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FOREWORD

It gives me great pleasure to provide a foreword to this important book. Mr. Koon, the author, is no ordinary Malaysian. He is the founder of IJM Corporation, Gamuda Bhd. and Mudajaya Group Bhd. – three publicly listed companies – but is presently retired from business. I am happy to know that he has now turned his attention to philanthropy and also that his generosity has benefited various causes, especially in the educational field. This has led him to be chosen as one of five Malaysians in a select list of 48 Asians honoured by the prestigious magazine, Forbes Asia, as “Heroes of Philanthropy” in its annual list for last year.

As this book shows clearly, Koon is also a frequent commentator on socio-economic and political developments in the country. Mr. Koon writes with perceptiveness and candor as well as with the voice of experience – qualities that are often missing in the writings of many political analysts that are provided with space in the mainstream media.

Mr. Koon’s writings have mainly appeared in the internet media and it is timely that they now appear in print and are made available to a wider public. I recommend that politicians on both sides of the political divide in the country pay attention to the book. In this collection, he shares many of my concerns on the future of the country and on the need for our leaders to dedicate themselves to a Malaysia that is fair, just, balanced and cohesive. I am honoured that my work and writings have served as a catalyst to this book. In particular, I am gratified that his work also highlights a critical issue which I have repeatedly stressed – that is, the importance of ordinary Malaysians reclaiming our rights as citizens if we are to achieve our individual and collective potential.

This process of empowerment and simultaneous rejection of leaders who regard power and authority not as positions of trust and responsibility but to serve personal interest or as an opportunity for personal enrichment will be necessary if Malaysia is to prosper and move ahead to join the modern and progressive nations of the world.



Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah