



His Excellency Tun Dr Mahathir Bin Mohamad

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Thank you very much Brother Kaiser Trad for this opportunity and for your kind words.

Distinguished guests, Brothers and Sisters, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It may look like I have an easy job, but trust me it is not easy at all to introduce one of our greatest living icons in the space of 10 minutes.

Our distinguished speaker's daily accomplishments would require books and books to be written as a legacy for the benefit of our human family.

What hope do I have to summarise even a glimpse of his glorious life in 10 minutes.

His Excellency Tun Dr Mahathir Bin Mohammed.

I have visited his Excellency a few times in his wonderful country of Malaysia.


Despite his busy schedule and the demands of running a state or managing the needs of one of the most successful political parties of the world, his Excellency has always accommodated and found the time to listen to our concerns.

His Excellency would always listen to our Duas and prayers as an Imam.

For me, I am talking about a man whom we all admire and love very dearly. Every time I see him there are two levels of communication, that is - the verbal which involves words and the spiritual where I see this grand soul that has become the Father of Malaysia and all of its people.

To me His Excellency Tun Dr Mahathir Bin Mohammed is the father of the Muslim Malaysians, father of the Hindu Malaysians, father of Christian Malaysians, father of Buddhist Malaysians, the father of Sheikh Malaysians, and the father of every religion and father of those who have no religion.

His Excellency is as much the father of native Malaysian as is the father of Chinese and Indian Malaysian.



His Excellency is a man of faith and conviction in God and in his own people. It is this conviction that has made him work so tirelessly to bring Malaysia economic prosperity and made it a highly competitive modern nation whilst creating a standard of living for his people that excels that of the region, this is perhaps why his Excellency has been dubbed the father of modernisation of Malaysia. However, his Excellency's achievements go beyond material progress, above all his Excellency has brought together a diverse society to live in peace, without the ghost of violence and without the fear of terrorism that is plaguing nations that have not learnt to appreciate the importance of social cohesion and global close cultural respect.

As a graduate of medicine his Excellency began his early career as a healer, his love of healing was so great that he is also married a Doctor. As a family of healers, they became the healers of a nation. The healers of a people and today his Excellency stands as the most qualified person to discuss cultural healing and cross cultural respect.

His Excellency is a profound visionary who combines gentleness with his strength and love for his people with the concern of a father who always wants the best for his children.

Malaysia is His Excellency Tun Dr Mahathir Bin Mohammad. He is not only the father but also the spirit of the Malaysian people.

Every fare minded Malaysian would draw his strength and inspiration from His Excellency's great leadership.

This is perhaps why after an early election loss in 1969 His Excellency had been returned to political office by the people of Malaysia. His people wanted him to lead them and brought him to government and


Presidency of his political party, unopposed on numerous occasions, making His Excellency the longest serving Prime Minister of Malaysia and one of the greatest serving leaders in the world.

His Excellency is also an accomplished author with several internationally popular titles to his credit.

His Excellency has received over 80 awards from Malaysia and approximately 100 international awards. Whilst these are too numerous to detail, I will just point out the most recent award from the list.

The Mother Theresa Memorial International Award for Social Justice.

His Excellency stands as the First Malaysian recipient. This award preceded by numerous human rights and achievement for His Excellency's services to humanity.



His Excellency has received honours from Asian, European, African, North and South American countries. It would take us to the end of this evening if we were to just name the countries that have honoured his Excellency.

In 2003, His Excellency received the most prestigious Malaysian honour of being given the title of TUN. The highest and most exalted title to be award by the great nation of Malaysia.

Tonight we will be adding the appreciation of the citizens of Australia for His Excellency's services to Cultural Inclusion, Cross Healing, and Cross Cultural Respect.

On behalf of the Darul Uloom Islamic Academy of Brisbane, Australian Islamic Friendship Association, Jamiyatul Ulama of Australia and on behalf of these organisations it gives me great pleasure to announce that tonight the award of Cultural Inclusion, Cross Healing and Cross Cultural Respect will be awarded.

Without further ado, ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests please permit me to introduce His Excellency the champion of cultural Inclusion, Cross Healing and Cross Cultural Respect, His Excellency Tun Dr Mahathir Bin Mohammed the former Prime Minister of Malaysia.