

SPEECH BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER IN THE
GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE DEWAN LATIHAN
R.I.D.A., KUALA LUMPUR ON 19TH DECEMBER, 1964

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to be here today at the Graduation Ceremony of qualified students from this Dewan Latihan R.I.D.A.

I understand that you, who were graduated, have received training in commercial practice, business management, and other aspects of training which will fit you to enter into a life and a career in commerce.

I understand also that over the past few years there has been a great demand from business houses and business enterprise throughout the Country to employ people trained by the College, and I do wish each one of you, new Graduates, the very best of luck not only in obtaining employment but in establishing yourself in the future career in the industry of our Country.

As you know, Ladies and Gentlemen, we are in the fourth year of our National Development Plan and we plan our Development by phase. The first phase was to revolutionize the machinery of Government for Development and take action, on the Government side, in what is called the public sector, of producing the framework for development, such as facilities like roads, schools, health services and other things.

The second phase of our Development Programme was to open up more land for the people in our rural areas and to call on them to play their part in obtaining a better way of life and a better livelihood with better facilities given to them by Government.

The third phase into which we are entering now is the phase of marketing and very soon the National Rural Marketing Authority will be established to ensure that our rural producers get a fair return for their labour and their produce.

The fourth phase of our Rural Development Programme is a vigorous attempt to ensure that those who, although they were born in the rural areas in new villages or in kampongs, they will nevertheless, have an

equal chance and an equal opportunity of entering into a more competitive world of the commerce and industry of our Country.

There is nothing mysterious or mystic about competitive business and commerce and the fact that anyone of us here in Malaysia may have been born in a remote rural areas should be no obstacle or deterrent to his or her entering and being successful in business or commercial life. The real thing that is necessary is good and sound training irrespective of what this original background may have been.

Think for a moment of those large jet set planes which arrive every day at our International Airport. Most of us praise and admire the skill of the pilots in being able to land a load of human passengers safely in an intricate and scientifically baffling machine such as a jet aeroplane: And yet those pilots whom we admire for their skill were not in fact the sons of aircraft pilots nor did they have a long family background of skill flying. No, some of them are even the sons of farmers in the rural areas. But with efficient and correct training, these pilots are able to compete with any other pilot throughout the World.

So there it is, Ladies and Gentlemen.

What I am trying to say is that given the right opportunities and the right training, there is no reason whatsoever why there should not be a continuous flow of our rural youth into the private, commercial and industrial sector or our economy.

My Government have plans to intensify, by several hundred per cent, such opportunities for training our rural youth so that they may be equipped, confident and competent to play their part in business.

As a first start this Dewan Latihan will be extended, on a new site with a new building more staff and more facilities so that the present output of students may be multiplied ten-fold not only to give opportunities to the youth in the States of Malaya but also to ensure that there are ample vacancies for our brothers in Sabah, Sarawak and Singapore.

However, Ladies and Gentlemen, although I myself continually stress the importance of training and, as I said, my Government is taking active and positive steps to intensify and increase this training-training in itself would be of no value unless in the hearts and minds of each one of you who have graduated today, there is the will to work, the will to compete and the will to win because business and

commerce, not only in Malaysia alone but throughout the World is possibly the most competitive and exacting form of life that any of us can take part in.

Again, I would like to wish you all the very best success in your new employment.



Gambar menunjukkan Y.A.B. Tun Haji Abdul Razak bin Hussein sedang berucap di Persidangan Perwakilan Tahunan yang ke Sembilan bagi Majlis Kakitangan Perkhidmatan Buruh Kasar dan Perusahaan Kerajaan di Plantation House, Petaling Jaya pada 19 Disember 1964.