysia's opinions on a range of issues, including the oil price increase, democracy and the global economy. It was a brief but substantive discussion, and delegates walked away enlightened by the perspectives offered by the former Premier. After the dialogue session, the delegates toured the Foundation and were introduced to the Perdana Library's extensive digital resources on Malaysia's leadership history.



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Auditorium, Perbadanan Putrajaya, Kompleks Perbadanan Putrajaya, 24, Persiaran Perdana, Presint 3, 62675 Putrajaya, Malaysia.
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Prof. Robert F. Engle is an American economist and the winner of the 2003 Nobel Prize in Economics, sharing the award with Clive Granger, "for methods of analyzing economic time series with time-varying volatility." Robert Engle's most important contribution was his path-breaking discovery of a method for analyzing unpredictable movements in financial market prices and interest rates. Accurate characterization and prediction of these volatile movements are essential for quantifying and effectively managing risk. Perdana Leadership Foundation is proud to host the event that will feature Prof. Engle with Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad on the same platform. Admission is free. For queries, please contact Ms Rose Halim for details (rose@perdana.org.my / 603-8885 8953).

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Perdana Leadership Foundation, Putrajaya
15th-17th December 2008

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