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Foreword

I appreciate the efforts of the Department of Information Services, Malaysia for its continuous publication of collection of Dr. Mahathir's Speeches, this time for the Year 2001. The collection of the Prime Minister's speeches is a useful source of reference for readers especially younger Malaysians who aspire themselves to be citizens of Vision 2020, the brainchild of YAB Dato Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad.

As a leader and statesman whose thoughts and ideas are much sought after including by the rest of the world, Dr. Mahathir demonstrates leadership qualities of above excellence, visionary and respected worldwide.

This collection serves to stimulate the minds of the people and motivate them to face challenges ahead in life in this millennium. It is hoped that this collection will increase the knowledge of readers and produce progressive and dynamic individuals.

Finally, this collection should be a useful guide to the readers, eventually becoming a priceless national treasure as it will help to understand Dato Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad's point of view, the national policies and that of the country.



TAN SRI KHALIL YAAKOB
Minister of Information Malaysia

Preface

Alhamdulillah, The Department of Information Services Malaysia has once again been able to produce "The Collection of Mahathir's Speeches 2001". This is a collection of the Prime Minister's speeches in Malay and English on various subjects.

The year 2001 marks the completion of two decades that Malaysia under the leadership of Dr. Mahathir Mohamad as its fourth Prime Minister. He has introduced various policies and plans to make Malaysia a developed country and make his Vision, a reality.

The majority of the people are aware of the development in Malaysia and are grateful for its progress. The economy of the country is strong and so in inter-racial harmony. Malaysia is free from the clutches of international agencies and the super power which have their own agenda.

The forceful and direct manner in which the Prime Minister denounces the unfairness around the world is not always welcomed by some parties, especially the foreign media which is always intent on giving a wrong impression of the country.

Nevertheless, Malaysia's relations with other countries is getting better. Malaysia is well-known throughout the world. The developing countries are using Malaysia as a model for their development. The honour given to Malaysia is evident by the increasing number of dignitaries appointed to Malaysia. Foreign leaders often visit Malaysia to foster relations and cooperation in international matters.

In this speeches, the Prime Minister frequently stresses the need for the people to be skilled in I.T or information technology and computer literate in order to meet increasing global challenges.

Through "The Collection of Mahathir's Speeches 2001", readers will be aware of the ideas, opinions and expectations of the Prime Minister making this publication ideal reference and guide for all those preparing to face a challenging future.



MOHAMAD SALLEH RAFIE

Director-General

Department of Information Services, Malaysia

HONOURABLE DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD
HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA
J.W. MARRIOTT HOTEL, KUALA LUMPUR
ON THE 31ST JANUARY 2001
BY THE WORLD EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP (WEF)
SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL EVANGELICAL
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (NECF) MALAYSIA



"Globalisation must be planned and planned carefully. The planning involve everyone from every part of the globe. It must be for the good of everyone and it must be proven to be good for everyone. It must be implemented slowly, with the biggest effort directed at the least developed parts of the world. "

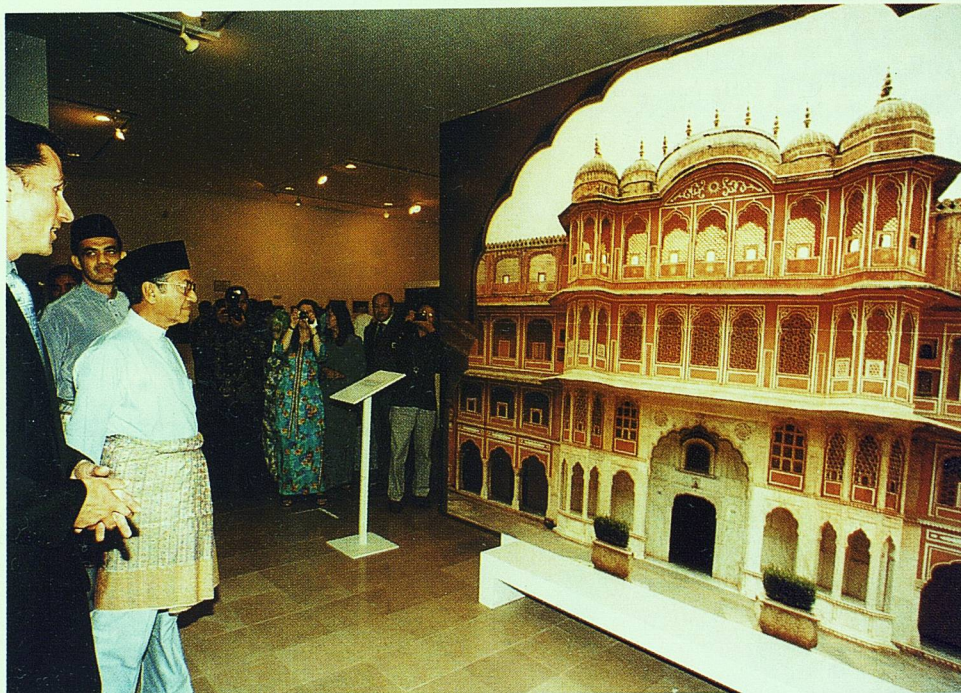
**The Opening of the International Consultation on Globalisation
Kuala Lumpur
January 31, 2001**

