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1. FDI had proved useful for the creation of jobs in our country. But today things have changed. We no longer need to create low pay jobs as we no longer have the workers. These jobs go to the foreign workers. This does not benefit us much.
2. Besides the foreign investors bring in hardly any capital. They borrow locally from foreign banks operating here. During the tax holiday period they pay no tax. After the holiday is over they avoid paying tax through transfer pricing i.e. by selling their products to companies owned by them established in low-tax countries.
3. They also enjoy our subsidies for fuel and electricity.
4. FDI for investment in the stock market is much liked by the stock exchange as there would be more commission. But the foreign funds, especially pension funds invest in order to push up stock prices. The index would rise. The moment something happens, including falling share prices in New York or other cities, foreign investors would dump their holdings and pull out of the country (flight to quality). They would make huge capital gains but local investors who had followed them would be left holding the devalued shares. Huge amounts of market capital would be lost. This was what happened in the financial crisis of 1997-98.
5. We should be more selective with FDI. Where there is local capacity as in property development in designated corridors, and Government is willing to invest in infrastructures, there is no necessity to invite foreign investors. Certainly we should not encourage foreign developers to develop high cost projects which are not within reach of local buyers. Rather Government should help local investors to develop these specialised areas by building needed infrastructure.
6. If we wish to have FDI, it should be confined to industries which bring in technologies which can add high value to the products. The pay for the workers at different levels should be higher as such industries can afford higher pay. In fact we should phase out the industries dependent on cheap labour. Wherever possible, incentives such as tax exemptions should be given to industries owned by locals if they bring in technologies from abroad. Even the expansion of certain locally-owned industries should be given incentives by the Government. This is the strategy employed by Japan and Korea. By supporting local industries to grow big, they now have world class business with their own brand names.

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By Rimba EmasAuthor Profile Page on July 1, 2010 12:27 PM

SALAM BUAT TUN BERDUA MOGA DIRAHMATI ALLAH S.W.T

1) SEKALI LAGI KOMPUTER RIMBA EMAS DISERANG VIRUS MEMERLUKAN WANG DAN MASA UNTUK MEMBAIKINYA.

- 2) LAMBATAN INI RIMBA EMAS HANYA INGIN KOMEN SECARA RINGKAS TERHADAP FDI INI.
- 3) PADA PENDAPAT RIMBA EMAS ISU SEBENARNYA LEBIH KEPADA PELUANG UNTUK BEKERJA DALAM INDUSTRI MILIK PELABOR LUAR NEGARA INI.
- 4) LUMRAH MAKAN GAJI DENGAN MAJIKAN LUAR INI IALAH DAYA KETAHANAN KITA BEKERJA DENGAN SISTEM YANG DIGUNA PAKAI OLEH MAJIKAN KITA ITU.
- 5) ASALNYA KERAJAAN MENGHARAPKAN DUIT CUKAI DAN KERAJAAN BERJAYA MENDAPATKANNYA SEHINGGA KESAN SEPERTI KRISIS EKONOMI BOLEH MEMBERI KESAN KEPADA PEKERJA BILA PEMBUANGAN PEKERJA BERLAKU.
- 6) KINI ADA CARA LAIN PELABOR INI UNTUK MENGELAK CUKAI MAKA BARULAH KERAJAAN MULA MEMBUKA MATA BAHAWA TEKANAN SEBAGAI PEKERJA YANG DIBUANG AKAN DI AMBIL PERHATIAN JUGA AKHIRNYA KERANA SUMBER CUKAI AKAN BERKURANGAN.
- 7) TIADA BEZA SYARIKAT BESAR MILIK JEPUN DAN KOREA INI JUGA BERGANTUNG KEPADA PEKERJA ASING SEBAGAI BURUH. RUGI KITA KERANA KITA TIDAK SEPERTI MEREKA SEBAGAI PEMILIK PERUSAHAAN.
- 8) MALAH KEJAYAAN MEREKA JUGA TIDAK BOLEH DIBANGGAKAN KERANA SISTEM YANG DI GUNA PAKAI TERLALU BERASASKAN 'KERJA KUAT' SEHINGGA TIDAK MENGENAL AGAMA YANG SEBENAR. (INI BOLEH DILIHAT KADAR MEMBUNUH DIRI WALAU PUN KAYA RAYA TETAPI RAPOH JIWA DENGAN TUHAN YANG SEBENAR)
- 9) KEJAYAAN PERUSAHAAN MILIK MALAYSIA JUGA TIDAK BERMAKNA KALAU JIWA PEKERJA-PEKERJA TERJAUH DARI YANG MAHA BERKUASA IAITU ALLAH S.W.T. HANYA SETAKAT DI DUNIA YANG TIDAK BERLANJUTAN KE AKHIRAT.
- 10) SYARIKAT YANG BERJAYA IALAH SEORANG PENGURUS YANG DAPAT MEMBAWA KEJAYAAN KEPADA MALAYSIA YANG DIRESTUI OLEH ALLAH S.W.T DENGAN PEKERJA-PEKERJANYA JUGA TAAT KEPADA SEGALA SURUHAN ALLAH S.W.T.
- 11) SYARIKAT SEPERTI GAMBARAN RIMBA EMAS DIATAS AMAT SUKAR DITUBUHKAN DI MALAYSIA KERANA FAKTOR 1MALAYSIA YANG BUKAN MEWAJIBKAN SESEORANG ITU MESTI SEORANG ISLAM BARULAH BOLEH MEMBUKA SESUATU PERUSAHAAN ITU.

WALLAHU'ALAM

By HajarAuthor Profile Page on July 1, 2010 12:04 AM

Dearest YAB Tun,

Allow me to respond to parameswara 2:

///"By parameswara 2 on June 28, 2010 10:27 PM

To prove my point-will Hajar buy a Proton Perdana V-6, or a Toyota Camry if both are selling at about similar prices? If you choose Proton is it because of the quality or just your patriotism?"///

My answer:

Thanks for your response and question.

I would (with 99.9% certainty level) buy Proton Perdana V6 (if I need a bigger car). Normally, I go for "value for my money". Since Proton cars are Malaysian products, the spare parts would cost less, and this would definitely lower my maintenance cost. By the way, I am also a loyal Proton user (many people

wonder why I don't go for imported car since I can afford one).

From my observations, those Malaysians who complain a lot about Proton cars actually make the assumption that once they own the cars, they do not have to worry about the maintenance cost of the cars. So, some bought Proton cars (that are generally cheaper than imported cars) even though they do not have the capacity to maintain their cars. For example, a broken power window that normally costs only a few hundred ringgit is considered a BIG DEAL to those without EXTRA MONEY (tengah bulan pun dah kehabisan duit). To me this is a small matter. Having said that, I also hope Proton Holdings improves the quality of Proton cars. Constructive criticisms are good, but condemning Proton cars for simple/small matters is a bit too much.

Thanks Tun.

** May Allah SWT bless Tun & family **

By hurricanemaxAuthor Profile Page on June 30, 2010 6:40 PM

without FDI? Yeah, right! so many of us will be out of jobs in double quick time. Who then will be setting up industries and businesses to engage the Rakyat...our local businessmen? Our Government led GLCs? Our politicians? We have so many such corrupted leaders and captains of the industry, that their (ill) gotten gains are all parked overseas!

By HBTAuthor Profile Page on June 30, 2010 2:52 PM

For Ayahanda Tun's information and reading pleasure since you are not a personal investor:-

Wednesday June 30, 2010

When stock exchange issues unusual market activity queries do you buy or sell?

Personal Investing - By Ooi Kok Hwa

LATELY, Bursa Malaysia has issued unusual market activity (UMA) queries on some listed companies due to unusual price movement and trading activities.

Normally, companies that are being issued UMA queries have very high trading volumes and surge in stock prices within a short period of time without any significant corporate announcement.

Based on our observations, in most cases, the stock prices for companies affected will not go up after the UMA queries, as most investors might view these queries as negative event to the companies.

Even though the stocks are not being suspended for trading, most traders will try to avoid them as they may be suspended later.

According to the Main Board's Listing Requirement (LR) Paragraph 9.11, UMA is referred to as unusual price movement, trading activity or both.

The listed issuer must immediately undertake a due enquiry to seek the cause of the UMA in its securities. They are required to determine whether the UMA are attributed to information that has recently been publicly disclosed, has not been publicly disclosed or is a market rumour.

Most of the time, the UMA queries are issued on companies with some possibility of trading on material non-public information.

According to LR Paragraph 9.15, insiders must not trade on the basis of material information which is not known to the investing public.

Besides, according to Section 188 of the Capital Markets & Services Act 2007, anyone who commits an offence under insider trading shall be punished on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10

years and to a fine of not less than RM1mil.

Despite heavy fine and punishment for trading on insider information, each time Bursa Malaysia issues UMA queries on any listed companies, the general public may be able to predict the “standard” replies from them.

The “standard” replies from these companies are “To the best knowledge the Board of Directors of the Company is not aware of any other corporate developments, any rumour or report, any possible explanation on UMA or any material information”

It is very seldom that the listed companies will explain in detail on the UMA.

Even though we do believe that sometimes certain listed companies may not be aware of the sudden surge in stock prices and volumes, however, if the trading volumes per day accounted for a big percentage of the outstanding shares of the listed companies, the major shareholders may be aware of the reasons driving the heavy trading volumes.

This is because usually the key owners of the companies are, at any time, fully aware of the major shareholders of their companies.

Being retail investors who own a very small number of shares in these companies, we need to observe how these companies response to the UMA queries. If there is no other major corporate developments after the UMA queries, like what they claimed earlier that they were not aware of any major corporate developments, then we will consider their earlier “standard reply” as genuine.

Otherwise, if there are major corporate developments within the companies in the subsequent periods, we believe that there may be certain forms of insider trading during the UMA period.

As mentioned earlier, traders and speculators will try to avoid speculating stocks with UMA queries because they worry that if the stock prices continue to surge higher, the companies may be suspended from trading.

A good quality of management will try their best to explain the possible causes for the UMA whereas a bad quality of management will only provide minimal information with the “standard” reply and take advantage of higher share prices in the subsequent major corporate announcements.

Lastly, as one of Abraham Lincoln’s (America’s 16th President – 1861-65) famous sayings: “You may fool all the people some of the time, you can even fool some of the people all of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all the time”.

We believe that sometimes even though some companies’ owners may be able to take advantage on investors, it will eventually be discovered by the public and resulted in a bad reflection on the quality of the management.

As investors, we need to be extra careful when considering buying into these companies in the future.

Ooi Kok Hwa is an investment adviser and managing partner of MRR Consulting.

Comment:

How they can runaway in 'dunia bogel' like what they have been doing since 1997 crisis until today whereby we can access to any information from mouth to mouth, domestic news, world news, data management, professional opinions, column specialists, internet access, field work, gossips and etc.....

Have a pleasant evening, Ayahanda Tun.

By HBTAuthor Profile Page on June 30, 2010 11:33 AM

Good morning Ayahanda Tun,

I do not know what to write about the comment written by hajiluna2030, and what is in his mind when he is writing his comment. Instead of going down to the correct base to learn the techniques and know how to add value to himself, he prefers to move backward instead to repeat the 1998 financial crisis so that Malaysia forecast to be young and poor by 2030 by making suggestions out of universal norm by syioking diri again in nuke world now assuming that Malaysians are Bangsa Melayu.

The reality is most Malaysians, especially the young Malays prefer not to work in PDRM, instead they prefer to join as Polis Bantuan Sektor Koporat. Jet engines after months of political speculation suddenly transferred back to KL as claimed by Ahmad Zahidi through the assistance of AG Abdul Ghani. Young Malay student was bullied and got killed in the RMAF School in Sungai Besi, senyap saja in the hope that rakyat will forgive and forget 3 years from now. The foreign construction labours for Istana Negara at RM800 millions in Jalan Duta complained that they did not get 3 months salary from Maya Maju Sdn Bhd. MP Batu, Tian Chua told the press that our Kementerian Pertahanan Malaysia bought Defense equipments at 20% cost higher than few other countries which do not have self-manufacturing plants. SPR was fired by entah apanama ahli politik UMNO for not doing their job by increasing the Melayu Votes, and the ratio is 1:40 from Melayu to Bangsa Bukan Melayu 'mcm gombang' in dunia bogel..... ended with bankrupt....then TUTUP, sigh!

Does Melayu know what is going on or he prefers to stick to Me-layu current mission without Vision Wawasan 2020?

Comment By hajiluna2030 on June 30, 2010 4:21 AM to Malaysian Insider report of Malaysia forecast to be 'young and poor' by 2030 By Lee Wei Lian June 29, 2010

KUALA LUMPUR, June 29 — Malaysia's relatively high population growth rate will see the country remain comparatively young over the next two decades but economic growth is not expected to keep pace with population expansion, according to a report by Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Most developed countries experience lower population growth than developing countries and thus become older as they grow richer but China and Thailand however, are forecast to grow old before they can become rich with more than 15 per cent of the population aged above 65 years in the next 15-20 years.

The forecasts are part of an analysis by Bank of America Merrill Lynch on the impact of demographic trends on investment opportunities.

It also found that the population in Hong Kong, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan and Australia are growing old fast but they are expected to remain among the wealthiest in the world.

By 2015, Malaysia is forecast to have an elderly dependency ratio (EDR) — population aged above 64 divided by population aged between 15 and 64 — of 10 with a GDP per capita calculated on purchasing power parity (PPP) basis of US\$20,000 (RM64,950). Current young and rich countries such as Australia, Singapore and the US have EDR's of between 15 and 25 with a GDP per capita of between US\$50,000 to US\$70,000.

By 2030, Malaysia's EDR is expected to be about 15 with a GDP per capita of about US\$50,000 while Australia, Singapore and the US are expected to have an EDR of between 30 and 40 and per capita GDPs of US\$110,000 and US\$160,000.

The report also suggested however that based solely on the ratio of prime savers — defined as population aged between 40 and 64 — to the rest of the population, the stock markets of China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines are expected to outperform those of Australia, Hong Kong, Korea,

Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand in the next 20 years.

It added that in advanced economies such as the US and the UK, the stock market "can rationally factor in the demographic trend, usually a few years ahead". It said that there is a risk of that relationship becoming "self-fulfilling" leading to decades of bear markets in those countries.

"The stock markets and financial assets are arguably most influenced by the mid-aged people," said the report. "Hence, it is not surprising that the correlation between Mid-Young ratio and the aggregate value of stocks traded is quite high for most Asian countries."

The report said that there were investment opportunities in the education sector in China, India and the Philippines unlike Australia and Korea which have the most highly education labour force.

It also said that Australia and Thailand have room for development in the private healthcare sector and that India, Philippines and Singapore lag in terms of public spending on healthcare.

Good Day, Ayahanda Tun.

By parameswara 2Author Profile Page on June 30, 2010 11:00 AM

Salam dearest Tun,

May I..
salam Sdr Razak,

I truly admire your positive vibe and the high confidence you have in the system.

Our job as the Rakyat is only to contribute ideas what we believe will be good for everyone in the country. Whether the Govt want to act upon it or not is entirely up to them. For all the initiative out of our care and love for our nation, God will bless us ,insya'Allah.

That's the attitude. Keep it coming.

Thanks Tun

By hajiluna2030Author Profile Page on June 30, 2010 4:21 AM

Dear Tun,

Forty years ago my late mother was doing research for Pernas, she was assign to go to France to do an assignment on Carefour. I was very proud of what she was doing because that particular job will make our economy great.

Boy, was I wrong!

Today, Carefour, Tesco, jusco and others alike are ravaging and destroying the business of our local countrymen in the goods industries. Their arrival as you mentioned to be Foreign Direct Investors is putting away most of our local Supermarkets, local minimarkets and so forth. Maybe the government intention was to stop and weaken the chinese domination. But was it justified on the bread and butter of our countrymen we gave our ringgit to the French, the Britons and the Japanese instead of Malaysian chinese.

Is it a good ratio when the wages a hundred of our people is equal to the big salary to one of their top brass. My friend who is the floor manager gets RM2,000.00 a month with RM10,000.00 worth of benefit a year compared to the CEO whom we not need to mention must French will get nearly USD\$20,000.00 a month with almost USD\$50,000.00 benefit and that is just a rough figure. What is the justification in this if they say FDI will create jobs in our country.

After explaining this do you think that this should go on? On and on, another after another, for anybody who have read this! From now on think before you buy anything from somewhere. Your responsibility is to make sure that the monies that we spend need to come back to us as something better for our country,

Malaysia. Not to France, England or somewhere else which we know that will never give us the same opportunity that we give to them. For instance can they give us licence to open MalaysiaMart in let say in the middle of Paris. That should be great, we will do big business there because we have cheap subsidized sugar, I'm sure we can beat all the hypermarket there because we got all the cheap item to sell over there. We must get subsidized sugar because here in our country our government we subsidized their sugar, flour and so forth.

Dear Tun i think it's about time that we invite FDI from companies which will build all type of flying machine including fighter jets that can save our military budgets. Companies that produce weaponaries including the latest machine guns. there are lots of choices out there.
thank you, your sincerity towards our country future is the key to our success.

By razakAuthor Profile Page on June 30, 2010 2:14 AM

Salam Sdr Parameswara 2,

Terimakasih atas pandangan saudara. Saya pernah hantar pandangan saya tentang kesesakan di Kuala Lumpur pada laman Facebook PM. Saya cakap kesesakan di Kuala Lumpur takkan selesai jika LRT dibuat di sekeliling Kuala Lumpur sahaja (KL-Kelanajaya-Wangsa Maju) sebab ramai yang tinggal di Damansara, Puchong, Putrajaya, Bangi, Kajang tetapi bekerja di Kuala Lumpur. Mengapa tidak sediakan LRT yang menyambungkan bandar-bandar ini. Laluan LRT juga harus berdekatan dengan kawasan perumahan dan akan melalui shopping complex yang besar seperti Sunway Pyramid, Mid Valley, kawasan IKEA Damansara, One Utama dan lain2 shopping complex yang penting kerana ramai rakyat yang bekerja dan meluangkan waktu semasa cuti umum di sini. Alhamdulillah, nampaknya idea saya sudah diterima. Baru-baru ini saya dengar LRT akan disambungkan ke Puchong, Bukit Jalil dan beberapa kawasan lain dengan kos berbillion ringgit. Ramai rakyat lebih rela menggunakan LRT daripada gunakan kereta sebab kena bayar tol, minyak, parking yang bukannya murah. Itulah sebabnya negara jepun, rakyatnya sanggup jalan kaki (atau naik basikal) 2 batu ke stesen keretapi. Setiap 5 minit, keretapi akan sampai. Jadi tiap-tiap hari boleh timing masa tiba di pejabat. Saya juga telah menegur mengapa Putrajaya tidak dibina monorail atau LRT. Pada hari kerja, kenderaan bersesak-sesak di bulatan besar. Adalah lebih baik monorail/LRT disambungkan ke pejabat-pejabat kerajaan, hospital dan kawasan perumahan di precinct-precinct di Putrajaya. Lagipun kawasan parking di pejabat-pejabat kerajaan dan hospital sangat kurang. Saya lihat bas Nadi Putra sangat kurang digunakan sewaktu cuti umum, dan kerajaan akan rugi kerana terpaksa membayar setiap hari walaupun tak digunakan oleh rakyat. Saya juga berharap, saudara semua memberi idea kepada pemerintah supaya jika ramai rakyat meminta perkara yang sama, pemerintah juga akan mula berfikir dan membuat kajian mengenai perkara tersebut sebelum dilaksanakan. Berikan cadangan-cadangan yang membina (dan bukannya sembang kosong) untuk memajukan Malaysia. Satu hari nanti jika Ayahanda Tun sudah tiada, kita pula yang akan meneruskan usaha beliau untuk kemajuan anak-anak kita dan negara tercinta, Malaysia. Insya-Allah.
By donplaypuksAuthor Profile Page on June 29, 2010 2:04 PM

Tun

My apologies for digressing.

I think as many as possible should act TODAY to stop a miscarriage of justice from taking place in the MACC vs lawyer Rosli Dahlan case as reported by Din Merican here.

It appears some one has manipulated a change of judge in the midst of a trial going badly for the MACC, with ominous implications now for Rosli.

How can this happen? Why was the presiding judge hastily transfered to Melaka and a new one appointed when the trial had already reached an advanced stage? What was the urgency of the transfer of a high Court judge?

How can we expect the new judge to understand the testimony or demeanour of MACC's 2 main witnesses who had testified earlier and really, taken to the cleaners by Rosli Dahlan lawyers for being evasive, obstructive, misleading and indulging in plain old unvarnished "terminological inexactitudeness"?

What's happening in our courts right in front of our eyes is unbelievable!!

Trust you'll blog about it.

Thank you.

dpp

we are all of 1 race, the Human Race

By parameswara 2Author Profile Page on June 28, 2010 10:27 PM

Dearest Tun,

May I..

Hajar June 25 2010 10:55 pm

I agree with Tun but most Malaysians look down on our own/local products for example proton..#

I think it is a universal thing that people would have more confidence with established brands rather than with new upstarts. That's why in any country govt must invoke patriotism and sacrifices if it want to start a national project. Established foreign cars have to be made very much costlier. Or simply not allowed in at all.

We will buy the new local cars only if it is made cheaper .But are they really? If in the past we can buy cars in their basic form now many accessories are made compulsory - like sports rims, and all other little little things- that add up can cost you an unnecessary Rm5,000-00. Proton ,the car maker, EON the distributors and all accessories maker make easy money out of us patriotic Malaysians who have no choice.

But Proton cannot take us for granted anymore. While we were sacrificing they should have at that time build up their quality to par with the foreign makes. I sincerely find they have not. I am a loyal Proton user, I know. To prove my point-will Hajar buy a Proton Perdana V-6, or a Toyota Camry if both are selling at about similar prices? If you choose Proton is it because of the quality or just your patriotism?

If we care for the future of our local cars we must give sincere feedback and criticism when it is warranted. Because our patriotism cannot help sell the car in the overseas market. It's a jungle out there!
By IdeaAuthor Profile Page on June 28, 2010 4:39 PM

Dear Tun,

I wish you are always in good health.

2. This is a good notion.

3. In response to the comment posted by 'Wenger J Khairy', the development of Cyberjaya has been distorted by Cyberview Sdn Bhd, the monopoly.

By tuan tulis talangAuthor Profile Page on June 28, 2010 1:22 PM

Dear Tun,
Allow me.

By Wenger J.Khairy.

I like how you phrase the point 6 " If we wish to have FDI ..." Its not a case weather we wish or do not wish for FDI....

Why do the present Government do not have a choice ? Your statement shows that Najib fails to identify the type of FDI that is good for Malaysia..... or he fail to analyse the global situation .

What i feel is that , The present Government led by Najib is in DESPERATE mode , as long any Tom Dick & Harry who brings in investment ...he will declare to the Rakyat .. "SAYA TELAH BERJAYA MEMBAWA PELABURAN KE NEGARA " All he wants is cheap STUNT to " GET RICH PUBLICITY SCHEME"

I hope Wenger JKhairy , learn from history and not make statement just at your own fancy .

By HBTAuthor Profile Page on June 28, 2010 12:41 PM

Ayahanda Tun,

BERITA

Isnin Jun 28, 2010

Nasib Jambatan Ganti Tambak Johor Sukar Diramal

Oleh IWAN SHU-ASWAD

1. PERDANA Menteri, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak berkata, kerajaan akan mengkaji semula rancangan asal pembinaan jambatan bagi menggantikan Tambak Johor.
2. Demikian respon beliau selepas Sultan Johor, Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar mahu Kerajaan Pusat mempertimbangkan semula pembinaan jambatan itu.
3. Menteri, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak berkata, kerajaan akan mengkaji semula rancangan asal pembinaan jambatan bagi menggantikan Tambak Johor Demikian respon beliau selepas Sultan Johor, Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar mahu Kerajaan Pusat mempertimbangkan semula pembinaan jambatan itu.
4. Kerajaan sebelum ini tidak pernah menentang rancangan untuk membina jambatan bagi menggantikan tambak itu, malah Kabinet juga tidak pernah membuat keputusan bahawa tambak itu tidak akan digantikan dengan jambatan.
5. Malaysia pernah memutuskan akan meneruskan cadangan membina jambatan bagi menggantikan jambatan itu tanpa menunggu kata putus daripada Singapura bagi melengkapkan Kompleks Kastam, Imigresen dan Kuarantin (QIC).
6. Bagaimanapun, tindakan itu menyebabkan Singapura menghantar nota bantahan pihak ketiga bagi mendapatkan penjelasan mengenai tindakan Malaysia.
7. Jambatan yang sepatutnya dibina oleh kontraktor, Gerbang Perdana Sdn Bhd itu membabitkan peruntukan lebih RM600 juta sepatutnya siap pada tahun 2009.
8. Bagaimanapun, yang menjadi halangan untuk membina jambatan apabila Singapura mahu menetapkan syarat supaya Malaysia menjual pasir dan penggunaan ruang udara.
9. Tidak keterlaluan jika syarat penjualan pasir sebanyak 50 juta tan metrik setahun selama 20 tahun untuk kerja penambakan di negara itu dianggap melampau.
10. Kedua-dua 'permintaan' itu merupakan sesuatu yang sukar diterima pakai sekiranya menilai dari aspek politik yang hanya mewujudkan ketegangan antara kedua negara.

11. Tidakkah mereka terfikir bahawa pembinaan jambatan ganti yang dirancang oleh Malaysia bukan 'syok sendiri', tetapi mewujudkan situasi menang-menang kepada kedua pihak.
12. Sudah terang lagi bersuluh bahawa projek itu bertujuan membina sebuah jambatan, maka sudah tentu ia memudahkan hubungan antara kedua negara.
13. Walaupun beberapa siri rundingan dilakukan bersama Singapura, namun mereka masih tidak berpuas hati dengan keputusan Malaysia meneruskan pembinaan jambatan baru.
14. Hendak buat macam mana sekiranya ketegasan itu adalah sikap Singapura sejak dahulu yang sukar memberikan kerjasama dalam banyak perkara.
15. Dilema ini menimbulkan kebuntuan sehingga Kabinet terpaksa membatalkan keputusan untuk membina jambatan bagi menggantikan Tambak Johor.
16. Maka tidak hairanlah ia terus berlarutan dari zaman kepimpinan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed (kini Tun) dan Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi (kini Tun).
17. Pensyarah Sains Politik Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Profesor Madya Mohammad Agus Yussoff berkata, keputusan Najib untuk mengkaji semula rancangan asal pembinaan jambatan bagi menggantikan Tambak Johor amat dipersetujui.
18. Bagaimanapun beliau berkata, perkara itu perlu dibentangkan di Parlimen bagi mengelakkan sebarang masalah berbangkit antara parti-parti politik.
19. "Ini bukan sekadar keputusan pentadbiran, tetapi pandangan dua hala yang memerlukan ketelusan tanpa mencetuskan sebarang provokasi atau bantahan.
20. "Kerajaan perlu memberi ruang kepada rakyat untuk bersuara kerana rancangan ini merupakan kepentingan untuk rakyat juga," katanya kepada mStar Online ketika dihubungi.
21. Mohammad Agus menyifatkan pembentangan itu merupakan satu pendekatan yang baik dan perlu dilakukan secara teliti bagi memberi keseimbangan dalam pelaksanaan kelak.
22. Beliau tidak menafikan pembinaan jambatan bagi menggantikan Tambak Johor itu melibatkan Singapura, namun katanya, itu adalah soal kedua.
24. "Apa yang lebih penting adalah reaksi dalaman di kalangan rakyat dan pembangkang selain kerajaan. Jika baik pandangannya, maka baiklah keputusannya.
25. "Langkah bijak dan adil ini pasti tidak timbul sebarang sensitiviti. Jika tidak, ia hanya merugikan rakyat dan negara," ujarnya.
26. Mengenai sikap tegas Singapura sebelum ini bakal melihat kegagalan berulang, Mohammad Agus menjelaskan, senario kini banyak berbeza, bukan seperti dahulu.
27. Menurut beliau, Malaysia banyak bertolak-ansur dengan Singapura dalam banyak perkara dan ini sudah menunjukkan persefahaman negara terhadap negara jiran.
28. Hubungan dua hala memerlukan 'give and take', maka terdapat kemungkinan Singapura akan mempertimbangkan rancangan Malaysia meneruskan pembinaan jambatan ganti.
29. Cabaran besar di sini adalah kos pembinaannya kerana kerajaan perlu melihat sama ada pembinaan jambatan ganti ini benar-benar memberikan keuntungan kepada rakyat.

30. "Kajian semula yang dinyatakan Najib itu amat bertepatan. Apapun, kerajaan seharusnya tidak melupakan majoriti rakyat sebagai aspirasi dalam menilai keputusan itu," katanya.
31. Kini Najib pula menyambung legasi bagi rancangan berkenaan bagi merealisasikannya.
32. Adakah Najib bakal mengubah keputusan dan melembutkan sikap 'degil' Singapura menerusi corak pemerintahan beliau, itu mungkin juga akan 'dikaji semula'.
33. Dengan tindakan itu, semoga keputusan akhir akan mendapat persefahaman kedua-dua negara demi keperluan dan kepentingan rakyat masing-masing.
34. Ini sejajar dengan konsep 1 Malaysia yang telah diperkenalkan Najib, 'Rakyat Didahulukan, Pencapaian Diutamakan'.
45. Bagaimanapun setakat ini belum ada ulasan lanjut mengenainya, namun sudah dinyatakan bahawa beliau akan mengkaji semula terhadap rancangan asal berkenaan.
36. Pembinaan jambatan bagi menggantikan Tambak Johor merupakan antara projek infrastruktur yang diperuntukkan kepada Johor dalam Rancangan Malaysia Kesembilan (RMK-9).
37. Peruntukan berjumlah RM10.2 bilion itu adalah bagi membangunkan Wilayah Ekonomi Johor Selatan (SJER) yang meliputi kawasan segi tiga Mukim Serkat-Kulai-Johor Bahru.
38. Najib sudah pun membentangkan Rancangan Malaysia Kesepuluh (RMK-10) pada 10 Jun lalu dan kajian semula terhadap rancangan asal membina jambatan bagi menggantikan Tambak Johor diteruskan.
39. Pun begitu, nasib jambatan ganti tambak itu masih sukar diramal dan sudah pasti banyak cakap-cakap akan membuat pelbagai reaksi, andaian mahupun spekulasi.
40. Apapun, rentetan dari kegagalan dan kemelut yang berlaku ini diharapkan kajian semula yang dibuat oleh kerajaan kelak dapat menemukan jalan penyelesaian.

Komen:

Wat political milleage does Malaysia wants to bet, jual Blok M dan L kat Brunei in return for apanama aka bisnes keluarga without going through KLFT Parliament pun berlaku di kalangan kabinet lead by Tun Pak Lah. Build S-Shaped Bridge involved 2 countries, not only Malaysia. Jual sand to Singapore secara terang2 tak nak, but illegal sand mining happens in many states of Malaysia. PM Najib and Cabinet must ask themselves what they want now, political power minus long-term win-win situation or what?

By parameswara 2Author Profile Page on June 28, 2010 12:28 PM

Dearest Tun

re Razak june 27 12;17 PM.

In Malaysia any big minded things like yours can only happen if it is the idea of the Prime Minister or maybe his wife's. Otherwise nobody else would take any risk. More realistically it should be the initiative of the real business people out there but the capital involvement I think will be way too huge so just forget it.

So it should definitely be a baby of the GLCs. But the GLCs is just another Govt body, the mentality is still the same, don't try to show you have a bigger mind than the PM, (or your immediate boss) if you care for your bonus and/or promotion. To work smart you simply have to make the boss think he is perfect, by agreeing only to his whatever nonsense and grumble only in the washroom.

All the world class achievements we have been enjoying so far is simply because we were lucky that it was Tun Mahathir who have these big big dreams. In which case everybody had given their hearts and soul to bodek our great risk taker Tun when he was in power then, so we finally arrived. No risk no gain.

So the trick sdr Razak, see if you can convince One Malaysia Najib of your idea. That's our only hope. In big things like this we need great political will that only the most powerful man can provide. Maybe all of us are crying our hearts to Tun with the hope Tun can relay our messages across to Najib?

But is Najib in Tun's league or Pak lah's? Risk taker or play safer? I think we all know the answer. So maybe we should all start reducing our dreams to a more realistic level. Or just let our dreams to be just that.

By cermin diri anda Author Profile Page on June 28, 2010 9:08 AM

Salam Semua

Anwar (PRK), Nik Aziz (PAS), Karpal (DAP), Lim (DAP) semua mereka ni matang berfikir dan berpolitik.... cuma kebanyakan rakyat Malaysia yg tak matang... sebab itu lah mereka ni MEMPERGUNAKAN otak2 orang yg tau MENURUT (pengikut mereka) sahaja.. utk politik mereka...

By nahar Author Profile Page on June 28, 2010 12:33 AM

Tun;

Salam bahagia semoga sihat selalu.

Saya tertarik dengan tulisan Tun no. 6 :-

[[[If we wish to have FDI, it should be confined to industries which bring in technologies which can add high value to the products. The pay for the workers at different levels should be higher as such industries can afford higher pay. In fact we should phase out the industries dependent on cheap labour. Wherever possible, incentives such as tax exemptions should be given to industries owned by locals if they bring in technologies from abroad. Even the expansion of certain locally-owned industries should be given incentives by the Government. This is the strategy employed by Japan and Korea. By supporting local industries to grow big, they now have world class business with their own brand names.]]]

Tun selalu memikirkan tentang pencapaian negara.**

Tun spoke on incentives to local companies, such as what Korea and Japan that can PRODUCE THEIR OWN BRANDED PRODUCTS.

The answer is because they got a lot of people are creative and innovative expertise in various fields, in addition to their interest in craft and learn the technical knowledge and engineering industries.

They have engineers and designers (Inventor) of hard thinking to do Re-Invention by R & D to be able to enhance the value of the goods. But such efforts may not be available in Malaysia.

** Kita lihat contoh bagaimana inovatif Korea (yang menghasilkan LG & Samsung), Taiwan (yang menghasilkan komputer Acer dan model Skuternya). Tidak lama lagi mungkin diikuti China (sedang mempopularkan jenama Haier dan Cherry).

Walaupun Negara-negara tersebut agak terkemudian daripada Jepun (dalam industri menghasilkan barangan pengguna); tetapi telah berjaya menghasilkan jenama sendiri yang kreatif dan inovatif standing dengan barangan Jepun. Malahan lebih baik lagi.

Sesuatu kepakaran boleh dipelajari melalui pengalaman dan penemuan orang lain atau dengan melakukan R & D sendiri secara berterusan sehingga memperolehi penemuan-penemuan baru yang berguna agar masalah dapat diatasi.

Kepakaran seseorang tidak datang secara semulajadi melainkan berusaha dan berfikir untuk menyelidik dan ambil tahu dengan melakukan percubaan penyelidikan(R & D) dengan penuh minat dan kerajinan melalui daya usaha sendiri.

Orang Putih, orang Jepun, Korea dan China (yang kita kagumi); kenapa mereka ada ramai kepakaran dalam berbagai bidang. Jawabnya ialah kerana mereka (dari semua peringkat) rajin, minat, tidak jemu berfikir, sering melakukan dan mengamalkan BUDAYA kerja yang berpemikiran Kreatif, Inovatif dan Proaktif sebagai amalan hidup mereka.

