

**SPEECH BY
YAB DATO' SERI ABDULLAH BIN HAJI AHMAD BADAWI
THE ROYAL BOOK 'THE KING, THE MAN'
DI MANDARIN ORIENTAL KUALA LUMPUR
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BISMILLAHIR RAHMANIR RAHIM

MENGADAP SERI PADUKA BAGINDA RAJA PERMAISURI AGONG, TUANKU FAUZIAH BINTI AL-MARHUM TENGGU ABDUL RASHID

MENGHADAP DULI YANG TERAMAT MULIA RAJA PUAN MUDA PERLIS, TUANKU LAILATUL SHAHREEN AKASHAH

ASSALAMUALAIKUM WARAHMATULLAHI WABARAKATUH

AMPUN TUANKU BERIBU-RIBU AMPUN, SEMBAH PATIK MOHON DIAMPUN

ADALAH PATIK DENGAN SEGALA HORMAT TA'ZIMNYA, MEMOHON AMPUN MERAFAK SEMBAH MENJUNJUNG SETINGGI-TINGGI KASIH DI ATAS PERKENAN SERI PADUKA BAGINDA TUANKU MENCEMAR DULI BERANGKAT KE MAJLIS PELANCARAN BUKU DIRAJA "THE KING, THE MAN" PADA MALAM INI.

SESUNGGUHNYA, PERKENAN BAGINDA TUANKU HADIR MENCEMAR DULI AMAT BESAR ERTINYA DAN TELAH MENYERIKAN SUASANA MAJLIS YANG PENUH BERMAKNA INI. SESUNGGUHNYA, KEBERANGKATAN BAGINDA TUANKU AMAT DISANJUNG TINGGI OLEH PATIK SERTA PARA TETAMU YANG HADIR.

AMPUN TUANKU, PATIK TURUT TERHARU DAN AMAT SUKACITA BAGINDA TUANKU PERMAISURI DAN DULI YANG TERAMAT MULIA RAJA PUAN MUDA PERLIS TELAH BERANGKAT LEBIH AWAL DARI MASA YANG TELAH DITETAPKAN SEBELUM INI.

SESUNGGUHNYA, PELANCARAN BUKU "THE KING, THE MAN" INI AMAT BERMAKNA KEPADA KERAJAAN DAN RAKYAT DALAM MENGUKIR SEJARAH PEMERINTAHAN DULI YANG MAHA MULIA SERI PADUKA BAGINDA YANG DIPERTUAN AGONG DAN BAGINDA TUANKU PERMAISURI YANG AMAT KITA KASIHI DAN SANJUNGI. CATATAN DAN PERISTIWA YANG DIBAWA DALAM BUKU TERSEBUT DIHARAP MEMBERI SEDIKIT PENERANGAN DAN GAMBARAN KEPADA RAKYAT TENTANG PEMERINTAHAN BAGINDA TUANKU BERDUA DALAM MEMBAWA MALAYSIA KE TAHAP YANG LEBIH MAJU, AMAN DAN MAKMUR.

AMPUN TUANKU, PATIK MEMOHON IZIN DAN LIMPAN PERKENAN TUANKU UNTUK PATIK MEMBERI SEPATAH DUA KATA KEPADA PARA HADIRIN. AMPUN TUANKU.

YANG AMAT BERBAHAGIA TOH PUAN ZURINA KASSIM

YANG AMAT BERHORMAT DATO' SRI MOHD NAJIB BIN TUN ABDUL RAZAK,
TIMBALAN PERDANA MENTERI DAN YANG AMAT BERBAHAGIA DATIN SRI ROSMAH
BINTI MANSOR

YANG BERHORMAT MENTERI-MENTERI DAN ISTERI

YANG AMAT BERHORMAT MENTERI BESAR PERLIS DAN ISTERI

YANG BERBAHAGIA KETUA SETIAUSAHA NEGARA DAN ISTERI

YANG AMAT MULIA TENGGU PUTRI MAHKOTA PERLIS, DATO' SERI SHARIFAH
FAZIRA BINTI TUANKU SYED SIRAJUDDIN

YANG BERHORMAT TIMBALAN MENTERI DAN ISTERI

TUAN-TUAN YANG TERUTAMA PESURUHJAYA-PESURUHJAYA TINGGI DAN DUTA-
DUTA BESAR NEGARA ASING DAN ISTERI

KERABAT-KERABAT DIRAJA

DIF-DIF JEMPUTAN

Y BHG DATO' ARIFFIN YUSUF
PENGERUSI PROJEK DAN SIDANG PENGARANG BUKU DIRAJA

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

1. MALAYSIA'S NATIONAL MISSION IS TO BE A FULLY DEVELOPED NATION IN THE
YEAR 2020 AND BEYOND. HOWEVER, THIS MISSION WILL ONLY BE FULFILLED IF
MALAYSIA HAS ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND POLITICAL MATURITY WHILST
MAINTAINING UNITY, SOCIAL STABILITY AND STRONG VALUES.

2. OUR NATION HAS BEEN VERY FORTUNATE AND BLESSED. THE VERY FACT THAT
WE ARE A MULTIRACIAL NATION WHOSE DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES ARE ABLE TO
CO-EXIST, CO-OPERATE AND LIVE SIDE-BY-SIDE PEACEFULLY IS INDEED A
BLESSING. DESPITE THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS THAT NORMALLY ACCOMPANY
SUCH AN EXISTENCE, WE HAVE MANAGED VERY WELL AND CONTINUED TO MAKE
MUCH PROGRESS.

