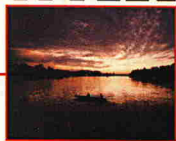




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and beyond



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I am very happy to hear that the Organising Committee of the Thirtieth Anniversary Celebrations of Sarawak Independence Within Malaysia has decided to publish a book of photographs of the many events taking place in Sarawak within the six months between March and September 1993. By publishing this book, it is hoped that future generations of Malaysians in Sarawak and elsewhere will be reminded of not only of the events themselves, per se, but our total commitment and love for our nation, Malaysia. The book also serves to remind us of how lucky we are as Malaysians, blessed with the many good things in life, living in harmony and in a nation bubbling with economic dynamism and political stability.

Throughout the Celebrations we held in 1993 and throughout the length and breadth of Sarawak, one cannot help but feel that the decision of forming Malaysia in 1963 with the then Federation of Malaya and Sabah was a very wise decision. The happy smiling faces in the pages of the book, the mood, the emotion and commitment shown by the participants in the 700 odd events, from the ordinary man in the street to the top echelon of the society, had left us in no doubt that Malaysia has brought about profound changes in the last thirty years in our daily life and in our expectation in the future.

I would like to thank the Organising Committee for their effort in producing the book without entailing any government sourcing. To the donors, photographers, editors and to the special committee undertaking the production of this beautiful book, this is again a reflection of your love and faith in Malaysia, and to the readers, I am confident that they will find the pages in the book worth browsing through.

Thank You.

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SARAWAK INDEPENDENCE WITHIN MALAYSIA



In my capacity as Chairman of the Organising Committee of the Thirtieth Anniversary Celebrations of Sarawak Independence Within Malaysia which was held between March and September 1993, I deem it a privilege to be able to introduce this book to our fellow Malaysians and friends of Sarawak and Malaysia everywhere.

As the title suggests, the book is a compilation of thousands of photographs taken during the six-month period and the intention behind its publication is to provide in its small way a record of the 700 odd events which were held in all the nine Divisions of Sarawak and all of its twenty-eight districts.

Producing a book of such magnitude is therefore no easy task. The end result is but a sampling of what took place, and in all humility the Book Committee believes that it will be able to provide a sense of feeling of what took place during the six months. It is a manifestation of our faith and commitment in Malaysia.

To the members of the Book Committee, to the photographers who supplied all the photographs, and also to Faradale Communications we would like to record our gratitude. The project would not have been a reality without the support of our civic-minded donors. To all of them goes our most grateful appreciation.

Thank You.

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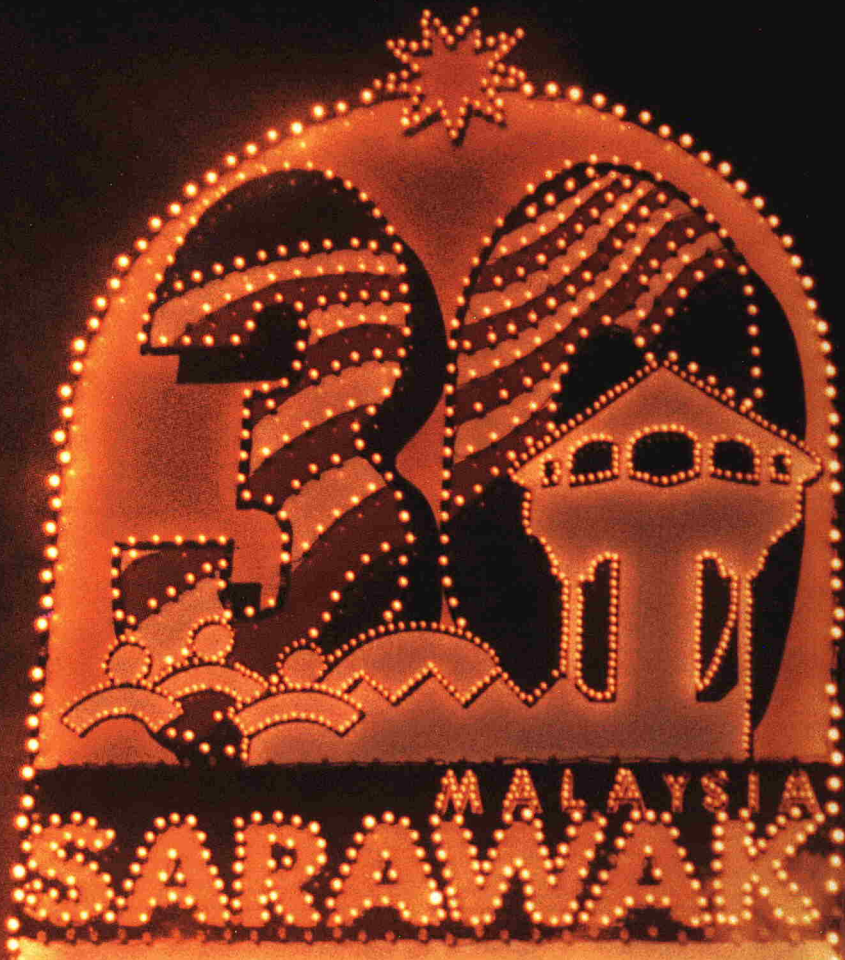


CELEBRATION *OF THE* SARAWAK SPIRIT



Sarawak celebrated her 30th anniversary in the Federation of Malaysia in 1993. The Sarawak Government, under the dynamic leadership of YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, wanted each of the events organised for the Independence Day celebrations to highlight Sarawak's uniqueness, diversity, progress and most of all, the fruits of independence.

The celebrations lasted six whole months, six months when Sarawak offered her very best to the people of Malaysia, so that they could share the joy experienced by all Sarawakians. Kuching, the capital city, was selected as host of the national celebrations and Sarawak put on a show few could forget.



SARAWAK

30 years
and beyond



“WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY...”

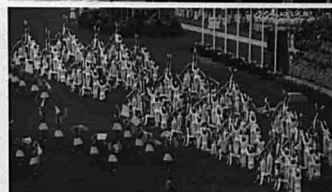
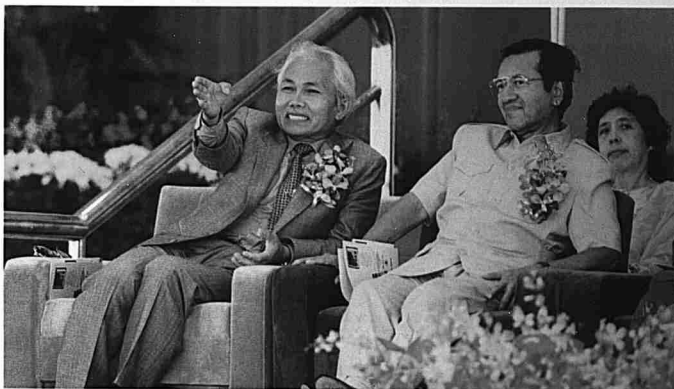
Thirty years is not such a long time yet we have achieved much, despite being in such a poor state not so long ago.

Sarawakians are thus justifiably proud of their achievements. They were able to build a modern, peaceful and progressive society within a time frame of 30 years with little other than the SARAWAK SPIRIT. It is this feeling-the SARAWAK SPIRIT-that Sarawakians would like to share with other Malaysians so that they too could share and understand Sarawak's experience.

1963...



1993...



Scenes from the National Day 1993 parade at Padang Merdeka, Kuching.

1963





1993



Sarawak Celebrates





and basks in glory





**“WE RAISED OUR FLAGS
WITH PRIDE AND
REVERENCE”**

*..... manifesting our deep sense of loyalty to
our country. It is a sentiment deeply entrenched
in the hearts of every Malaysian,
including Sarawakians. And why not?
Thirty years of independence
within Malaysia has brought forth
peace, progress and stability in Sarawak ...
achievements we were proud to
share with fellow Malaysians.
Achievements which were made
largely possible because of the
faith and confidence Sarawakians
have in being a part of
Malaysia.*



SARAWAK FLAGS

Sarawak's current flag was used for the first time on 31st August 1989. The original colours - yellow, black and red were retained with a nine-pointed star, representing the nine divisions in Sarawak, in the centre.

A new state crest was also unveiled on 31st August 1989. It is based on the Burung Kenyalang, Sarawak's most famous native bird.