Faktor tersebut adalah PEMANGKIN yang boleh menarik FDI yang berteknologi tinggi masuk ke negara ini. Syarikat tempatan juga harus melakukan R & D dan Re-invention terhadap teknologi yang dibawa masuk, kerana boleh mengembangkan keupayaan syarikat hingga keluar negara.

([FDI harus ada timbal balasnya yang adil, iaitu mereka dapat keuntungan dan kita pula mendapat teknologi jika pertukaran itu berlaku secara adil dan saksama]).

Di Malaysia tidak ramai Asset Manusia (modal insan) yang mahu menjadi peneraju sedemikian(lakukan R & D). Sebaliknya lebih selesa mengamalkan budaya menjadi pengikut sahaja, iaitu menerima arahan dan membuat apa yang diketahui dan apa yang diberitahu sahaja (menerima pakai hasil penemuan orang lain tanpa tambah nilai).

Contoh; cuba lihat MODENAS yg tidak proaktif untuk melakukan R & D dan Re-Invention bagi menghasilkan bentuk motosikal model sendiri. Sebaliknya guna pakai model dari Taiwan, China dan Kawasaki Jepun sejak dari dahulu lagi.

Kita amat kagum dengan Negara Korea, Taiwan dan China, walaupun terkemudian dari Jepun dalam penguasaan teknologi tetapi mereka telah banyak berjaya menghasilkan teknologi sendiri(iaitu Re-invention teknologi yang diterima).

Malahan hasil daripada reinvention tersebut ada yang diterima pakai di Negara kita dan dikagumi oleh Orang Putih sendiri.

Kita lihat berapa banyak barangan buatan Korea, Taiwan dan China yang telah dihasilkan mereka melalui RE-INVENTION dijual di pasaran kita dan seluruh dunia.

We must try to follow their ways if we want to continue to be developed and become a nation that valued and respected by the world. **Kerana manusia; termasuk Orang Puteh amat menyanjungi dan menghormati bangsa yang bijak pandai sepertimana orang Yahudi dan Jepun yang banyak memberikan sumbangan dalam penerokaan teknologi terhadap kemajuan manusia sejagat.
By parameswara 2Author Profile Page on June 27, 2010 11:23 PM

Dearest Tun

Thanks to sdr samuraimelayu for the feedback.

Yes you are absolutely right,even the Koreans respected our footballers.I was in Seoul in 1982 and whenever I mention Malaysia,they will immediately mention Soh Chin Aun..maybe it was the easiest of Malaysian names to remember.Football it seems make Malaysia great then.So can you see the embarrassing situation we are in now seeing them make waves at the World Cup?

It is true that there would not be much to learn from them then as they were almost like us. What I meant is that Look East should be overall thing,not just their economic attitude but also their social/sporting attitude.Even in 1982 we could see they were slowly overtaking us or already on their way..Wonder when we will be on our way?

Tun I beg you,pleeze do something,I tak rela tengok Singapore masuk World Cup dulu b'coz i believe

once this kiasu nation set their mind on doing anything they will eventually do it!Where are we going to hide our faces?Once we are a football great again I think it will be easier to bring in the FDIs because people have more confidence to put their money on famous winners (so ,not off topic..)
By prof_ridcullyAuthor Profile Page on June 27, 2010 7:52 PM

Salam Tun,

Reading through some of the comments here gives the impression that those commenters think that because we want FDI, we are beggars or scraping the investment barrel.

Nothing can be further from the truth.

To be sure, FDI has played a very big role in our development but all countries need (inward) FDI. Among the developed countries, the US, Italy, Denmark, Canada, the UK, etc were big recipients of FDI. Are these countries beggars? [Well, they may be now as a result of the financial crisis but I'm referring to per capita GDP]

I totally agree with what you say especially Paras 1 and 5. Cost-wise we can't compete with China and India and the time has come to move from export-oriented FDI. Being selective in inward FDI is the way to go. It isn't as if it hasn't been done before -- India places restrictions on FDI in the retail sector in order to protect local retailers.

By nazrimalikAuthor Profile Page on June 27, 2010 1:39 PM

Dear Tun,

Saya sokong penuh pendirian bekas mufti Perlis Dr. Mohd Asri di mana beliau tidak akan menyertai mana-mana parti politik dengan berpegangkan alasan,"my (Dr. Asri) support goes to the truth and facts that are not limited by any party, race or religion" (The Star 27/06/10).

Sesungguhnya prinsip Dr. Asri tersebut adalah asas sebenar ajaran ugama Islam. Wallahualam.

Sincerely,

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By Mohd AliAuthor Profile Page on June 27, 2010 11:09 AM

Salam Ayahanda Tun,

1." FDI had proved useful for the creation of jobs in our country. But today things have changed. We no longer need to create low pay jobs as we no longer have the workers. These jobs go to the foreign workers. This does not benefit us much".

Saya amat bersetuju dengan ayahanda Tun dengan pernyataan di atas dan saya merasakan (tanpa kajian tetapi pemerhatian dan pengalaman yang di lalui) pulangan kepada masyarakat Malaysia terutamanya melayu bukan sahaja sedikit, malah hampir tiada langsung. Saya menyatakan pendapat ini kerana saya sendiri pernah dan sedang membawa FDI ini dan disebabkan saya mempunyai sedikit rasa tanggungjawab bangsa dan ugama maka adalah keterlibatan melayu dalam projek ini.

Saya tidak berminat untuk menunjukkan secara statistik dan perangkaan berdasarkan pemerhatian saya tentang peratus yang di apungkan dalam Malaysia, peratus yang di perolehi oleh rakyat Malaysia dan peratus yang boleh dinikmati oleh masyarakat melayu tetapi cukuplah sekadar ingin menyatakan kekesalan bahawa rakyat Malaysia hanya makan kuah secara strategik. Apa yang ingin dinyatakan disini ialah KAMI RAKYAT MALAYSIA TERUTAMANYA MELAYU MAMPU MENGELUARKAN BARANGAN BERTARAF DUNIA DENGAN SEGALA KEPAKARAN DAN PERALATAN YANG DIKATAKAN CANGGIH SERTA MENGELUARKAN PRODUK YANG DIKATAKAN MEMERLUKAN KEPAKARAN TINGGI DAN JUGA MAMPU MELATIH MASYARAKAT MELAYU SENDIRI MENGUSAI BIDANG INI. Secara dasarnya Malaysia dan rakyatnya sudah bersedia mengeluarkan produk dan perkhidmatan yang bertaraf dunia

tetapi pemikiran dan kepentingan peribadi menyebabkan pemimpin berfikir jemu dan tidak berwawasan.

2. Walaupun FDI yang masuk ini tidak meminjam wang dari "locally from foreign banks operating here", tetapi cukai yang dinikmati dan segala kemudahan lain serta menduduki FTZ (free trade zone). Seperti kata ayahanda Tun juga berkenaan subsidi minyak dan elektrik, ini satu lagi kebodohan sistem yang di cipta yang menyebabkan menjadi rakyat Malaysia langsung tiada keistimewaan dan menjadi melayu jauh bertambah teruk.....kerana kemudahan-kemudahan yang disediakan kebanyakan (peratus yang tinggi) pergi kepada golongan sasaran yang tidak betul.

3. Berkenaan "stok market", saya tetap merasakan yang Tahap pengendalian modal yang masuk ini tidak banyak mendatangkan apa faedah yang besar dan dapat dirasakan oleh Malaysia kerana ketidaksediaan rakyat mengambil peluang ini disebabkan oleh faktor risiko dan perolehan pendapatan yang tidak seimbang. (jika rakyat tidak mempunyai cukup perolehan maka apa juga mekanisme yang dibawa tidak dapat dinikmati). Di samping itu faktor risiko ini menjadi bertambah tinggi kepada Negara kerana keadaan market sekarang tidak lagi ditentukan oleh "real buyer" dan "real seller".

4. Bagi saya, kita boleh memilih jenis FDI ini, tetapi apa yang lebih penting ialah menjadi seseorang pemimpin yang akan membawa Malaysia ke hadapan perlulah bijak, sedar, insaf dan sentiasalah bermuhasabah serta bermushawarah kerana MALAYSIA HARI INI ADALAH LANDASAN KEPADA MALAYSIA ESOK HARI.

Sekali lagi ingin saya nyatakan bahawa KAMI RAKYAT MALAYSIA MAMPU MELAKUKAN HINGGA KEPERINGKAT DUNIA, APA YANG PERLU IALAH PEMIMPIN MESTILAH MELAKUKAN ANJAKKAN PEMIKIRAN MEREKA KETAHAP PEMIMPIN YANG SEBENAR-BENARNYA SEBAGAI PEMIMPIN YANG AKAN MEMIMPIN YANG RAKYATNYA SEKARANG BEKELAS DUNIA.....

Wallah hu aq lam....

By razakAuthor Profile Page on June 27, 2010 12:17 AM

Ws Sdr Sykes,

Terimakasih sebab komen pandangan saya. Ayahanda Tun dah buat pun dengan Proton beli MV Agusta sebelum dijual oleh orang yang otakny letak atas kepala lutut. Saya takkan bagi cadangan FDI dan C&C machine kalau MV Agusta masih dalam pegangan Proton dan Modenas dah mula mengeluarkan motorsikal berkuasa besar. MV Agusta telah dibangunkan oleh syarikat Agusta yang buat helikopter tu. Lepas tu berkubur selama 30 tahun. Claudio Castiglioni beli MV Agusta dan upah Massimo Tamburini untuk buat motor MV Agusta. 7 tahun masa diambil untuk membuat pengeluaran besar-besaran motorsikal MV Agusta. Harga F4 saja RM 200,000.00, Brutale menyusul diikuti dengan pelbagai jenis lagi. Proton beli MV Agusta dan sibodoh jual MV Agusta dengan harga Euro 1 kepada Gevi Spa. Tak lama lepas tu, Harley Davidson beli MV Agusta dengan harga USD ratus2 juta. Tanyalah mengapa Harley Davidson beli MV Agusta? Berbalik kepada Modenas. Modenas masih ditakuk lama, buat kapcai. Entah bila nak berubah pun tak tau. Mungkin 20 tahun lagi kot bila semua minyak di Malaysia dah habis. Dulu buat Jaguh, tiru bulat-bulat dari Kawasaki 125 cc. Sebiji. Kat Eropah orang dah pakai superbike elektrik tapi di Malaysia Modenas masih buat kapcai yang asapnya berkepul-kepul. Kalau pengurusan tertinggi Modenas baca komen saya ni, fikir-fikirlah. Takkan happy je dengan KRA BERJAYA MENGELUARKAN KAPCAI 125 cc SETIAP TAHUN. Soalannya, bila nak mula buat motor besar? Saya terangkan dengan jelas berkaitan C&C machine. Contoh pun dah bagi, buat RIM motor. Cuba fikir, berapa banyak syarikat yang buat rim kereta di Malaysia? Tak banyak pun. Import dari jepun lagi banyak. Yang buat RIM motor besar? Langsung takda. Syarikat kereta Lamborghini beli RIM secara terus dari ALCOA (Aluminium Company Of America). Harganya, jangan tanya saya sebab saya tak mampu beli. Then, lagi dua tahun kilang-kilang aluminium smelter di SCORE, Sarawak nak siap. Nak buat apa? banyak benda boleh buat, tapi buatlah RIM kereta dan moto besar untuk rakyat Malaysia beli, dapat murah sikit. Bellah mesin-mesin C&C banyak2, lepas tu lobby Ferrari, Lamborghini, Aston Martin, Bugatti, BMW, Mercedes, Audi, McLaren, Pagani Zonda, Koegnigsagg untuk beli RIM dari Malaysia. Lebih murah dari ALCOA USA. Wassalam

By Ir. SyahrizanAuthor Profile Page on June 26, 2010 10:24 PM

Foreign Direct Investment? Another axis of evil? Nah, I think you worry too much Tun.

Malaysian trust these foreign investors better than our very own local industry players (which are controlled by corrupted politicians anyways).

Sorry Tun, it is just I can't see the difference.

By Wenger J KhairyAuthor Profile Page on June 26, 2010 10:00 PM

Dear Tun,

I totally disagree with your points.

The first thing is perhaps to point out that the FDI has dramatically reduced both in 2009 and now in 2010. This is surprising as the Deputy Minister had told me that 2010's FDI would be better.

I am surprised that you claim the employment opportunities created by Foreign investment only requires semi skilled workers. Maybe right now, the bigger companies no longer see Malaysia as a base on which to perform "higher value add" jobs. I suppose they assume most people here are the "malas berfikir" sort. So perhaps the only ones that indeed do invest, invest to take advantage of the subsidized energy policy.

I like how you phrase the point 6 - "If we wish to have FDI,...". Tun, why you not you tell the readers the truth. Its not a case whether we wish or do not wish for FDI. Even if we wish for FDI, we are not getting the FDI we wish for. We are scrapping at the barrel, only attracting projects that are energy intensive. Aluminium smelters perhaps?

So you are misleading your readers when you make it out as if we have a choice. Truth is - we have no choice. Our "hardware" such as the cybercities are looked at with disdain. Companies are more attracted to the "software" i.e the quality of the workforce, not the many monuments and edifice.

I further have an issue with point 2. What is the difference if foreigners finance 80% of their investment with borrowings from Citibank or Deutsche Bank? These funds, borrowed or financed via internal funds will still be used to procure assets and services from Malaysians, creating a) a demand for the Ringgit in international markets and b) economic growth.

Perhaps you need to understand, foreigners purposely finance new projects with debt so as to force management to earn a return that can cover the cost of capital. Its a form of financial discipline.

Lastly, you have this perception that the stock market must go up and up. Thats absolutely not true - stocks are volatile. They go up and down.

If you want to oversimplify things for your audience, then don't be surprised that the big firms do not want to invest here. After all, if the public's mental capacity is such, then isn't it fair for foreigners to assume that the only jobs fit are those which are low paying and semi skilled?

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on June 26, 2010 5:39 PM

Dear Tun,

We should attract foreign investors to construct bullet train from Singapore-KL-Bangkok. How I wish this project will materialise during my lifetime. I think the spin off economic activities will be enormaous especially in tourism industry.

We should also construct railway tunnel from Melaka to Dumai. We have the technology except the funding. I am sure foreign investors are willing to invest in this project. Long term it will benefit Malaysia and Indonesia in terms of vast potential economic growth.

Whatever we plan now will benefit our future generation for sure. We cannot be stagnant in our

infrastructure development. We have to continue develop our infrastucture in order to be able to achieve as a developed nation.

We have to think of big ideas in order to progress like South Korea and Japan.

Too much politicking will lead us no where!! Our politics is HP6 !!!

By HBTAuthor Profile Page on June 26, 2010 5:21 PM

Selamat petang Ayahanda,

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Sabtu Jun 26, 2010

MCA Cadang Tabung Khas Ditubuh Kutip Hasil Judi

1. KUALA LUMPUR: MCA hari ini mencadangkan supaya kerajaan menubuhkan tabung khas bagi mengutip segala perolehan dan keuntungan daripada syarikat perjudian berlesen agar ia tidak bercampur dengan pendapatan lain.
2. Presidennya, Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek berkata, sekiranya tabung itu diwujudkan, ia boleh digunakan untuk membiayai projek pembangunan yang membawa faedah kepada semua kaum di negara ini.
3. "Sudah sampai masanya kerajaan membayangkan cukai-cukai kerajaan kutip dari lesen perjudian yang dibenarkan sejak dulu, seharusnya tidak masuk 'consolidatedfund'...tabung berlainan ini boleh digunakan untuk pendidikan, kebajikan dan sebagainya," katanya kepada pemberita selepas merasmikan Mesyuarat Agung Tahunan ke-31 Koperasi Serbaguna Malaysia Berhad (KSM) di Wisma MCA di sini, hari ini.
4. Dr Chua mengulas keputusan kerajaan untuk tidak mengeluarkan lesen pertaruhan sukan kepada Ascott Sports Sdn Bhd setelah mengambil kira pandangan pelbagai pihak yang majoriti daripadanya tidak bersetuju lesen itu dikeluarkan.
5. Beliau berkata, selain itu, kerajaan seharusnya sentiasa meningkatkan pemantauan dan penguatkuasaan terhadap sebarang aktiviti perjudian haram di kalangan rakyat, khususnya pertaruhan perjudian dalam sukan.
6. "Pemantauan rapi dan penguatkuasaan terhadap perjudian yang dikatakan illegal atau haram seharusnya dipertingkatkan kerana perjudian sukan, walaupun tidak dibenarkan, masih boleh berlaku melalui telefon dan internet kerana ia tidak memerlukan lesen," katanya.
7. Dr Chua turut menyangkal dakwaan sesetengah pihak bahawa masyarakat Cina mengamalkan budaya suka berjudi.
8. Di KOTA BAHARU, Menteri Pertahanan Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi yang juga Naib Presiden Umno berkata, keputusan kerajaan membuktikan keprihatinan Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak yang mengambil kira kepentingan semua pihak sebelum memutuskan perkara itu.
9. Ahmad Zahid berharap isu itu tidak lagi dimanipulasi pihak pembangkang dan menafikan keputusan tersebut dipengaruhi desakan mereka.
10. Di PUTRAJAYA, Timbalan Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Ahmad Maslan turut bersetuju dengan pandangan Ahmad Zahid berhubung tindakan kerajaan tidak mengeluarkan lesen pertaruhan sukan.
11. Beliau yang juga Ketua Penerangan Umno berkata, keputusan itu dibuat bukan hanya disebabkan suara pembangkang, tetapi juga suara akar umbi anggota Umno yang disalurkan ke dalam mesyuarat

Majlis Tertinggi parti malam tadi.

12. "Antara yang dibincangkan dalam mesyuarat malam tadi, termasuklah usul-usul dari Umno cawangan dan bahagian dari seluruh Malaysia yang sudah bersidang dan sebahagiannya menyatakan ketidaksetujuan dalam perkara ini.