3. MALAYSIA HAS CHANGED RAPIDLY OVER THE YEARS AND WE HAVE APPLIED
MANY DIFFERENT METHODS AND APPROACHES TO DEVELOP THE SOCIAL,
ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STABILITY THAT WE HAVE NOW. HOWEVER, OUR
UNIQUE SYSTEM OF CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY IS SOMETHING THAT HAS
REMAINED UNCHANGED AND INTACT AS THE UNITING SYMBOL OF THE COUNTRY'S
SOVEREIGNTY.

4. THE MALAYSIAN SYSTEM OF CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY HAS BEEN IN
EXISTENCE CLOSE TO 50 YEARS NOW. THE MALAY ROYAL FAMILIES AND THEIR
TRADITIONS AND CEREMONIES HOWEVER, HAVE EXISTED FOR CENTURIES. THE
MALAYSIAN MONARCHY IS AN IMPORTANT INSTITUTION THAT HAS BEEN
INCORPORATED INTO THE MALAYSIAN WAY OF LIFE SINCE THE DAY WE ACHIEVED
NATIONHOOD STATUS. IT IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF OUR CONSTITUTION. IT IS
THE GUARDIAN OF RELIGION AND THE EMBLEM OF MALAY TRADITION. YET IT IS

ALSO A TRULY MALAYSIAN SYMBOL OF UNITY. THE FACT THAT IT HAS ENDURED THE TEST OF TIME INDICATES THAT THE SYSTEM OF ONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY IS INDEED WORKING WELL IN MALAYSIA AND IS ACCEPTED BY ALL MALAYSIANS.

5. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE RULERS FOR THEIR ROLES AND TONIGHT WE WILL WITNESS A SPECIAL PICTORIAL TRIBUTE TO HIS MAJESTY, TUANKU SYED SIRAJUDDIN PUTRA JAMALULLAIL, THE 12TH YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG OF MALAYSIA CONTAINING THE EVENTS THAT HAVE SHAPED OUR NATION DURING HIS MAJESTY'S FIVE-YEAR REIGN, BEGINNING FROM 2001.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

6. TUANKU SYED SIRAJUDDIN IS BY ALL ACCOUNTS, A PEOPLE'S RULER, WHO HAS THE INTERESTS OF HIS PEOPLE OR THE RAKYAT, CLOSE TO HIS HEART.

7. THE TIRELESS PARTICIPATION OF HIS MAJESTY AND TUANKU FAUZIAH, THE AT CHARITIES, SCHOOLS, MULTI-ETHNIC FESTIVALS, SPORTS AND OTHER PUBLIC EVENTS HAVE PROVIDED A CHANCE FOR THE MALAYSIAN PEOPLE TO SEE A RULER'S CONCERN FOR THEIR WELFARE. THEIR MAJESTIES' ROYAL PRESENCE HAS PROVIDED REASSURANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CONTINUITY OF MALAYSIAN VALUES IN ALL ASPECTS OF MALAYSIAN LIFE. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROMOTING UNITY AND STABILITY AMONGST MALAYSIANS.

8. WE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE HIS MAJESTY'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE MALAYSIA TO OTHER COUNTRIES. WHENEVER HIS MAJESTY HAS REPRESENTED MALAYSIA ABROAD, HE HAS NEVER FAILED TO IMPRESS HIS FOREIGN HOSTS WITH HIS VAST KNOWLEDGE AND INTERESTS IN A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS, INCLUDING POLITICS, BUSINESS, AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES.

9. HIS MAJESTY HAS ALSO SHOWN A STRONG COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT FOR THE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY BY INTERACTING CLOSELY WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

10. TUANKU SYED SIRAJUDDIN AND TUANKU FAUZIAH HAVE GRACED US WITH THEIR ROYAL PRESENCE AND LEADERSHIP AND THEY HAVE INSTILLED A STRONG SENSE OF UNITY AND STABILITY AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

11. I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND THE TEAM EFFORT FOR PUTTING THIS BOOK TOGETHER AND DATO' ARIFFIN M. YUSUF FOR SPEARHEADING THE PROJECT UPON THE ADVICE OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, TUANKU SYED FAIZUDDIN PUTRA JAMALULLAIL, THE REGENT OF PERLIS. CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE.

12. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXPRESS MY OWN AND ON THE RAKYAT'S BEHALF, HEARTFELT THANKS FOR THEIR MAJESTIES' EXEMPLARY REIGN.

13. ON THAT NOTE, IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I OFFICIALLY LAUNCH THIS ROYAL BOOK ENTITLED THE KING, THE MAN TO MARK THE SUCCESSFUL REIGN OF TUANKU SYED SIRAJUDDIN AS THE COUNTRY'S 12TH YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG AND TUANKU FAUZIAH, THE QUEEN. IT WILL SERVE AS ONE OF MANY REMINDERS OF THEIR MAJESTIES' CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RAKYAT'S WELL BEING AND TO MALAYSIA'S UNITY, STABILITY AND PEACE.

AMPUN TUANKU. BAGI MENGAKHIRI UCAPAN PATIK PADA MAJLIS PELANCARAN INI, PATIK BAGI PIHAK KERAJAAN SEKALI LAGI MERAFAKKAN SETINGGI-TINGGI KASIH ATAS PERKENAN DULI YANG MAHA MULIA SERI BAGINDA TUANKU PERMAISURI BERANGKAT KE MAJLIS PELANCARAN BUKU "THE KING, THE MAN" PADA MALAM INI.

SEKIAN, WABILLAHIT TAUFIK WALHIDAYAH, WASSALAMUAILAKUM WARAHMATULLAHIBARAKATUH.