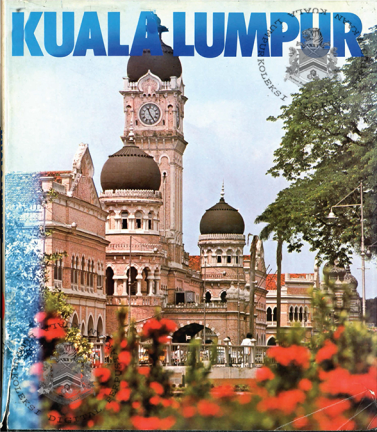


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DATUK BANDAR'S FOREWORD

It gives me the greatest pleasure to introduce this book, which shows Kuala Lumpur in all its varied aspects. As the reader will see in the following pages, the Federal Capital plays a dynamic role as the administrative and political centre of Malaysia, and the hub of the commercial life of the whole nation.

One hundred and twenty years ago, the Klang River was Kuala Lumpur's early lifeline. Men and goods were moved about in boats which returned to the coast loaded with tin ingots. Today, there are no boats that ply this river and there are no jetties bustling with activity — these have been replaced by the commercial heart of modern Kuala Lumpur. Like of its many counterparts in developing countries it has been considerably affected by industrialisation and urbanisation — characterised by the three classical "explosions" of population, knowledge and technology.

The results of urbanisation and industrialisation are very familiar to all those who live in or visit Kuala Lumpur. The population is increasing at a faster rate than provision can be made for them for land, accommodation, community and recreational services. The advancement of development and technology has brought with it problems related to traffic congestion, environmental pollution, drainage and sanitary problems.

The administration is aware that any future plan for the development of Kuala Lumpur must symbolise a truly integrated society and reflect the individuality of the national capital, Kuala Lumpur, whilst serving its role of a capital city, must provide an environment in which its multi-racial population can find opportunities to live in peace and harmony, which are essential ingredients to economic, social and political stability.

Kuala Lumpur is already blessed with expanses of lush greenery. It is not only our policy to preserve this but to create more urban parks, open spaces and recreational areas for the growing population. We are conscious of the need to provide for an environment which is visually satisfying and which combines harmoniously the best contemporary expressions with those of our rich and valuable heritage.

This book is a shining example of one such contribution which would no doubt go a long way in the development of the city. I hope readers will find the book stimulating. It is always difficult to credit those individuals and institutions whose contributions lead to the success of a complex undertaking but I would like to congratulate the authors of this book, which serves as a useful contribution to the development of Kuala Lumpur.

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Kean-kewan yang ditinggalkan oleh perindustrian dan perbandaran itu dapat dirasai oleh mereka yang tinggal di Kuala Lumpur ataupun yang melawat Bandaranya ini. Kadar pertumbuhan penduduk adalah lebih pesat dari kadar penyediaan tanah, rumah, kemudahan-kemudahan awam dan rekreasi. Kemajuan yang dicapai dalam bidang pembangunan dan teknologi telah menimbulkan kewanakabutan, pencemaran alam, masalah penyaliran dan juga kebesehan.

Pihak Pentadbiran sentiasa aware bahawa sebarang rancangan masa depan untuk pembangunan Kuala Lumpur mestilah mempromosikan imej masyarakat yang bernilai padu dan kreatifitiwaannya sebagai sebuah ibukota. Kuala Lumpur, di samping memainkan perannya sebagai sebuah ibukota, mestilah juga mewujudkan satu suasana di mana penduduknya yang berbilang bangsa mendapat peluang untuk hidup dengan aman dan harmoni yang menjadi faktor utama ke arah kestabilan sosial, politik dan ekonomi.

Kuala Lumpur sememangnya telah berdarai dengan pembangunan yang maju. Kita dapat lihat pihak Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur yang berusaha untuk meningkatkan kualiti persekitaran yang sedia ada. Untuk menangani masalah-masalah yang timbul dari pembangunan ini

rekreasi bagi penduduknya yang kian bertambah. Kita sedar tentang perlunya mewujudkan satu keadaan sekitar yang menyedapkan pandangan di mana hasil kemajuan moden dapat wujud seiringan dengan keindahan alam semula jadi yang telah kita warisi.

Buku ini adalah satu contoh sumbangan yang sangat baik terhadap pembangunan bandaranya ini. Saya berharap para pembaca akan mendapati kandungannya menarik. Memanglah sulit untuk memberi penghargaan kepada orang-orang perseorangan dan institusi-institusi tertentu yang telah menyumbangkan tenaga mereka dalam menjayakan sesuatu usaha yang rumit. Namun begitu, saya ingin mengagungkan tabiatnya kepada pengarang-pengarang buku ini kerana memberi satu sumbangan yang berguna terhadap pembangunan Kuala Lumpur.

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