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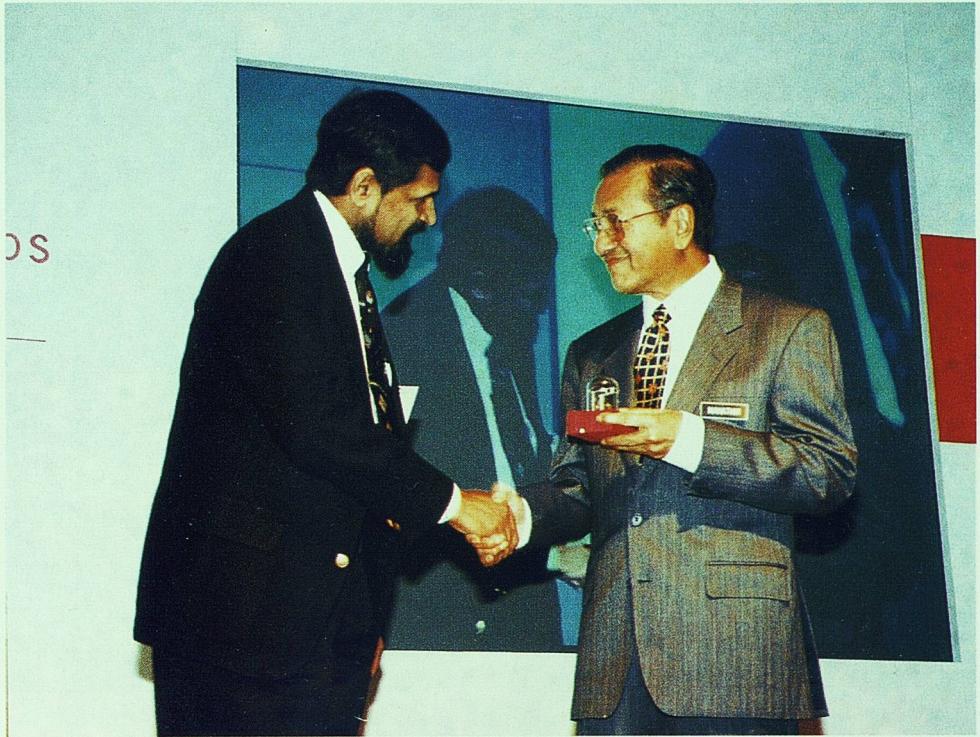
"Globalisation is obviously a great idea whose time has come. In a world where jet planes and worldwide telecommunication have reduced it to a global village, it is inevitable that globalisation becomes logical and even unavoidable."

**The Opening of the International
Consultation on Globalisation
Kuala Lumpur
January 31, 2001**



“The study of Islamic architecture is a vast field indeed; one that covers mosques and palaces, cities and forts, desert dwellings and urban town house, across an expanse of three continents. Islamic architecture throughout the world has a regional identity, a stylistic evolution and a relevance to the eternal principles of Islam. Such is the influence of Islamic architecture that many adopt it quite unconsciously, regarding it as their own. This is especially in countries which had for long periods been under Muslim rule. And architecture is exported to their colonies abroad which have now become independent nations.”

**Launching of the book on "The Art Of Living - Residential
Architecture In The Islamic World"
Kuala Lumpur
March 26, 2001**