13. "Kementerian mendengar segalanya, selain daripada peringatan badan bukan kerajaan (NGO) dan lain-lain, lalu mengambil keputusan tersebut," katanya kepada pemberita selepas merasmikan Kejohanan Rowing dan Hari Keluarga Jabatan Perdana Menteri di Kompleks Sukan Air, Putrajaya hari ini.

14. Keputusan kerajaan untuk tidak mengeluarkan lesen pertaruhan yang diumumkan semasa kejohanan bola sepak Piala Dunia berlangsung, mendapat sokongan golongan yang membabitkan diri dalam sukan tersebut.

15. Raja bola negara, Datuk Abdul Ghani Minhat, penyerang digeruni semasa eranya sekitar tahun 60-an, berkata keputusan itu adalah yang terbaik dan harus disokong oleh semua pihak. "Apa yang saya risau sebelum ini ialah, jika lesen pertaruhan bola sepak dikeluarkan, ia akan membunuh pembangunan sukan berkenaan di negara ini.

16. "Kesan negatif akibat perjudian dalam sukan telah kita lihat pada tahun 1994 dan 1995, apabila ramai pemain yang terlibat dengan rasuah hingga menghancurkan sukan bola sepak negara," katanya kepada Bernama.

17. Sementara itu, Setiausaha Agung Persatuan Bolasepak Malaysia (FAM) Datuk Azzuddin Ahmad berkata pihaknya akur dengan keputusan tersebut.

18. "Sebenarnya FAM tidak terlibat dalam isu perjudian bola sepak. Namun, sebagai badan induk yang memayungi persatuan bola sepak di negara ini, kami menyokong keputusan yang telah dibuat oleh kerajaan," katanya. - BERNAMA

Komen:

a) Wahai, Pembela2 Nasib Hang Tuah dari BN kemana, di dunia bogel?

b) KO2 masih ingin mempertahankan ketubuhan APCO SatulIsrael aka OneMelayu di Malaysia sampai hari ini ke??

c) Allah & God issues pun tak tahu mcm-ana nak diuruskan pihak UMNO, Tuan MCA, Dr Chua kini ingin menubuhkan Tabung Khas Judi???

d) Kalau betul2 kita melihat sesama diri, RM dan matawang asing yang digunakan setiap hari memang tidak halal dari segi sentuhan secara fizikal kerana ramai mereka yang mempergunakan matawang RM bukan sahaja orang muslim, melayu dan bumiputra malah ia dipakai semua lapisan rakyat Malaysia di Semenanjung Malaysia, Sabah, dan Sarawak.

e) Pi pai pi mai tang tu...down the drain...from North 2 South.

f) Mr Lee Kuan Yew was fast, right and sharp, and those people whom he met 1st was Tok Nik Aziz.

g) Bye, Ayahanda, and we should be thankful 2 Mr Lee Kuan Yew for showing us the right path, from South 2 North is the best way out, and we can see with our own naked eyes on how Malaysia Politicians deal with Isu2 Tuhan and Judi bola.....Judi 4 dan 3 ekor boleh, mimum arak tak da apa2, Judi bola pulak tersangkut di rantau Perancis @PP, kalau BP tak pa, ini PP apakah itu PP neh kepada Globe neh?

By samuraimelayu Author Profile Page on June 26, 2010 5:13 PM

SALAM KASIH DAN SAYANG
AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN
IZINKAN,

By parameswara 2 on June 26, 2010 4:56 AM
dearest Tun Mahathir

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Why is it that our Look East Policy did not include our emulation of their Sports achievement?.Is this the missing link why we have not come up to their overall standard?Why can't we just learn or copy 100% whatever they are doing -there is no need to reinvent the wheel right?

SDR. PARAMESWARA 2,
OUR NEXT STOP AFTER AFTER SEOUL IN 1983 WAS TOKYO WHERE WE MET SOME JAPANESE SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS DURING A PARTY HOSTED BY A BANKER FRIEND..WE WERE PLEASANTLY SUPRISED THAT THEY WERE FAMILIAR WITH SOME OF OUR TOP NATIONAL PLAYERS ESPECIALLY V. ARUMUGAM, SANTOKH SINGH, SOH CHIN AUN AND THE MERCURIAL SUPER MOKH!..AND IT WAS EMBARRASING THAT WE KNEW ONLY A KAMAMOTO IN THE ENTIRE JAPAN NATIONAL SQUAD!

AND APPARENTLY, THE JAPS WERE ALWAYS LOOKING FORWARD FOR THE INVITE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS SOCCER TOURNAMENT OF THIS REGION...THE MERDEKA CUP!

YES, WE CONCUR WITH YOU ON THE MISSING LINK...TO LEARN AND COPY THEIR TRUE WORK ETHICS,DISCIPLINE, PROFESSIONALISM AND ABOVE ALL THEIR PATRIOTISM ...AND HERE IN THIS BELOVED COUNTRY, WE ARE STILL POLARISED...LET ALONE TRUE PROFESSIONALISM, WORK ETHICS AND PATRIOTISM...LEFT MUCH TO BE DESIRED...SADLY!

AGAIN WE CONCUR WITH YOU.. WITH THE SPIRIT OF 'MALAYSIA BOLEH' AND THE TRUE GRID OF VISION 2020..WE CAN AND WILL ACHIEVE THE ASPIRATIONS OF MALAYSIA, A DEVELOPED NATION...ON AND OFF THE VARIOUS PLAYING FIELDS!

WAWASAN 2020 BUKAN TITIK PENYUDAH BAGI JENERASI MENDATANG IA BERMULA

DEMI K.A.M.I.

ALFATIAH, AMIN.

By HBT Author Profile Page on June 26, 2010 3:10 PM

Copy-paste for Ayahanda Tun's informasi utk project Jambatan Bangkok dari mstar online

1. Sabtu Jun 26, 2010

JB Sentral Lambang Kemajuan Dan Potensi Iskandar Malaysia - TPM

JOHOR BAHARU: Pembinaan bangunan JB Sentral, di bandaraya Johor Baharu bukan sekadar usaha membangunkan negeri Johor tetapi melambangkan kemajuan serta potensi pembangunan di Iskandar Malaysia, kata Timbalan Perdana Menteri Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

Beliau berkata, bangunan bernilai RM2 bilion yang merupakan sebahagian projek pembangunan Gerbang Selatan itu juga dijangka dapat memenuhi matlamat dan arah tuju Program Transformasi Kerajaan ke arah mencapai Wawasan 2020.

"JB Sentral bukan sahaja menjadi stesen transit awam dan hab terminal pengangkutan kereta api yang setanding Kuala Lumpur Sentral bahkan menjadi hab pengangkutan kereta api antarabangsa.

"Bangunan ini akan menjadi pusat sehenti kerana selain menjadi terminal pengangkutan awam dan kereta api, rakyat juga boleh memanfaatkan perniagaan komersial dan berurusan di lapan jabatan kerajaan dan swasta yang terdapat di bangunan ini," katanya.

Muhyiddin yang juga Menteri Pelajaran berkata demikian ketika berucap pada majlis perasmian JB Sentral dan pelancaran Kembara Mahkota Johor 2010 oleh Sultan Johor, Sultan Ibrahim Ismail Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar di Dewan Menunggu Penumpang, JB Sentral, di sini, hari ini.

Timbalan Perdana Menteri berkata JB Sentral yang merupakan satu daripada projek Gerbang Selatan Bersepadu yang turut merangkumi pembinaan Bangunan Sultan Iskandar, pada 2003 itu menyediakan kemudahan fasiliti kelas pertama kepada orang ramai.

Dengan keluasan keseluruhan 87,330 meter persegi Muhyiddin berkata, ruang perniagaan komersial di dalam bangunan itu dapat menyediakan peluang pekerjaan baru kepada orang ramai seterusnya meningkatkan pendapatan mereka.

Kerajaan katanya, dijangka mendapat pulangan RM3.6 juta setahun hasil daripada sewaan ruang pejabat dan perniagaan yang kemudian boleh digunakan bagi membangunkan infrastruktur kepada rakyat pada masa akan datang.

"JB Sentral dijangka dapat mengurangkan dan mempermudah aliran trafik di pusat perdagangan bandaraya ini.

"Bangunan yang dilengkapi dengan 726 tempat letak kereta, 18 lot ruang niaga dan 30 kiosk ini akan menjadikan bangunan ini sebagai kawasan perhentian utama bagi pengguna yang berulang alik ke Singapura dan Malaysia," katanya.

Sehubungan itu, Muhyiddin mahu syarikat yang dipertanggungjawabkan bagi menguruskan aspek keselamatan, penyelenggaraan, kebersihan, teknologi maklumat dan pengurusan ruang niaga serta pejabat supaya menjalankan tugas dengan penuh integriti.

Beliau berkata, perkhidmatan yang diberikan di JB Sentral perlu cekap sejajar dengan kemudahan fasiliti yang cekap dan moden di bangunan berkenaan.

"Ingatlah bahawa kejayaan tidak terukur oleh besar atau hebatnya sebuah binaan fizikal kerana apa yang pentingnya adalah keberhasilan perkhidmatan yang disampaikan kepada rakyat," tegasnya. - BERNAMA

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Kerajaan Kaji Bina Jambatan Ganti Tambak Johor - PM

KUANTAN: Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak mengesahkan bahawa kerajaan akan mengkaji semula rancangan asal pembinaan jambatan bagi menggantikan Tambak Johor.

Perdana Menteri bagaimanapun tidak mengulas lanjut berhubung perkara itu.

"Akan dikaji," kata Najib kepada pemberita selepas merasmikan Program Mengukuh Wadah Memperkasa Ummah anjuran Yayasan Pembangunan Ekonomi Islam Malaysia (YaPEIM) di sini.

Najib berkata demikian ketika diminta mengulas titah Sultan Johor, Sultan Ibrahim ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar yang mahu kerajaan mempertimbangkan semula rancangan asal pembinaan jambatan menggantikan Tambak Johor.

Ketika merasmikan bangunan JB Sentral dan melancarkan Kembara Mahkota Johor 2010 di Dewan Menunggu Penumpang, JB Sentral di Johor Baharu hari ini, Sultan Ibrahim bertitah Tambak Johor amat penting kepada rakyat malah institusi kesultanan Johor sejak pemerintahan terdahulu sentiasa memberi sokongan kepada usaha menaik taraf Tambak Johor. - BERNAMA

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on June 26, 2010 3:09 PM

Tun,

If I am the Prime Minister I would make Langkawi as the "Monaco of the East" in terms of making it into a real beautiful eco-friendly tropical island for the rich and famous foreigners to have their second home to stay. Of course, without casinos!! The spin off economic activities would be fantastic and the local residents have the chance of enjoying higher standard of living by providing all kinds of services to cater for the rich and famous.

By OrangLamaAuthor Profile Page on June 26, 2010 12:34 PM

Salam,

*****1. FDI*****

Ini kefahaman saya (maaf sekiranya salah tafsiran)apa yang Tun kata diatas. Tun kata pelaburan asing(FDI) dulu2 mungkin sesuai kerana terbukti membuka banyak peluang pekerjaan. Tetapi sekarang pekerja tempatan tak minat sebab gaji rendah dan kekosongan ini diisi oleh rakyat asing. Cara pelaksanaan FDI sekarang ini boleh membawa masalah kepada negara seperti contoh "permainan" saham. Kesimpulannya , Tun menyeru memilih jenis "FDI" yang sesuai untuk negara khususnya yang membawa teknologi mempertingkatkan nilai produk tempatan.

Pendapat saya:

a) kos pelaburan dan kestabilan politik*

Pelabur asing sentiasa meletakkan keuntungan sebagai kriteria utama dalam segala aktiviti depa. Mana2 perniagaan pun serupa, keuntungan adalah nombor satu . Jadi dulu depa mai Malaysia, sebab nak dapat kos operasi murah iaitu tenaga buruh, tanah, air ,api dan lain2 mesti murah. Satu lagi kebaikan Malaysia ialah kestabilan politik. La ni segalan jenis kos semakin meningkat. Pelabur asing pun mungkin bimbang tentang kestabilan politik semasa di Malaysia. Dulu Malaysia kukuh dan pelabur boleh jangka apa yang depa boleh buat unjuran dan ramalan keuntungan dan perkembangan untuk tahun2 akan datang. Berbeza dengan negara maju, dasar2 tidak banyak berubah walaupun bertukar kerajaan.

b)FDI yang membawa teknologi**

Syarikat luar negara biasanya akan mengekalkan Pusat R&D di negara asal depa. Lepas itu depa juga memastikan saintis atau jurutera R&D adalah rakyat tempatan depa sendiri atau yang boleh dapat taraf mastautin. Hanya yang melibatkan "production" saja diletak luar negara. Yang duk mengaku ada R&D di Malaysia oleh syarikat luar negara, sebenarnya hanyalah "product development" bukannya "research". Ini semua adalah berkaitan dengan faktor keuntungan. Mungkin di India, ada pelabur2 berani nak buka "research centre" sebab saintis sana ramai berkebohan tinggi dalam beberapa bidang2 terpilih dengan kadar gaji rendah. Satu lagi cara ialah syarikat intenational ini "outsourcing research" kepada Profesor2 tersohor di dunia.

Di Malaysia, kita saintis pun tak ramai, yang ada pun jenis "hidup segan, mati tak mahu". Walaupun banyak Universiti tempatan menghasilkan produk2 sehingga banyak patent dan pingat2 dimenangi peringkat antarabangsa tapi pi tanya kat depa: berapa yang dah berjaya dikomersilkan? Berjaya dalam perniagaan diukur dalam bentuk wang ringgit, keuntungan bersih berapa? jangan belanja lebih tapi untung sikit atau rugi lansung. Duk buat produk pakai duit kerajaan, buat patent pakai duit kerajaan tapi dapat jual harga kacang putih?

****2. Cadangan kepada Kerajaan apa nak buat Pensyarah IPTA dari segi peningkatan teknologi industri tempatan*****

Saya cadangkan pemindahan teknologi ke industri tempatan ialah melalui IPTA/IPTS.

Masalah IPTA kita ialah salah fokus kepada fungsi utama Pensyarah. Ramai Pensyarah Universiti lebih

berminat kerja "pentadbiran". betul ke?

Kalau kena cara Pensyarah IPTA, boleh cemerlang peringkat dunia. Juga jika strategi yang betul, IPTA di Malaysia boleh tersenarai dalam Top50 dunia. Memang boleh. Tapi KPT kena ada strategi yang betul. Kalau tiada strategi untuk IPTA, maka jangan salah Pensyarah duk buat kerja "part-time" untuk parti pembangkang.

Pensyarah di Malaysia tumpukan 3 kerja utama: mengajar, menyelidik dan konsultasi. Kalau nak cipta alat atau patent, pastikan yang ada kualiti, yang dah pasti memberi keuntungan besar kepada negara. Jangan lupa banyak syarikat2 seluruh dunia ada yang lingkup atau jadi papa kedana memasarkan alat/instrumen/kenderaan yang tak menguntungkan. Buat perabis beras saje!!!! Tumpukan kepada 3 kerja utama kamu itu: mengajar, menyelidik dan konsultasi.

mengajar**==ajar student Bachelor, Master dan PhD supaya depa mempunyai kualiti. Para pensyarah mesti menghasilkan penerbitan berkualiti tinggi, bertaraf antarabangsa, membuktikan tahap keserjanaan sesuai dengan jawatannya. Pensyarah ibarat benih pokok. Lepas itu tumbuh buah dan bercambah2. Kalau benih tak ada kualiti, hasil walaupun bercambah2 merata2 hanya buat "menyemak" saja. Sebaliknya kalau pelajar dihasilkan berkualiti, depa tentu dapat mempertingkatkan produktiviti majikan masing2 dan menguntungkan negara. Pelajar luar negara yang ada di Malaysia sekarang ini mungkin akan jadi pemimpin atau pegawai tinggi kerajaan masing2. Kalau Pensyarah tak ada kualiti akan memberi tasiran kualiti pendidikan di Malaysia rendah dan sudah tentu kualiti produk Malaysia diragui!!!!!!!!!!!! .

penyelidikan dan konsultasi**Kerajaan kena pastikan bahawa penyelidikan dan konsultasi Pensyarah menumpu kepada penyelesaian masalah semasa disamping unjuran masa akan datang. Kementerian Pengajian Tinggi (KPT) harus mewujudkan satu Jabatan khusus menyelesaikan masalah industri atau lain2 masalah negara. Masalah ini mungkin dilapurkan terus dari industri atau aduan rakyat. KPT boleh bagi input kepada kabinet apakah penambahbaikan yang perlu.

Orang Industri jangan duk pandang rendah dengan pensyarah tempatan. Sekurang2nya depa ada ilmu pengetahuan dan kebanyakannya ada PhD, cuma barangkali tak dicanangkan ke tempat yang betul. Depa ada "access" kepada ilmu pengetahuan terkini dan juga ada "network" seluruh dunia dalam bidang kepakaran masing2!!!!

>>>>Contoh GLC

Proton ada masalah "cermin tingkap" asyik nak jatuh, maka KPT wujudkan panel selesaikan masalah ini. Walaupun Proton boleh selesaikan sendiri, tetapi ini melibatkan isu negara iaitu rakyat tak puas hati kualiti Proton .