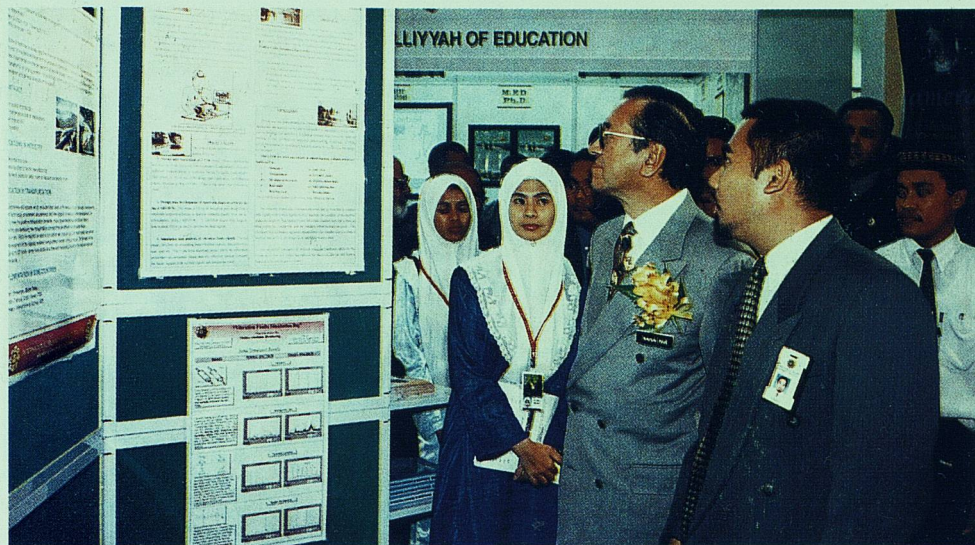
“Innovation, R&D and the role of knowledge workers are becoming key elements in the new economic model as we move from commodity based trading to electronic trading. We must continue to focus our efforts in encouraging entrepreneur skills with venture fund support and ensure our graduates are equipped with the skills and knowledge that is in line with the changes in the market and the way we do business. ”

**The Official Opening Of The MSC-Lucent Bell Labs
Technology Forum
Kuala Lumpur
March 29, 2001**



“The MSC will lead the way for Malaysia into the Information Age and K-economy. It will help Malaysia to develop into a K-society in line with the Vision 2020 and towards this goal we Malaysians must strive forward.”

**The Official Opening Of The MSC-Lucent Bell Labs
Technology Forum
Kuala Lumpur
March 29, 2001**



“There is a great deal of confusion among Muslims regarding secularism. They tend to regard anything that is not about the ritualistic expression of Islamic faith, about Islamic laws and Islamic theology as being secular.

This is rather unfortunate because it tends to make Islam a reclusive religion, incapable of understanding and dealing with anything other than what they perceive as being religious. That this should be the perception of Islam is doubly wrong because Islam is not just a faith to be believed in, but it is a way of life. Islam should therefore be concerned with everything that is done in daily life, whether as an individual or as a community. And what we do in life is not and cannot be confined to the performance of certain religious rituals and rites only.”

**The Official Opening Of The International Islamic University
Malaysia (IIUM) And The 2nd General Conference Of The
Federation Of Universities In The Muslim World
Selangor
April 17, 2001**



“Religion should be viewed as a way of life envisioning, as its ultimate goal, the day when all men can live together in perfect understanding and peace. Historically, the beginnings of a religion are characterised by the proclamation of positive truth in a flush of enthusiasm. After the period of first exuberance, however, there may be long centuries when men have to practise their religion without anything comparable to the initial exhilaration. Thus, even though there is no doubt that many great religions have nurtured and shaped the concerns and commitments of their adherents, nevertheless as humans they can, and sometimes do, direct their faith or religious commitments toward what is not truly the teachings of the religion.”

**The General Assembly Of The World Evangelical Fellowship
Kuala Lumpur
May 4, 2001**



“...power by itself will not ensure success for us. Power can actually destroy us. And today we see how power has made many of us irresponsible and very greedy to the extent that the goals we had set out when struggling for independence are now forgotten.”

**The UMNO General Assembly
Kuala Lumpur
June 21, 2001**



“If today Malaysia continues to be free and its economy fully controlled by ourselves, it is because not many of its citizens have betrayed the country, directly or indirectly working in cohorts with foreigners. Because of this we have been able to revive the country’s economy better than countries which received loans and “help” from foreigners. The world today, including our detractors, is forced to accept this fact. Only a fraction of Malaysians who are blinded by hate cannot face this reality.”

**The UMNO General Assembly
Kuala Lumpur
June 21, 2001**

THE CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY THE MAINICHI SHIMBUN

**The Osaka International Convention Center,
Osaka, Japan
January 18, 2001**

Promoting Mutual Understanding Between Asia and Japan Especially Kansai

I have been asked to talk on the subject of promoting mutual understanding between Asia and Japan, especially Kansai. I will try my best to do this but you must excuse me if I stray a little and go beyond Asia in an effort to paint a better background on mutual understanding and the relations between nations.

In the history of the world there have been many obscure countries and people who suddenly emerged, developed and prospered to build great nations, empires and civilisations only to crumble, decline and fall after decades or even centuries of greatness. At the height of their power and prosperity they and many who were their contemporaries believed that they and their greatness would last forever.

Civilisations Would Be Permanent

The Persians, Greeks, Romans, Mongols and others all believed their civilisations would be permanent. The British used to make treaties with the Malay states to last as long as there is the sun, the moon and the stars in the heavens.

But we all know that they all crumbled and declined and are today hardly shadows of their former selves. Japan which began to copy the West during

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