===Pensyarah kejuruteraan boleh bagi tahu detail apa masalahnya. Adakah ketebalan besi, reka bentuk, motor atau lain2, seterusnya pensyarah itu boleh terus buat penyelidikan dan pembangunan bersama Proton. Pensyarah kejuruteraan itu boleh juga dapat bantuan Profesor luar negara berkhidmat sebagai Profesor Pelawat dalam bidang berkaitan. Pensyarah Sains Sosial kaji dari segi aspek kemasyarakatan: Ada rasuah ke? Berapa ramai yang naik angin dengan Proton? Berapa merajuk tak mau beli kereta Proton sampai bila2? Seterusnya Pensyarah Sains Sosial kena bagi cadangan apa nak bat dengan pelanggan ini!!!! Ini semua contoh, Pensyarah dalam pelbagai bidang tentu lebih pakar dalam bidang masing2. Lepas dapat semua laporan dari Pensyarah pelbagai bidang, maka Tok Menteri pun sampaikan lah kepada Proton, cadangan pihak KPT kaedah menyelesaikan masalah cermin tingkap Proton. Jika taka da susulan, Tok Menteri bawa pi kat kabinet untuk tindakan suslan.

>>>Contoh Swasata

KPT juga harus menyediakan perkhidmatan secara rasmi membolehkan pihak swasta memohon bantuan khidmat nasihat Universiti menyelesaikan masalah mereka. Apa yang berlaku sekarang ialah swasta kena pi terus Universiti tanya siapa boleh bantu? Itu pun kalau dah jumpa, pegawai Universiti nak layan orang macam tak makan nasi banyak hari, tak bermaya!!! Aktiviti "lepas tangan" kepada satu sama lain

berleluasa. Kadangkala, depa bagi kita kepada Pensyarah yang bukan bidang. Bagi nombor telefon yang tak pernah diangkat. Lenguh tangan dan sakit telinga menunggu orang angkat telefon. Merapu sungguh hangpa ni!!!

Saya cadangkan urusan swasta dengan Universiti hendaklah melalui KPT dahulu, supaya direkod dan dipantau oleh KPT. Misalnya syarikat isi borang permohonan bantuan khidmat nasihat Universiti. KPT kena pantau tindakan susulan yang telah diambil oleh Pensyarah berkaitan. Kalau Pensyarah tak tau nak buat, suruh dia bagi cadangan siapa perlu hubungi atau cadangan setrusnya.

By curryyamAuthor Profile Page on June 26, 2010 12:26 PM

Salam Tun,

Are we not barking up the wrong trees? We want this, we want that and we don't want this or that. Let's be real, FDI is other people money and it's their prerogative to invest where they think they get the best returns. They go to places that welcome them. They chose the countries they want to invest. Can Malaysia be choosy?

Let's look at the human resources in the country, how many graduates can communicate in English that is main language of high tech industry.

Yes we want high value-added industry, but first we have to get the conditions and infrastructure correct. Raise the standard of education to that of Korea or Japan that Tun always compare, review the affirmative action policies as these are the major impediment to good FDI.

By HBTAuthor Profile Page on June 26, 2010 11:37 AM

Good afternoon Ayahanda Tun,

Let's learn the value added to history's 'summary' in Malaysia @ tanah mel-ayu secara online.....in fact we've oledi learn tis through yester-years...in today's transparent world.

Have a pleasant day, Ayahanda Tun, after all, Malaysians and Singaporeans 'were and are' brothers and sisters with or without political parties or unions.

//Saturday June 26, 2010
Goh the architect of separation
INSIGHT DOWN SOUTH
By SEAH CHIANG NEE

Singaporeans were surprised to learn that it was Dr Goh Keng Swee – and not Lee Kuan Yew - who played the pivotal role in taking Singapore out of Malaysia, resulting in an independent country.

AS new generations in Singapore and Malaysia work for a closer partnership, a bit of the past history has popped up to baffle some old-timers here. It involved the question of who in Singapore really made the decision for the break-up with Malaysia in 1965.

Until recently, the majority had thought that Lee Kuan Yew, the chief engineer who had navigated Singapore into it, was also pivotal in pulling it out when relations became intolerable. Not so, according to the 86-year-old Minister Mentor.

In his eulogy at his late former deputy leader Dr Goh Keng Swee's funeral, Lee said the decision for a "clean break" was actually made by Dr Goh, who was tasked to negotiate with Kuala Lumpur.

Founding fathers: Tunku Abdul Rahman and Lee Kuan Yew (left) on their return from the London talks on the formation of the Federation of Malaysia in November 1962.

"I did not want this, and asked Keng Swee to work towards a looser federation," Lee told surprised

Singaporeans.

“In his talks with Tun (Abdul) Razak, then Malaysia’s Deputy Prime Minister, and (Tun) Dr Ismail (Abdul Rahman), then Malaysia’s Minister for External Affairs and Minister for Home Affairs, Keng Swee decided it was best to separate.

“He decided that the best alternative was a clean break ... I had to agree,” Lee added.

(In his memoirs, Lee said he found out that Dr Goh “never pressed Razak for a looser rearrangement as I had asked him to ... he knew they wanted Singapore out of their Parliament and went along with their desire to have us hive off”.)

All this is now water under the bridge but the disclosure has raised questions about how important a role Dr Goh really played in Singapore’s history.

According to Associate Professor of Political Science, Hussin Mutalib, from what Lee revealed, that role appeared more significant than so far believed. This was because Lee’s remarks had suggested the break-up was decided unilaterally at the crucial moment by Dr Goh, against the proposition of Lee and even the collective Cabinet.

The National University of Singapore academician observed that Lee had said that the key Malaysian leaders agreed to Dr Goh’s break-up proposal.

“This would imply that it may well have been Singapore which precipitated the idea of separation, rather than Malaysia, as has been the notion all this while,” Hussin said.

Singaporeans were surprised to learn that it was Dr Goh – and not Lee - who played the pivotal role in taking Singapore out of Malaysia, resulting in an independent country.

It has set tongues wagging. “Why did Lee talk about it now after so many years, and only after Goh’s death?

“Like others, I had always thought Lee was the main player,” a retired teacher said. “Does it mean that if he had been negotiating, instead of Goh, Singapore would today still be in Malaysia?”

Another wanted to know whether Lee was implying that separation was a bad move and he was blaming Dr Goh for it.

If Lee’s allegation was surprising, his preference to remain in Malaysia was no surprise. At the time, Lee, Dr Goh and other leaders strongly believed that Singapore’s future was in the federation.

Since separation, the subject of possible re-merger has occasionally surfaced – more as a talking point, rather than a serious discourse for action.

When the recent global crisis hit Singapore’s economy and people’s confidence about the future, a number of online writers revived the talk of the “inevitability of reuniting with Malaysia”.

Their rationale was that tiny Singapore, without natural resources, was too dependent on the outside world to be able to survive for long by itself.

Opposition leader Chiam See Tong has advocated that both countries form “an economic union” or a “common market” to compete with the world. He was once quoted as saying: “A political union is out of the question. The Malaysians will never agree.” Not to mention, the bulk of the Singaporean public!

Since 1996, Lee Kuan Yew had commented twice when he was questioned on the prospect of getting back with Malaysia, and on each occasion, he talked of conditions that upset some Malaysian leaders.

In the view of Dr Terence Chong of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Lee probably had in mind "50 to 100 years down the road" when he talked about rejoining Malaysia.

Malaysian researcher Dr Ooi Kee Beng told Today newspaper that the prospect of it happening is next to zero. "The very idea of a re-merger on Singapore's terms is appalling to most Malays (in Malaysia)," he said.

The younger set, however, seems less stirred by this theoretical debate of political union than they are about practical measures to give both peoples more opportunities for jobs, business or studies.

Within three months, both sides hope to conclude an agreement on exchanging land parcels between the two countries. Meanwhile, the leaders want to adopt plans for easier and cheaper travel between their territories.

"This is the way to go, step by step, rather than talk of political union," said a journalist who has extensively covered both countries. "Each success will build confidence and trust between distrusting parties, and push them to the next project," he said.

The impact is steadily emerging. Mobile phone users, as well as drivers who use the Second Link, will soon enjoy lower costs. This could just be the start of more to come.//

By HBTAuthor Profile Page on June 26, 2010 9:03 AM

Good morning Ayahanda Tun,

Finally, reason given is the feedback gathered from all layers of community...wat layers of community is PM Najib refer to neh? Wat was reported the layer of community is none others than UMNO Supreme Council itself.

Of course, to Najib, the government was not too concerned about the economic impact resulting from the decision, and MCA's Dr Chua told the press that under his supervision, he will focus on Politics.

And one of the bloggers mentioned tat the SIN TAX revenue gathered from sport betting should channel to Chinese community, huh? The money should be channelled to Government first, and let MOE decides in future how this sin tax revenue is channel to all sekolah2 in Malaysia regardless of races if they are talking 1Malaysia in Semenanjung Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak including PDRM ma.

Those corridors initiated during Pak Lah's premiership, wat will happen ah? To the rakyat and private sectors, they are not too concerned about the political impact la.

By the way, Ayahanda Tun, Malaysia Government can forget about the Nuke Energy plant To Go Green through coal energy 1st until Malaysia is politically stable and ready for IT.....

If Federal Government is looking into a Casino to be set up in international tourism base, make sure it must be hold by Chinese, contohnya, Genting Group, since they are the mother chicken to venture tis business 1st with sweat and tear to be fair and equal without political party intervention of CAKAP SERUPA BIKIN, and under Federal Constitution, no political party is allow to link itself to the government.

"They accepted it," PM said, and added that since the approval was only in principal, any issue of compensation to the company did not arise as the Finance Ministry had the absolute right to withdraw its decision.

Remarks: "They accepted it" BUT DAP, PKR and PAS won't accept it la because they knew why they accepted it.

Good day Ayahanda Tun.

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PM: Govt not issuing sports betting licence to Ascot (Update)
By ZUHRIN AZAM AHMAD

KUALA LUMPUR: The government will not be issuing a sports betting licence to Ascot Sports Sdn Bhd, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak announced on Friday night.

The Prime Minister said although the government had in principal approved the licence, it decided not to proceed with it after taking into consideration the feedback from all layers of the community.

"The feedback clearly showed that the majority of the people disagreed that a betting licence should be issued.

"This was discussed at the (supreme council) meeting and the council supported the decision unanimously," he told a press conference after chairing the meeting on Friday night.

Najib said Ascot Sdn Bhd had been informed of the decision.

"They accepted it," he said, and added that since the approval was only in principal, any issue of compensation to the company did not arise as the Finance Ministry had the absolute right to withdraw its decision.

Najib also said the government was not too concerned about the economic impact resulting from the decision.

By parameswara 2Author Profile Page on June 26, 2010 4:56 AM

dearest Tun Mahathir

I never realized that there is a FDI opportunity in Sports until I remembered the overseas ownership of the various British Soccer Clubs. So there is more than meets the eye in this very ignored sector of Sports. Actually off topic, now that we are in the midst of the World Cup I thought expedient that I post this thing that's been on my mind for quite sometime as regards the future of our national soccer team.

The Korean and the Japanese teams now have arrived to a level they can cause trouble to the European teams already when at one time they even dread to meet our Malaysian team, ..so I feel really sad that our Govt until today have not shown any strong desire to either arrest further the decline or bring back the glory days..

Tun I observed that this decline began and continued unabated throughout your entire tenure as the Prime Minister of Malaysia. Maybe it's because you are more a workaholic than a sportsman. Tun, sports is very important leverage to help diffuse all the racial tensions of Malaysia that Najib's regime must not put to waste.

Tun you must redeem your mistake of letting our soccer standard go down the drain by seriously think and recommend to Najib now how we can achieve world class standard like the Koreans and Japanese can and have achieved..in the Malaysia Boleh spirit. Without political will and major revamp of the FAM, I don't think we can do much. At the moment the changes whatsoever are only cosmetic. For a certainty we will only stay this way forever. Let's not one day our tiny neighbour humiliate us by entering the next World cup first!

Why is it that our Look East Policy did not include our emulation of their Sports achievement?. Is this the missing link why we have not come up to their overall standard? Why can't we just learn or copy 100% whatever they are doing -there is no need to reinvent the wheel right?

By HBTAuthor Profile Page on June 26, 2010 1:12 AM

Ayahanda Tun,

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PM: Govt will not issue sports betting licence to Ascot

KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Najib Razak announced on Friday night that the government would not be issuing a sports betting licence to Ascot Sports Sdn Bhd.

The prime minister made the announcement after an Umno supreme council meeting, ending weeks of debate over the licence.

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Comment:

It looks like UMNO Supreme Council is the King of the Federal Government. Here the PM goes 'pi pai pi mai tang tu' jugak. UMNO bankrupts who cares, not Malaysia, right, Ayahanda Tun?

The way PM Najib treating our genuine businessman TS Vincent Tan is like a beggar or something, very disgusting. That penyalak KJ now can menyalak bersama2 dgn MCA and MIC the song of We will Not Be Elected In The Cabinet, and he is not fit to be the PM of Malaysia, and Ayahanda Tun can forget about him.

Will PM Najib be showed the way out politely like wat happened to Pak Lah, the Malaysian Style in near future? It doesn't matter anymore because wat he and UMNO Supreme Council have done, DSAI knows...

Goodnight Ayahanda Tun.

By HajarAuthor Profile Page on June 25, 2010 10:55 PM

Dearest YAB Tun,

Tun said:

“Even the expansion of certain locally-owned industries should be given incentives by the Government. This is the strategy employed by Japan and Korea. By supporting local industries to grow big, they now have world class business with their own brand names.”

I AGREE with Tun. But then, most Malaysians look down at our OWN/LOCAL PRODUCTS (for example: Proton). So we need to change our people's MINDSET first. This is also applicable to our leaders.

Thanks Tun.

** May Allah SWT bless Tun & family **

By sykesAuthor Profile Page on June 25, 2010 8:45 PM

Asm Sdr Razak,

Sorry, nothing new with your comment (but at least you think), Tun dah pikiak pasai tu masa beliau buat Proton, masa beli Agusta, beli fibre composit technology (buat kapal terbang), beli lotus. bawa masuk ic technology, tapi orang (atau orang-orang) tak nampak, katanya bisa melayu buat jarumlah, macam mana nak compete dengan jenama kereta yang lain, dll. Saperti perumpamaan mat salleh " nothing venture, nothing gain" Yang sedihnya orang-orang yang beliau harap melaksanakan semua ni kebanyakan nya " membujur lalu, melintang patah". Selagi ramai yang orang macam ni kat atas ke kat bawah ke Malaysia need another 3 keturunan. Itu pun kalau melayu tak hilang didunia.

By raffiq88Author Profile Page on June 25, 2010 7:03 PM

Thank you Tun for sharing with us your enlightened thoughts.

By samuraimelayuAuthor Profile Page on June 25, 2010 6:38 PM

SALAM KASIH DAN SAYANG
AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN
IZINKAN,

By amin tan on June 23, 2010 6:16 PM

Dear Tun,

Congratulations for another excellent posting. I hope Datuk Seri Najib and the whole cabinet read this posting. I absolutely concur with your reasoning. It should be made current national policy on FDI and foreign investment in our share market. You should be made mandatory advisor on FDI and share market. For a start at least appoint you as Chairman of Bursa Saham Malaysia.

amin tan

SDR. AMIN TAN, ITS POSTING LIKE YOURS THAT MAKES US HUMBLE..THANKS

HAVE A HUMBLE WEEKEND..TAKE CARE.

ALFATIHAH, AMIN.

By samuraimelayuAuthor Profile Page on June 25, 2010 6:21 PM

SALAM KASIH DAN SAYANG
AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN
IZINKAN,

By indiana on June 23, 2010 4:17 PM

Why did you put Pak Lah as PM? Were you out of your mind?

MR. 'INDIANA'...AYAHANDA TUN FIRST CHOICE PICK WAS DSNR
BUT SOME 'JONES' WERE ITCHIFIED TO SUGGEST OTHERWISE INCLUDING ONE WHO WROTE..
'AYAHANDA, MY HEART SAYS DOLLAH BADAWI'..AND THE REST OF THE FLIP-FLOP AAB IS
HISTORY!

OUR AYAHANDA TUN IS MERELY HUMAN..NOT ALWAYS RIGHT.

ALFATIHAH, AMIN

By ekomputeAuthor Profile Page on June 25, 2010 5:59 PM

What Tun says makes a lot of sense to me. Economics, after all, is Tun's forte.
By sujiniAuthor Profile Page on June 25, 2010 1:52 PM

Chedet

1. Without doubt you are the Economics Guru.I wonder why DS Najib didnt put you in the NEAC or at least request for your invaluable inputs?

2. Para 5: I totally agree with this arguement.As I originate from Kg Baru,I would like to relate para 5 to the plan by the government to develop Kg.Baru.Like you mentioned,if we have local capacity,as in property development, there's no necessity to invite foreign investors.

3.Foreign investors do not have compassion to local problems and its people.If possible they want to suck up till the last drop of blood that you have.

4.However, being a developer, may it be local or foreign,they do not want to invest in projects with low returns plus excess baggage to shoulder.

5.Hence it is unavoidable,on the government part to offer a 60:40 deal to non-bumi or foreign participation.The reason being,government realises that majority Bumis still do not hold the purchasing power.

6.So the next question is, why the need to invite foreign investors if the value of the developed property will be jacked up and making impossible for the land owners and other bumis to buy?

7.What if the foreign investors just decide to wind up and leave?

8.Why the need for foreign investors if we are not void of local developers?Furthermore the government will not be investing heavily since all basic infrastructures are already up in Kg.Baru.No doubt it may need a little upgrading.

9.Importantly, whether local or foreign,the government has to ensure Bumis' exclusivity in Kg.Baru.Maintain the Kampong Melayu ambience but in a pleasant way.

10.Para 6: I agree to your arguement in this.Be selective to who and what kind of investors/partners you choose.The Taiwanese have shown bad examples.After setting up factories here,they caused major problems like polluting the environment and even steal utilities.The Indians;they are known to abandon jobs,return to their homeland while refusing to pay the local sub-contractors.In the end project owners are faced with cost overruns.

11.As you've also mentioned in para 6;government should give incentives to local entrepreneurs/companies that are able to expand their business using high tech and value added their products.This will obviously yield high output.High output means high revenue.

12.Ultimately,the para above is DS Najib's vision.Maybe it's more yours than Najib's.It is your target for Malaysia to be a developed nation by 2020.But in the pursue and eagerness to map out this journey,let's not burn ourselves to the ground along the way and left behind ashes for our great great grandchildren to pick up.

Thank you.

By razakAuthor Profile Page on June 25, 2010 2:51 AM

Assalamualaikum w.b.t Ayahanda Tun dan isteri,

Semoga sihat wal-afiat selalu.

FDI? Saya minat motosikal berkuasa besar dan motosikal Harley Davidson. So saya akan menulis bagaimana FDI boleh memajukan industri motosikal berkuasa besar di Malaysia. Malaysia ada Modenas, dah bertahun-tahun tapi masih ditakuk lama, masih buat dan jual motor kapcai. Dulu ambik skuter dari Taiwan dan tukar nama jadi Modenas Karisma, tapi lupa nak buang nama motor Taiwan yang ada pada lock. So tak berkembang, dan tak mahu lihat ke hadapan. Industri motorsikal bernilai berbilion US dolar di pasaran dunia. Harley Davidson, Victory - USA, BMW - Jerman, Ducati, Cagiva, Bimota, MV Agusta - Italy, KTM - Austria, Honda, Kawasaki, Yamaha, Suzuki - Japan, Bombardier - Canada. Victory Motorcycle Company baru 10 tahun ditubuhkan tapi dah duduk sama rendah, berdiri sama tinggi dengan Harley Davidson. Modenas lebih awal tapi jauh terbelakang dari Victory. Takda inovasi, takda inisiatif untuk lebih maju. Jadi di bidang industri motorsikal berkuasa besar ni adalah satu tempat untuk syarikat luar negara melabur, FDI lah. Bila syarikat luar buka kilang membuat dan memasang motorsikal berkuasa tinggi, pertukaran teknologi (technology transfer) akan berlaku. Jurutera-jurutera motorsikal Malaysia akan bertambah ramai, pekerja kilang akan bertambah, harga motorsikal besar bertambah murah, Malaysia akan menjana pendapatan melalui vendor-vendor yang membekalkan spare parts motor. Selain itu, mesin-mesin C&C (Computer Cutting Machine) dapat digunakan secara meluas di Malaysia. Harga C&C di Malaysia tidak kurang dari RM 1 juta. Penggunaannya mudah. Sebagai contoh, harga 1 rim depan motor adalah rm 3-4 ribu. 1 blok aluminium gred T6061 (aircraft frame grade) akan diletak ke dalam mesin C&C, design bentuk rim dibuat dgn komputer, selepas itu mesin C&C akan memotong blok aluminium tersebut selama 24 jam untuk membentuk rim tersebut. Mesin C&C bukan saja boleh membentuk rim tetapi apa sahaja yang terlintas dalam kepala kita untuk menghasilkan sesuatu menggunakan besi dan aluminium. Mesin C&C boleh didapati dalam bentuk water jet, cutter, laser. Disinilah saya rasa Malaysia memerlukan FDI dan dapat meningkatkan pendapatan negara dalam industri motorsikal kuasa tinggi di Malaysia. Wassallam.
By raymondAuthor Profile Page on June 25, 2010 1:04 AM

hi TUN....

i like to give suggestion to u regarding "judi bola".since majority of malay people protest and againts the isu,i suggest TUN u make a statement like this"since gamble is for non-muslim so the license was issue to non-malay and whatever profit or donation from ascot was given to non=muslim assosiation or organisations for them to overcome their race problem like srjk isu and many more... bcoz i do not understand why the most people protest this isu are malay,but for chinese and indian,they all majority was quiet about this isu.for me as a chinese,gambling is very sinonim to us.

TQ.

By tuan tulis talangAuthor Profile Page on June 24, 2010 11:19 PM

Dear Tun,

Hope you're in the best of health, Amin

I totally agree with Tun's FDI further elaboration giving opportunity for the Rakyat to further understand ..What is FDI ?

I feel the present Government led by NAJIB is ' A LOT OF TALK AND PROMISES BUTNO ACTION ONLY RHETORIC .

Our PM has been going travelling round the world to promote Malaysia to attract investment BUT fail to realise the type of investment that they are investing .

It looks like the Government is in DESPERATE mode as long as any Tom , Dick Or Harry the Government will proudly accept .

May be Tun's opinion will give some light to Najib.

By Typical MalayAuthor Profile Page on June 24, 2010 11:03 PM

Dear Tun,

Saya sangat setuju dengan idea Tun. Saya menyaksikan sendiri keperluan ini dari dekat kerana saya terbabit dengan pembinaan menara bersebelahan menara berkembar Petronas di bawah penyeliaan KLCC holding. Pelbagai masalah dapat dilihat. Idea Tun seolah Tun juga berada bersama. Perubahan

segera dari segi pelaksanaan diperlukan. Masa seolah semakin suntuk. Hidup TUN!.....
By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on June 24, 2010 8:45 PM

Dear Tun,

I think the govt should encourage more science and technology research based foreign universities to set up their branch campus here. Rather than importing cheap labour, wouldn't it be better if we could attract foreign students to study in these private foreign universities by the thousands. Maybe we can tap new technology developed by these private foreign universities to our advantage.

Instead of producing low value products, we might be able to produce high value products deriving from R&D from these branch foreign universities.

We convert Langkawi as the centre of higher learning for foreign universities.

What do you think, Tun?

By al-DinAuthor Profile Page on June 24, 2010 8:32 PM

In these changing times Tun has given approaches for viable long term approach for our country to benefit from FDI in a wholesome manner. I would imagine that the federal and state governments should have a priority list of the kinds or categories of foreign investments that we should bring in.

In good times we have not adhere to such guidelines whatmore during bad times like these days brought about by self-inflicted mismanagement at all levels and forms. Anything goes for the meantime so that those with political self-interest survive and the country secondarily.

Haliburton is among the first to invest in Sri Iskandar corridor. It is a tentacular conglomerate backed by Dick Cheney. It is in Iraq providing mercenary support, the Mexico Gulf oil (spill) and elsewhere I do not know. APCO is BN backed.

The foreign China dolls invest direct (al beit through the pimps) their bodies (mobile as contrary to fixed) here. Thanks to VOA.

By rivermanAuthor Profile Page on June 24, 2010 7:36 PM

Tun,

Aktiviti yang membina negara :

1. Sektor peladangan - kelapa sawit , getah
2. Sektor SMI
3. Sektor pelancongan - buatlah betul2
4. Sektor pendidikan - swasta - harus diperbaiki juga / punya harapan
5. Sektor kewangan
6. Sektor construction
7. Sektor telekomunikasi
8. Sektor pemakanan

Aktiviti yang mencekik darah rakyat

1. Sektor perumahan - rumah terlalu mahal
2. Sektor kenderaan - kereta terlalu mahal - ia tidak mencerminkan harga sebenar di pasaran - cth: harga toyota vios - tidaklah perlu RM80k di pasaran antarabangsa.

#harus diingatkan - rakyat malaysia membelanjakan hampir 40% daripada gajinya untuk bayaran kereta dan rumah

Aktiviti yang memrugikan negara

1. Pengambilan komisen

2. Projek terbengkalai dan rosak
3. Subsidi barangan - harus dikurangkan

Aktiviti yang membinasakan negara dan rakyat

1. Perbalahan politik - tuduh menuduh.
2. Perebutan kuasa politik
3. Rasuah politik

#para pengamal politik haruslah bersifat lebih matang. Tiada gunanya menuduh kerajaan kini dan lama atas sebarang kelemahan. Buatlah sesuatu untuk memperbaiki keadaan.

Rasuah

Lupakan yang lama - sukar untuk menangkap semua orang.

Ampunkan mereka tetapi kita harus bertegas - tiada rasuah mulai esok.

Marilah kita beramai-ramai, bersatu berikrar untuk melakukan yang terbaik untuk negara ini.

Lupakanlah kisah lampau, tiada yang sempurna sepenuhnya.

Kita bersatu berdiri teguh bersama pemimpin yang telah dipilih untuk membawa negara ini ke mercu kejayaan.

Ingat, bersatu kita teguh, bercerai kita roboh.

Musuh kita bukan rakyat Malaysia - musuh kita berada di luar sana.

Riverman

By HBTAuthor Profile Page on June 24, 2010 4:04 PM

Ayahanda Tun,

It's a long term and good investment rather than just build for the sake of building, eg: Kampung Baru KL, to increase value to the economy which is good for the investors and government land. If Federal Government is serious in setting up International Tourism Base in KLIA, Sepang, Putrajaya, Dengkil and Selangor, perhaps they should look into this matter seriously.

Thursday June 24, 2010

Singapore Marina Bay Sands officially opened Tuesday

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SINGAPORE: Marina Bay Sands is set to change the concept of integrated resorts not only in Singapore but the whole of South Asia.

"Marina Bay Sands is really the future of tourism development. For countries serious about boosting tourism and creating new jobs, the integrated resort model is unmatched and Marina Bay Sands will now be a reference point by which all new tourism projects are judged," Las Vegas Sands Corp chairman Sheldon G. Adelson told a press conference.

Las Vegas Sands owns the Singapore integrated resort that officially opened yesterday.

Adelson said although the integrated resort offered a casino, the casino only took 3% of the total gross floor area.

Unlike other casinos in Las Vegas, a visitor to Marina Bay Sands would not see the casino at its entrance. One had to actually look for the casino in a Sands hotel, he added.

"An integrated resort caters to all people," he said.

Attractions included well-known restaurants with reasonable prices, meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions facilities that could host 11,000 delegates at one time, shops with world class brands, the "Lion King" musical and continuous theatre shows throughout the year, a world class museum and a 1.2ha skypark on top of the three hotel towers, he added.

The property itself will be a new iconic landmark for Singapore. With three 55-floor towers offering 2,561 rooms and suites, it is the biggest hotel in Singapore and is strategically located in the heart of the city.

Over the last two months, the casino business has seen 500,000 visitors each month. On the average, the integrated resort expects to attract 70,000 visitors a day and 18 million visitors a year.

Adelson said even though the resort expected to attract the international market, its main first-tier visitors would be from Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia. Its second-tier market comprises middle-class visitors from the Indochina region and Thailand. The last tier is Australia, New Zealand, Middle East, the Philippines, India, South Korea and Japan.

He also noted that the hotel had recorded full occupancy since the resort opened in February.

Take care Ayahanda Tun.

By Nothing But WindAuthor Profile Page on June 24, 2010 3:06 PM

Dear Tun Dr M,

It is the Malaysians and their attitude that need to be blamed for any imbalance in the FDI. If at all the FDI regulations does not merit Malaysia then it points to the weak and vulnerable FDI rules and regulations.

No foreigner would want to invest in our country unless there is a concrete possibility that they are to make reasonable good returns for their participation. Malaysia is in a competitive region where it is next to Singapore when it comes to cost of labor and other vital resources.

It is due to this reason, not only the potential foreign investors but also the existing foreign investors, are shunning Malaysia and eyeing on countries like Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines etc.

This has seriously affected Malaysian economy, especially the manufacturing sector. Most of the foreign concerns who have substantial and controlling product market in Malaysia but have their manufacturing activities done outside Malaysia. Day by day, this trend is bloating.

Countries like Japan, China and S. Korea faced similar fate sometime back. They were able to curb their economic decline with determination, hard work and creativity i.e. by manufacturing various products at competitive prices (Of course the quality of the material is normally questionable).

One proof, why the quality of the materials is secondary is that, many International & popular Brands are now manufactured in those Oriental countries.

Malaysians didn't have a far-sight and took things for granted on this scenario thus didn't prepare themselves for such eventualities. They also lack the spirit, patriotism and the burning desire to succeed in times of difficulties. They get contended easily and give up easily.

By parameswara 2Author Profile Page on June 24, 2010 2:15 PM

dearest Tun Dr Mahathir

I agree with rakyat_biasa that FDI's should be welcomed at all times because of it's backward linkages-other than just employment creation,it need to source local content because it would be cheaper

and delivery should be quicker if we have what they want. It would also provide avenue for local companies to identify new business opportunities and ideas. And more local vendors could be created. And more backward linkages...

And I also agree with Tan Kien Boon on why on earth are you as a muslim supporting something that is universally accepted as bad. You must be principled based, whatever is wrong is wrong and you can't justify it on whatever ground. If they want to play illegally and would cost the nation great losses then the govt has just got to beef up on its enforcement to the best they can, that's all. Let Genting Highland be our only mistake. Do you know how many people have committed suicide because of their follies at the casinos? And the Govt have no share of this crime in the hereafter?

Anyway, on a different note, it's important that whoever takes over Malaysia must have your characteristics. Keen interest and knowledge of economics, though need not be an expert, as you have the experts to support you. The drive and passion to get things done and that 'nobody can stop me' attitude amongst the others. Something we don't find in any of your successors and why it is boring now.

But you are not perfect. Your main weakness is in the human resources. You'd make a terrible HR manager, just look at all your choices for your replacements. The people you have given priority in particular your own people have only exploited your tough and risky efforts to only enrich themselves without giving a hoot of the long term consequences on your reputation or the nation.

Proton is a great idea from South Korea and although we are much younger than the Koreans in the industry doesn't mean we cannot beat them now. We are almost 25 yrs old surely we would have been able to penetrate the export market if only we had the right people at all levels - starting with the supplier vendors in particular.

The quality of Proton's components does show somebody is cutting corners. But is there no quality control in Proton? Or is it because of the guan xi with the people in power that make it difficult to do anything. And again have any of our component supplier established themselves as worthwhile and competitive suppliers to the other automobile companies? Only Proton using them?

If our population of 28 million is said to be the reason for not having a comfortable mass to be competitive in this industry as South Korea, Sweden has a much smaller population but the Volvo is a successful company.

If only the right human materials of Malaysia is given the utmost priority instead of race or political considerations I believe Proton or any other Malaysian Companies can take on the world even. Since we already have the world class materials amongst us why don't we just use them to get to the finishing line? Are we doing business or what? A successful Proton will help lure in more FDI's as more and more companies will want to participate with our current vendors to tap on the huge automobile market with the emergence of China and India that should be our natural markets.

By gieAuthor Profile Page on June 24, 2010 1:53 PM

Aslmkm Tun,

1. Gov should give more incentives to local companies who want to set-up technology company and competing their products with international market.
2. Govmt agencies should lead and show support of such companies by buying their products or give them support by an intent to purchase once products materialized, doesn't matter if the product is inferior to overseas products. This support makes big difference at the early stage before they can sell overseas. To ask rakyat to buy is difficult as certain group/race here doesn't have 'semangat kebangsaan' unlike Japanese and Koreans.
3. Local companies who develop and/or produce products in the same category as products made by MNCs operating in Malaysia should be selected and groomed and nurtured to become world player by giving great incentives and government agencies should give this company highest priority when buying such product. Some policies should be enhanced.

4. Heard that some local Bumi companies can sell their products overseas/western countries but fail to sell in Malaysia. Only when they move their operations overseas now they can sell to Malaysia!! What a screw-up policy we have. And also the attitude of Malaysians who glorify foreign-made products. Gov should instead give first class support and treatment to these local companies.

Thank you. Wassalam

By donplaypuksAuthor Profile Page on June 24, 2010 1:32 PM

Tun

You are absolutely right that we should be selective in accepting FDI's.

But then, can beggars really be choosers?

Recently, the Pahang Govt approved an FDI from an Australian company involving the Rare Earth type project which generates radioactive waste with half life stretching to millions and millions of years.

Yet, after our disastrous experience with Rare Earth in Perak when you were PM, the Pahang Govt has approved this FDI with scant regard for our environment or health risk and hazards to our workers. The Aussie company "chose" M'sia after their own Govt and China refused to allow the "tailings" from being processed or stored in their own country!!

In the final analysis, if our economy and the system of governance is in good shape, we can pick and choose the FDI's we want. Otw, we will accept any Tom, Dick or Harry who will usually go for the share and property market or riskier ones which no one else will touch with a 10 ft pole.

That's the real reason we are losing out to India, China, Hong Kong, S'pore, Indonesia etc.

dpp

we are all of 1 race, the Human Race

By lemand64Author Profile Page on June 24, 2010 12:57 PM

Tun,

Elok juga seperti cadangan,Tun atau pihak Tun sekali sekala bagi respon pada komen dalam blog ni.Baru syok,baru karan...

By lemand64Author Profile Page on June 24, 2010 12:53 PM

Tun Yang Dihormati,

Menentukan pelaburan yang sesuai dengan tahap kemajuan Malaysia.Kita dah lama menerima pelaburan asing sejak 40 tahun yang lalu atau lebih.Sepatutnya perkara ini tidak perlu diingatkan lagi dan lagi tapi nampaknya tidak.

Pada pendapat saya,pengurusan kerajaan dalam banyak hal seperti masalah pendatang asing/gejalanya,dadah dan belia melayu,isu pendidikan negara yang terawang-awang(1 malaysia?) masih begitu juga walaupun kerap dibincang dan dibahas.Itu sebahagian sahaja agenda yang masih tak selesai.

Saya percaya kerajaan masih tak mampu memilih yang terbaik untuk malaysia dan mencorakkan masa depan yang lebih berjaya.Cukup setakat yang sedia ada sahaja.Masalah dalam negara pun tak terurus,mampukah kerajaan nak memilih-milih.Hal ehwal Malaysia ditentukan oleh orang lain.Contoh; Pulau batu Putih.

Kesimpulannya,apa pun yang sedang dan akan kerajaan laksanakan,tak membantu lonjakan bumiputera/melayu dalam waktu ini.Melayu/bumi hanya boleh mendengar dan melihat sahaja.Sesekali merasa bangga dengan Malaysia dengan sajian kejayaan Penyanyi Terbaik Asia,lepas tu kembali muram,dihimpit dan terhimpit.Ini tentu tidak kepada Prof Madya proksi Netanyahu tuu...
By pj1Author Profile Page on June 24, 2010 12:13 PM

Salam Tun

1. Sikit pun tak salah apa yang Tun perkatakan.
2. Masalahnya, boleh jadi sikap atau pemikiran, kebanyakan kita tidak mahu berubah.
3. Jika sesuatu polisi itu telah dibuat, kebanyakannya akan menggunakan polisi tersebut walaupun sudah tidak relevan lagi.
4. Berlainan pula dengan agenda. Setiap pemimpin khususnya mahukan agendanya sahaja yang dipenuhi. Sebab itu kita melihat setiap kali berubah pemimpin, kita boleh jangkakan perubahan agenda yang akan dibawanya.
5. Keadaan berubah. Maka sudah tentu polisi juga turut berubah tanpa tersasar walau sedikitpun daripada agenda yang telah ditetapkan.
6. Mungkin mengubah polisi akan menambah beban kerja maka sebab itu lebih baik diam dan duduk dengan selesa. Cukup bulan ambik gaji.
7. Susah juga kalau setiap kerja mesti ditegur barulah nak buat. Tambah-tambah kalau kita bukan jenis yang suka ditegur.
8. Yang jelasnya, kami masih memerlukan Tun untuk memberi teguran.

By khairi aliAuthor Profile Page on June 24, 2010 11:07 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun, Harap Tun berada dalam sihat sejahtera dan diberkati selalu. Amin.

Now, U r talking, Tun. I've been waiting 4 this kind of posting, in order to understand what is going on in the present government.

I would like to give a gist of Islamic law (usul fiqh) to our friend Tan Kien Boon (24.6). U c in Islam, pig is forbidden (haram. But in certain situation, like emergency, muslim r allow to eat them.

In the case of gambling, there is another principle of fiqh, that is, u r allowed 2 bear the burden of a special case for the general good of all.

U must remember that Islamic law is not about absolutism.

By HBTAuthor Profile Page on June 24, 2010 11:05 AM

Ayahanda Tun,

The gift presented by Hsien Loong to PM Najib was in Triagle of 3 round moderate angles, and not with sharp 90 degree if we took a closer look by ourselves.

The most important mission is to make Malaysia a Developed Nation with Developed MPs and Civilised Rakyat in status quo of economical, political and socio arena through human intelligence. Rigid and authocratic power won't work in today's world.

Bye, Ayahanda Tun. Woman also elected as PM of Australia and today's Alice In Wonderland is no longer the fairly tale of the ex-Alice, and she can choose wat she wants in life.

thestar online reported news-AP:-

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Australia gets 1st female PM, Rudd ousted(update)

CANBERRA, Australia: Australia got its first female prime minister on Thursday after the ruling party dumped Kevin Rudd and installed his deputy as leader.

Julia Gillard will lead the government to elections due within months.

She stood unopposed at a vote of the Labor Party's 112 lawmakers at a meeting Thursday, hours after a revolt against Rudd.

"I feel very honored," she told reporters afterward.

New Australian PM Julia Gillard, left, leaves a Labor Party meeting with new Deputy Prime Minister Wayne Swan in Canberra, Australia, Thursday, June 24. Australia got its first female prime minister after the ruling party dumped Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and installed his deputy, Gillard, as leader. - AP
Rudd didn't even stand for reappointment in the vote - a signal that he knew his support had collapsed.

Rudd had ridden high in opinion polls as one of the most popular Australian prime ministers of modern times until he made major policy backflips, including a decision in April to shelve plans to make Australia's worst polluters pay for their carbon gas emissions.

The leadership change is unlikely to alter Australia's key policy positions, such as its troop commitment to Afghanistan.

Since she is leader of the majority party in Parliament, Gillard's swearing in as prime minister is a formality.

Rudd, who won a landslide election victory less than three years ago, appeared composed after the meeting, but declined to speak to the media.

The government's key financial minister, Treasurer Wayne Swan, was elected deputy prime minister unopposed.

In this Feb. 12, 2008, file photo Australian Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard, left, watches as Prime Minister Kevin Rudd takes his affirmation during the first day of federal Parliament in Canberra. Australia got its first female prime minister Thursday, June 24, 2010, after the ruling party dumped Rudd and installed his deputy as leader. (AP Photo/Mark Graham)

Gillard was born in Barry, Wales, in 1961, the second daughter of a family who migrated to Adelaide, Australia, when she was a four-year-old child in search of a warmer climate for her lung complaint.

A former successful lawyer, she has been attacked by some opponents as unsuitable to lead because she is childless and therefore out of touch with most Australians.

Gillard supporter Sen. Kate Lundy said Gillard will turn around the government's poor polling which triggered the leadership challenge.

"I think she'll inspire a new confidence in Labor," Lundy told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio.

"I think we were at risk (of losing the next election) and I think Julia presents a much stronger opportunity for us," she added.

Despite Australia's weathering the global downturn, recent polling puts the center-left government neck-and-neck with the conservative opposition.

One poll earlier this month showed Labor trailing the opposition for the first time in more than four years.

Rudd called a late night news conference to announce Thursday's vote of Labor lawmakers after Gillard said she would challenge him for the leadership.

She had been approached by key factional power brokers in the party who told her that they had abandoned Rudd to support her, Australian Associated Press and Nine Network television reported, without citing sources.

Rudd was due to fly to a summit of Group of 20 major economies in Canada hours after the ballot.

It is unclear who will now represent Australia.

Rudd is a Labor hero, having led the party to victory at 2007 elections after 11 years in opposition. - AP

Earlier report

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Rudd won a landslide election victory less than three years ago but suffered a recent plunge in opinion polls. - AP

By Duyam1968Author Profile Page on June 24, 2010 10:47 AM

Salam sejahtera, Tun,

I totally agree with you. In practice, personal agenda and self interest will destroy everything. What a pity. Full of frustration and disappointment.

Wasalam

By HBTAuthor Profile Page on June 24, 2010 10:38 AM

Ayahanda Tun,

Not only illegal sport betting, illegal sand floating happens in Sg Johor though it's ban by Malaysia Government.

//Thursday June 24, 2010

Sand pirates: Millions floated out of the country via Sungai Johor

By ELAN PERUMAL and STUART MICHAEL

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JOHOR BARU: Sand worth millions of ringgit is being illegally "floated" out of the country daily via Sungai Johor here. And this has been going on for the past three years.

A Starprobe team investigating this lucrative trade found that the sand ends up in Singapore, despite a ban on sand export imposed by the Malaysian Government.

Sand extraction is a common sight along the river as mining syndicates illegally transport millions of tonnes of sand, even on weekends and public holidays, via Danga Bay and Port of Tanjung Pelepas.

The culprits use barges to pass through the international waters from Kota Tinggi and Ulu Tiram before arriving at local ports for shipment to Singapore.

The probe revealed that the barges are directed towards a private jetty or landing point at Pulau Punggol Timur in Singapore where the sand is unloaded.

A Singaporean company, which obtains the sand from a Malaysian partner, supplies it to the Housing Development Board of Singapore to cater for construction projects in the island republic.

The Starprobe team's visit to the landing point revealed that the sand from the barges was loaded onto trucks before being taken to the private storage area.

The Pulau Punggol Timur jetty is believed to be used to solely stock up sand.

The private jetty is filled with sand mounds, mostly from Malaysia, and some from neighbouring countries.

To circumvent the Malaysian ban on sand export, the syndicates are believed to be exporting this highly sought-after material as processed or "packed" silica sand, an item that can be exported.

By obtaining sand from its Malaysian partner, the Singaporean company is making huge profits as it only pays S\$30 per cubic metre compared with S\$40 for the same amount of sand from Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia.

It is estimated that since August 2007, more than three million cubic metres of sand has been smuggled out through Sungai Johor.

Starprobe's findings also revealed that more than 90% of the sand was extracted from Sungai Johor while the rest was from sand mines from the Kota Tinggi and Johor Baru districts.

Further investigation revealed that the illegal business started after a contract worth RM62.4 mil was awarded by the Malaysian Drainage and Irrigation Department to a private company to carry out redesigning and rectification works of Sungai Johor.

This involved deepening and widening a 12km stretch of the river mouth from Kota Tinggi towards Singapore.

Checks revealed that since the project also involved sand extraction from the river, a total of three million cubic metres of sand had been mined from the river.

Based on the calculation that the sand is being sold at S\$30 per cubic metre, the syndicates could have raked in RM207mil over the two-year period of the project.

After the project's completion, the syndicates continued to extract sand from the river, purportedly for local use but instead "exported" it to Singapore.

It is also learnt that an average of three sand-laden barges are transported out of Sungai Johor daily. A total of 326 barges of sand are believed to have been smuggled into Singapore over the past four months.

The syndicates have made an estimated RM44.9mil from the sale of 652,000 cubic metres of sand over the four months, which means they have pocketed a total of RM251.9mil from the illegal sale of sand to Singapore over the past three years.

The Government has also sustained heavy losses due to the fact that the sand is freely smuggled out.

The Government should have collected not less than RM37.5mil in taxes from the transaction based on RM12.50 for exporting per cubic metre of silica sand.

A Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission source confirmed that it had received a tip-off on the involvement of government officials related to the sand stealing activity.

The source also revealed that the commission had tipped off the relevant government authorities on its findings.

On Feb 9, The Star reported that several government officials were charged with accepting bribes for allowing the smuggling of sand into Singapore.//

Comment:

The Government and MPs should not wasting their time on politicking issues, Malaysia Government should work closely with Singapore Government to curb illegal sand mining businesses Too, 2 Go Green. Without natural resources of Sand, there will be NO GO GREEN, right???

How 2 Go Nuke neh in Transparent world with Maverlous Maverick Local Environment Lover Activist like Ms Elizabeth Wong, the MP in Selangor State neh????

Have a pleasant day, Ayahanda Tun. Who is the MP in tis area? US\$ is increasing, RM is decreasing if we continue to enhance 2 dalang Muka MPs in the Parliamnent of ruling buat blh, opposition buat tak blh, right?

What are these MPs doing in Parliament now? All we see is they are more interested in POLITICKing BN and PR agendas more then wat the rakyat want...and wen comes to GE 13, all these MPs will become Minorities like bitik2 sands, and there is No Majority in Paksi 1 Malaysia, Kan, as mentioned by Suzana H.....Who will replace PM Najib when he is tired and need 2 rest neh? PM Najib also a human being like all of us, right?

By HBTAuthor Profile Page on June 24, 2010 9:57 AM

Ayahanda Tun,

We need FDI to make Malaysia economy more competitive by selling out national assets since we do not have talented and experienced brain with multi-international networks to diversify these assets. Going into high tech and full automation is highly risky since Malaysia has low population density and it has proven a failure after the 1998 financial crisis.

The question to me as rakyat is PM Najib more interested in his own personal agenda rather than the nation itself. Maybe he thinks KL Federal Territory belongs to Him and not as 1Malaysia? The fund to build this torn Pudu Jail-PJ aka T.Blair will be raised by Ministry of Finance according to DFM YB Adek Hj Awang reported by thestar online??? On the other hand, DSAI wrote about how Sime Darby = Renong II, and Bank Bumiputra Commerce was replaced by CIMB according 2 His knowledge and perception, and now he has brought up the case of Melaka's Nasir Safar scandal with Altantuya's C4 brutal murder.

Chinese will not vote UMNO no matter what happens in future because they do not trust UMNO putras anymore..And we trust Singapore's Premier of Cakap Serupa Bikin more..

Tun Daim, MP in Melaka, told Nanyang Siang Pau that the style of finger pointing at Chinese for being ungrateful does not work anymore. He is Right, and to prevent lost of local talents, scholarship must be offered to those who are capable and talented so that these talents are kept for future economics activity.

Ayahanda Tun, Malaysia is very much dependent on cheaper labour force to spur its small to medium economy. KDN must come up ways to settle these problems. For eg:- here we have Air Asia offering free tickets or low fares to Chennai to increase its corporate revenue by bringing in more Chennai visitors to Malaysia. Chennai-ans came here to visit or work ah, we don't know ,right. There we have many komplens kat Immigration Department on human trafficking, JI terrorism bla.....by cakap2 only, wat 4 neh?

Now, thestar online reported...

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Annual assessments may replace UPSR and PMR, says Muhyiddin

//KUALA LUMPUR: The proposed abolishment of UPSR and PMR does not mean that students will no longer be evaluated through examinations, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said.

2. "Maybe it will be school-based assessments instead of public exams. This is just a suggestion. If we go ahead, we will have to coordinate the school-based system first," he said.

3. On Sunday, Muhyiddin who is also Education Minister, said the Government was studying the possibility of abolishing UPSR and PMR as the current system was too exam-oriented.

4. He suggested that school-based assessments be conducted in place of the public examinations.

5. Yesterday, Muhyiddin told the Dewan Rakyat when winding up the debate on the 10th Malaysia Plan that the ministry was studying proposals to restructure the education system.

6. He said the changes should lead to improved creativity, innovativeness and students involvement in sports and co-curricular activities.

7. "The move will also discourage rote learning which places less emphasis on thinking capability."

8. Furthermore, he said, the cutting down of the number of public exams would also save government expenditure.

9. Muhyiddin also said that more Mandarin and Tamil language teachers would gradually be made available in national schools so that pupils would have the option of learning the languages.

10. Currently, about 500 schools were already teaching the languages as optional subjects, he said.

11. On Bagan MP Lim Guan Eng's proposal that allocations given to Chinese schools be in proportion to their number of students, Muhyiddin said the Government needed to look at the education sector in a holistic manner.

12. "If we follow the student ratio for allocation (of funds), then it will be hard to justify schools in areas such as rural Sarawak (where enrolment is small but the cost of development is high)," he said.

13. On matriculation colleges, he said 10% of the intake was open to non-bumiputras.

14. He admitted there was a high demand for the colleges, with 100,000 students applying for the 20,000 spots available//

The question Now is, "Without rakyat votes, who is UMNO's President Najib -Abdul- Razak?"

Malaysia's government will only go bankrupt by 2019 if the TIDAK APA attitude of power abuse is continued through aka political parties. UMNO wants Government to implement GST, forget about it la if the PM is behaving like tis!

Good day Ayahanda Tun. The gift which Hsien Loong presented to PM Najib is creative and innovative, a Triangle /Tiga Segi Tepat plate of 90 degree Angles with a Cone stamped on one of its angle. Yuan is weakened now, and inflation in China is within control whereby people of China can spend 1 yuan to buy more daily necessities. China has planned 10 Nuclear Energy Plants to push up its industrialisation plan to re-tapped the world market. The only obstacle that is preventing her to go nuke for nuclear energy is non other than POLITICAL STABILITY. Nuclear is very dangerous if it's use to topple any governments in the world. Go nuke to Go Green, Malaysia must maintain political stability....if not forget about going nuke in the world...Decentralised or Centralised Polttical Stability for the sake of the nation or for the sake of UMNO? One must remember that the elected Person to be the PM of Malaysia must be appointed by the Agong in Power under Federal Constitution and 5 Prinsip Rukun Negara.....

By insan kerdilAuthor Profile Page on June 24, 2010 9:31 AM

In my opinion FDI is good in any way because it encourages the National GDP. The Japanese and Korean contractors previously brought into the country also subcontracted the works to local using the subcontractors up fronts to complete jobs. These contractors then collect payments from the local Clients to pay the subcontractors.

It is a norm for any profit making corporations to maximize profit and it is a management accounting principle to make company strategies and policies based upon the tax laws of the Authorities.

There are enough regulations in the country to protect the local interests as much as the interests of the Bumiputras. The country's problem is corruption and disrespect of the laws which puts the distribution of wealth to target groups disarrayed.

Greeds have more often overcome the expert advise.

By MAZAIAuthor Profile Page on June 24, 2010 9:15 AM

Thank Tun,

The Government and all the experts appointed by Government should consider Tun's views.

Since few years ago I already smell the problems of being colonized again by foreigners. Not through war but controlling of our economy. Looks....

Foreign investors own our land,
Foreign investors control our economy,
Foreign workers run factories owned by foreigners,
Thus Foreigners become master to our government.

Over time they can claim of having right to protect their investment in this country. Definitely their government will do anything to protect their citizen..... what would be the consequences.

Malaysian only become spectators... than victim of termination..... than subjects of new colonial master

Where is the meaning of INDEPENDENCE.

DSN please do something.

By HBTAuthor Profile Page on June 24, 2010 7:29 AM

Good morning Ayahanda Tun,

May I.....

By Tan Kien Boon on June 24, 2010 3:09 AM

Dear Dr. Mahathir,

.....I am really upset that you would approve gambling licenseThe chinese always gamble?? get that fact right, I am a chinese and also dozen others who will go against this activities that have destroy so many life!! Do you still care for the people or has capitalism reign among your heart in your circle of influence. I wonder will Marina and your wife agree with you?

Dear Tan,

Can you explain why Singapore Government legalise Gambling as Casino in Singapore recently?

The chinese always gamble, yes they are and maybe you are one of them without knowing.....

But they don't use the term gambling, they use the term "take risk" like Indie Jones.

Because of dozen maverick chinese associaties with 1 eye closed fellas who think that they are the best of the best maverick chinese, in fact you and your group have destroyed many families through objections by spurring the businesses of ah longs aka "mca pkr gerakan dap"- macam pakar gerakan dapat angpow berkongsi fa cai secara diam2 ubi neh like you get the political support, kita sama2 kongsi fa cai rata2.

Nevertheless, wen the sport betting is legalised, there are many2 alternative ways for Ah Longs and Bookies to spur their businesses through negotiation and legal channels.

The most important is that the government need to tap this market to bring in income tax revenue to increase gaji2 and construction of the PDRM.

In Hongkong, Ah Longs no longer defined as Ah Long, they are defined as Legal Financial Centre to lend money out at higher interest rates. Takkan la Mr Tan Boon Kien tak tau.

Good day, Ayahanda Tun. Maverick Tan Boon Kien tak pa, yang menakutkan adalah dia ni hypocrite depa kata oK, belakang kata Ok due to personal gains of the 'mcm pkr gerakan dap'.....

P.S. Is Singapore Government tapping Malaysia gambling market uptown with UMNO at PJ, Pudu Jail?

By Tan Kien BoonAuthor Profile Page on June 24, 2010 3:09 AM

Dear Dr. Mahathir,

I have high regards for you as a leader all this time. Recently I find that you need take a look at the rakyat. I am really upset that you would approve gambling license to our country that is so terribly jeopardize by ah long and unhealthy gambling. The chinese always gamble?? get that fact right, I am a chinese and also dozen others who will go against this activities that have destroy so many life!! Do you still care for the people or has capitalism reign among your heart in your circle of influence. I wonder will Marina and your wife agree with you?

I was rather shock when you support such notion.

I am sorry I do not know what channel to get to you. I love reading this blog all the time and I could agree 70% of the time of your content. Yet, recently I think you should take some reflection of yourself sir.
By JamalAuthor Profile Page on June 24, 2010 2:46 AM

Dear Tun,

An interesting analysis and thought provoking suggestions.

Yes the fuel subsidies which is given across the board are definitely being benefited by the Foreign Investors who set up shop here.

It was necessary to lower production cost for them and make it attractive for them to come here.

As you rightly mention at this time, do we need to attract them? Most of what these low or lower medium technology industries have; it can already be done by the locals. We MUST support our local industries to be competitive locally and for export by giving tax breaks, focused subsidies and support.

These industries can employ locals and some foreign workers. We need to help them lower production cost, esp. for supply to our local market. Buying we all local we will reduce our need for foreign products and thus protect our currency by lowering our need for foreign currency exchange.

We need to encourage local business and up-starts to build and grow their ventures.

We have many enterprising people with the skills, knowledge, desire and drive to do it. Lets give them the support ala the Small Business Agency in USA.

State governments need to approach development of their states holistically, i.e. not just building industrial parks etc... but to develop the businesses, opportunities and people consecutively. They must together with the Federal Government ensure the necessary infrastructures are ready to allow these industries to operate efficiently and effectively.

Regulations must be business-centric to make doing business by locals as easy as possible.

As for the Stock Exchanges - if we can, we should open a parallel exchange which will help investors find business for purely investment purpose only - No speculation allow. It's imperative that the rules must encourage longer term investing and no very short term selling off of shares.

Once investor buys into the company share the investor when he sells his share will only get back what he bought it for plus (or minus) whatever the Board of Directors decides; with the approval of the Exchange Regulator. For growth these business can expect investors to buy more shares from them attracted by the good dividend payouts.

The main attraction of the exchange is that companies must pay-out dividends (as attractive as possible and when profit margins allows) to the investor. Profit levels are monitored by the regulators annually.

This exchange will attract only REAL long term investors. Speculators will not want to gamble here.

The companies accepted into this exchange must not use bank loans for their operations (i.e. Riba) and therefore also halal businesses.

We can call it the Malaysian Investor-Business Exchange (fully syariah compliant - no gambling, no non halal business, no greed, no manipulations, no short-changing of any investor nor business.

Good Health and stay happy Tun.

Cheers

By MalayJessyJamesAuthor Profile Page on June 24, 2010 2:21 AM

sebenarnya Tun, memang FDI kami dh nak gerak hari tu.. kami rancang untuk bt FDI di malaysia worth RM5T... bermula dgn J2020..kami rancang untuk bawa new technology, fill in malaysia with new infrastructre...tapi kerajaan masa tu tak respon dengan apa yg kami cadangan..sampai lah anak haji meninggal..

Now wat you want us to do know? Do we have to wait for another MAT? who's new MAT? can you tell us? do you want us to move using Hyundai Fund?

we are almost give'up now.. just tell us samada kami ni masih lagi valid ke tidak?

pls la Tun... untuk agama, bangsa & negara ni
By M M jugaAuthor Profile Page on June 24, 2010 1:55 AM

Tun,

1. Incentives should be given priority to technology developed locally. Previous government investments in R&D have developed many home-grown technologies in the public research organisations. It is now time for the commercialisation of such technologies and innovations. Incentives and support should be given for those who bring the technology out into the market who spur local knowledge economy.

2. Stringent due diligence of the technology brought into Msia from abroad should be conducted. Questions should be asked on the local availability of the technology, the obsolescence of the technology, the competitive advantage of the technology and the strategic value to Malaysia as a whole. Many technology transfer and technology acquisitions from abroad are simply expensive and limited in the prospect for Malaysian economic future.

3. I agree on the what have been written on the FDI. Foreign investors reaped Msian incentives and grants, and when their holiday period is up or local fund is out, they threaten to layoff all the local workers if no funds are given continuously.

Thank you.
By daniel noorAuthor Profile Page on June 24, 2010 1:24 AM

Assalam mualikum

Dear Tun,

I tend to agree with your opinions. Nowadays thru the advertisements in the local newspapers, there are many properties and developments being offered. in most cases I noticed many of these developers (the bigger projects) are foreigners namely from Singapore and Honglong.

The prices of these properties , some runs into millions of Ringgit per unit. This make me think..who are the actual buyers having so much money? I am not sure there are many Malays that can afford these kind of properties. i am not belittling the malay purchasing powers but I am very sure there are not many Malays in the hundreds of thousand that can afford to pay for the properties. Most Malays still prefer to pay properties below RM500L and many of the locations are more than 2 hours drive from the city. In short the Malays are being pushed to the kampongs again.

Labor intesive investments can still be offered and ccepted BUT i suggest these industries should be located in a special corridors or kampongs and isolated areas. Of course the Government still need to

build up the infrastructure. This way, those from the kampongs and isolated places need not travel far to gain employments. Mostly those in the kampongs are elders and still useful. In Japan, such industries existed in far far places to provide employments to the elders and senior people.

The Government meantime should provide more effective incentives to the local industries not only to expand within the country but also setting up manufacturing plants within the ASEAN regions. As ASEAN has AFTA..wherever they set up their manufacturing plants should be a win- win thing. Also they can exchange intelligent manpowers among themselves. This way the countries in ASEAN can prosper as well as their people. As it is now there are a few countries within SEAN facing high employment rates but they have intelligent people that have no opportunities to show their skills. Malaysia can capitalise on that.

By nigeria friendAuthor Profile Page on June 24, 2010 12:42 AM

It is right that foreign investment can be very helpful, but never call other if your national firms can do it.
By LeeCampwinAuthor Profile Page on June 24, 2010 12:15 AM

We can attract more genuine FDI if we always retain our own talents.
Thanks PM Najib for continuing attracting FDI to Malaysia because Malaysia cannot fully depend on itself to develop on its own.
FDI from Singapore, USA and etc can help to spur Malaysia economic growth. Tun, u should feel very proud about it.
Tun, i fully agree with your Look East Policy where Japan and South Korea are implementing meritocracy system all the time.

According to many historians and economist, Tun should be retired in 1997/98 to let new generation of leadership implementing reform for Malaysia.

From 1998 to 2003, Tun didnt help much in social-economy of Malaysia. Malaysia was stagnating during this period of time where Malaysia was clearing the economic mess due to nepotism and cronyism policies.

You must fully support the current Malaysian government now, if not as you observing now, websites and blogs in the internet are criticizing / complaining your messy legacy all the time.
By Kassim Mohd HussainAuthor Profile Page on June 23, 2010 11:34 PM

Salam,

FDI had amassed wealth at the expense of our workers by paying these workers low salary. They are able to borrow money from foreign banks locally, they pay no tax during the tax holiday period. After the tax holiday period is over they avoid paying tax and same time they enjoy our subsidies for fuel and electricity.

Can we call this a reciprocal exchange(they create jobs, we provide cheap labour) that is benefiting only these investors.

If we now have enough workers, must this beloved nation allows this particular reciprocal exchange to continue?

By absAuthor Profile Page on June 23, 2010 11:08 PM

Dear Tun,

You know too well that in order to attract FDI's, Malaysian government offers a lot of incentives and benefits to foreign investors that in the end does not contribute to GDP other than provide employment to local people. Most FDI companies are operating in FTZ areas that are tax free.Even employment, majority is in lower wages category. Very low percentage in medium and high income category.

They come to Malaysia to take advantage of the benefits offered to them and making maximum profit from the business. In terms of technology transfer is zero. At the same time the government pushing

Malaysian companies investing overseas under the name of globalisation and Malaysia Bolih. Most of them lost their investment in Billion of Dollars. Both ways Malaysia is loosing!
By MFMAuthor Profile Page on June 23, 2010 10:49 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

I read in the newspaper that you are unable to come for UMNO Cheras official function because not well (fever) on 22nd June 2010 (if not mistaken).

How are you now, Tun. Berdoa Tun sihat dan dipanjangkan usia, amin...ya robilalamin.

Please take care, Tun and please help anak-anak yatim dan fakir miskin senantiasa.

Feroz, Cheras, Kuala Lumpur.
By rakyat_biasaAuthor Profile Page on June 23, 2010 10:23 PM

Salam Tun,

Semoga usaha Tun diberkati dan diberi petunjuk oleh Nya.

I'm sorry but i beg to differ...

1- There is no FDI that employ only foreign workers. Even if it exist there will be plenty of supporting local companies that still benefit of those FDI. Of course if you can name me any company that 0% local people involvement directly or indirectly, then i rest my case.

Summary - FDI should be welcome as much as possible. However i do agree that we need to re-think giving tax exemption or subsidies like electricity to certain FDI. I do support 100% that the G have to support local companies BUT IT SHOULD BE DONE PURELY BASE ON MERIT (worst case is competition within each races). There are many occasion where we heard 'failed' projects due to certain involvement from 'upper hand'. I'm seriously hope that i don't have to listen the same thing happen again since our Government is on the verge of bankruptcy.
By azmanyAuthor Profile Page on June 23, 2010 10:15 PM

It is refreshing to hear a new vision once in a while.

I would support this idea. But it will need (a) political will to make changes to status quo (b) support and buy-in from local industries and (c) enterprising bunch of people to develop the anchor companies.

On the last point, I surely miss the gung-ho years of the 80s where people like Halim Saad, the late Yahaya Ahmad and the likes think big and instill sense of confidence and pride among us, especially Malay entrepreneurs. Yes, in the end they succumbed to the bubble and the group became very much maligned. But they must be given credit (together with powers that be that time) to have given the Malays the confidence to think big AND they have spawned many bumiputra entrepreneurs in their projects.

Today's Malay corporate leaders are, well corporate leaders. They at GLCs are very good managers and have instilled financial discipline that is sorely lacked by the previous batch. But they lack the entrepreneurship spirit.

To achieve Tun's vision, the next batch of corporate leaders must be groomed - so that we can have more big local companies. And hopefully, they will have the best of the two qualities above.

I'm sure they are here, around us. The powers that be just have to look carefully and give them the space to make some money.
By faudziAuthor Profile Page on June 23, 2010 10:14 PM

Salam TUN

Saya amat bersetuju dengan pandangan TUN, jangan biarkan malaysia dijadikan tempat melambakkan teknologi lapuk dan akhirnya kita hanya mendapat habuk dan yang dapat hasil adalah pekerja asing di malaysia.

untuk menjadi negara maju, FDI yang masuk sewajarnya yang berkualiti dan bersesuaian dgn taraf pendidikan penduduk negara kita

By shahrulAuthor Profile Page on June 23, 2010 10:09 PM

then the government should invest in improving road's condition in Bukit Sentosa or Bukit Beruntung Rawang Corridor. Both Perodua and Tan Chong Motor provide more income to the country! Tell local PBT to make 4 lanes road all the way from highway toll (Rawang & Bukit beruntung) to Perodua & Tan Chong Motor.

By HOT ZOOMAuthor Profile Page on June 23, 2010 8:22 PM

prihatinlah pada anak2 kita yang amat memerlukan bantuan anda.bantulah dari segi moral jika x mampu dengan wang ringgit.

kanak2 ini memerlukan bantuan anda

klik <http://www.zoompanas2.com/2010/06/p.html>

By George LeongAuthor Profile Page on June 23, 2010 8:16 PM

Looking forward for more sharings Dr. Mahathir!

By George LeongAuthor Profile Page on June 23, 2010 8:15 PM

Agreed with you Dr. Mahathir. This is one of the ways towards high-income economy. May we achieve it by year 2020. Take good care of your health, CHEERS:)

By samuraimelayuAuthor Profile Page on June 23, 2010 7:37 PM

SALAM KASIH DAN SAYANG

AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN

IZINKAN,

6. If we wish to have FDI, it should be confined to industries which bring in technologies which can add high value to the products. The pay for the workers at different levels should be higher as such industries can afford higher pay. In fact we should phase out the industries dependent on cheap labour. Wherever possible, incentives such as tax exemptions should be given to industries owned by locals if they bring in technologies from abroad. Even the expansion of certain locally-owned industries should be given incentives by the Government. This is the strategy employed by Japan and Korea. By supporting local industries to grow big, they now have world class business with their own brand names.

NOW WE KNOW WHY THE LOOK EAST POLICY WAS URGED BY DR. MAHATHIR AND NOW WE KNOW WHAT PROF DR. CHUNG, ADVISOR TO HYUNDAI WAS TRYING TO IMPLY WHEN HE SAID TO US DURING OUR VISIT TO HYUNDAI IN 1983 THAT WE WERE LUCKY TO HAVE DR. MAHATHIR AS THE PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA..TO HAVE WORLD CLASS BUSINESS WITH ITS OWN BRAND NAMES..PROTON AS THE STARTER!

WAWASAN 2020 BUKAN TITIK PENYUDAH BAGI JENERASI MENDATANG IA BERMULA

DEMI K.A.M.I.

ALFATIHAH, AMIN

By MatAuthor Profile Page on June 23, 2010 7:23 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun Mahathir.

Hope you are doing well now. Interesting insight Tun. Shows how we have to keep tab on things that we may find it common and always look at them from many angles. I think this is part of what Malaysia should do i.e. look at how things affect Malaysia. Not just follow what others do.

Terima kasih Tun Mahathir
By xabisoAuthor Profile Page on June 23, 2010 6:29 PM

I'm glad that you actually read comments and write about it!!!

jaredwong2000 at yahoo dot com
By amin tanAuthor Profile Page on June 23, 2010 6:16 PM

Dear Tun,

Congratulations for another excellent posting. I hope Datuk Seri Najib and the whole cabinet read this posting. I absolutely concur with your reasoning. It should be made current national policy on FDI and foreign investment in our share market. You should be made mandatory advisor on FDI and share market. For a start at least appoint you as Chairman of Bursa Saham Malaysia.

amin tan
By capello08Author Profile Page on June 23, 2010 5:40 PM

I propose a few actions to improve our FDIs:

- 1) Ensure the politicians know the impact of FDIs to the economy, and what it really means, the principles, etc.
- 2) Tax more to companies that employ foreign labours. They benefit from higher profits while not contributing to the local employment market. Besides, they should pay the costs associated with dealing with problems created by certain foreigners like crimes, social problems, immigration enforcements, etc.
- 3) We improve the standards of education. Rather than too much reliant on foreign expertise, we should build our own 'technology'. YoY everchanging education policies everytime there are changes to the ministers in charge or the Education Department directorships.. should stop! Why not making the exams harder and ensure students understand how the formulas are derived eg $f=ma$, $e=mc^2$, $y=a+x$, $Y = G+I+X+T$, etc. Our students study based on formula given to them rather than understanding the proper concept of things. Worst of all, our way of doing business is mainly trading in nature, rather than the producer or inventors.
- 4) Make it a niche for government funded schools (sekolah kebangsaan) to emphasis on inventions and language. Invest as much money. We have too many Chinese Schools, Sekolah Agama, etc. Children should all be attracted to the sekolah kebangsaan and through time, we may create more innovators and inventors from a greater pool of students studying within the same stream of education.
- 5) Lower corporate tax to compete vs Singapore and Vietnam. However, more enforcements to the sole traders and Chinamen company on taxation, as a source of tax income during transition period whilst we wait for the results to come in in future through FDIs. A lot of self employed citizens are not paying tax in this country as they should have.

By imlehAuthor Profile Page on June 23, 2010 5:34 PM

Salam Tun & Fellow commentors,

Malaysia should continue learning from Japan & Korea esp in expanding local industries & technologies. Being cheap is not necessarily means being competitive. We cant compete with Vietnam, Indonesia & China in term of cheap labour. If Malaysia wants to develop & achieve developed country status in 2020,

the implementation of new economic model must be effective.
By speedbirdAuthor Profile Page on June 23, 2010 5:29 PM

For the country to get more foreign investors, Pak Lah's Era Ministers like the not so intelligent ones like the Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob should go.

He is tarnishing the image of the country with his foolish policies and ending up begging retailers and eating his words.

He still acts like Pak Lah, doing the infamous FLIP FLOP, coming out with ridiculous policies and such.

Clean up the cabinetm clean up UMNO and get the government image up.
By LionelcheeAuthor Profile Page on June 23, 2010 5:02 PM

Dear Tun,
I wish the present government will listen to your advice and change. Most people fear change and these are the people who will not advance. Unfortunately this will lead our country to fall behind. The citizens of Malaysia owe Tun a great deal during your previous leadership and my highest salute to you, Tun. Most important Tun, take good care of your health and Malaysia needs your advice in many more years to come.

By hazikAuthor Profile Page on June 23, 2010 4:56 PM

salam Tun,

thank you for teaching us and imparting your knowledge to us.
at least through this blog we can learn.

you have done a lot for malaysia and now by teaching us you are leaving behind your knowledge for us to prosper.

thank you

By indianaAuthor Profile Page on June 23, 2010 4:17 PM

Why did you put Pak Lah as PM? Were you out of your mind?

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