Red Colour: symbolises the courage, determination and sacrifices of the Rakyat in their tireless pursuit to attain and maintain progress and esteem in the course of creating a model State;

Yellow Colour: denotes the supremacy of Law and Order, unity and stability in diversity;

Black Colour: symbolises the rich natural resources and wealth of Sarawak such as petroleum, timber and others which provide the foundation for the advancement of her people;

The yellow nine pointed Star denotes the nine divisions where the rakyat lives in harmony.

The Star symbol also embodies the aspiration of the people of Sarawak in their quest to improve their quality of life.

The State Crest: signifies the proud "Land of the Hornbill" flying high in aspirations and achievements in all fields of endeavour, guided by the ideology of the "politics of development". The State Crest also serves to distinguish Sarawak from the rest of the world.



THE FIRST Sarawak Flag was unveiled by Rajah James Brooke on 21 September 1848, seven years after he was proclaimed Rajah.

Sarawak's second flag, which was unveiled on 1st July 1946, was similar to the first. The only difference was a crown attached to its centre, symbolising Sarawak's status as a crown colony.

On 31st August 1963, Sarawak received a completely new flag with the colours of blue, red and white.



“WE PAID TRIBUTE TO OUR LEADERS...”

- *LEADERS who understood our aspirations to chart our destiny and gave us the same measure of faith and confidence in our capabilities to make something of ourselves.*
- *Our leaders in the Malaysian Federation who treated us as partners in the democratic system of government, not as people subservient as we were looked upon during the days of the Brunei rulers, the Rajah Brooke's era and the British colonial period.*
- *Our leaders in the Sarawak government, imbued with that vision to make something of Sarawak and fired up with the passion to serve the people...
... ably and patiently guiding us to discover and fulfil our potentials.*



YTM TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN PUTRA
AL-HAJ, IBNI AL-MARHUM SULTAN
ABDUL HAMID IJALIM SHAH
DMN, DK (KEDAH) KOM.



TUN DATUK ABANG HAJI OPENG BIN ABANG
SAPIEFF
SMN, PNBS, OBE.



TUN DATUK PATINGGI TUANKU HAJI BUJANG
BIN TUANKU HAJI OTHMAN
SMN, DE, PSM, SPAS, SPDK.



TUN DATUK PATINGGI TAN SRI TEMENGGONG
JUGHAH ANAK BARIENG
SMAI, DP, DA, PMN, PNBS, PDK.

“WE PAID TRIBUTE TO OUR LEADERS...”



TAN SRI DATUK ONG KEF HUI
PMN, PNBS, PDK.



DATO BANDAR ABANG HAJI MUSTAPHA
BIN ABANG HAJI MOASILII
CBE.



TEMENGGONG DATUK OYONG LAWMAJAU
PNBS, MBE, QMC.

SARAWAK

30 years
and beyond



“WE RENEWED OUR PLEDGE...”

*... Declaring our vows of loyalty to God,
our country and our people.*

*... Expressing our appreciation for the
hard work, commitment and dedication of
our leaders in safeguarding our inde-
pendence;*



*... As-
suring our
dedicated
civil ser-
vants of our
support
even as
they labour
to fulfil
their com-
mitment to
serve us;*

*... And,
extending our hands as we pledge to
continue working together, reaching out to
one another in times when a helping hand
is needed and rejoicing with each other in
moments of joy and celebration.*

IKRAR

BAHAWASANYA NEGARA KITA MALAYSIA

mendukung cita-cita hendak mencapai lebih erat di kalangan seluruh masyarakatnya; memelihara satu cara hidup demokratik; mencipta satu masyarakat yang adil di mana kemakmuran Negara akan dapat dinikmati bersama secara adil dan saksama; menjamin satu cara yang liberal terhadap tradisi-tradisi herbagai corak; membina satu masyarakat progresif yang akan menggunakan sains dan teknologi moden.

MAKA KAMI, rakyat Malaysia berikrar akan memupuk seluruh tenaga dan usaha kami untuk mencapai cita-cita kami berdasarkan prinsip-prinsip berikut:-

- Kepercayaan kepada Tuhan
- Kesetiaan kepada Raja dan Negara
- Keluhuran Perlembagaan
- Kedaulatan Undang-undang
- Kesopanan dan Kesusilaan



Our pledge to God and our country ...



SARAWAK

30 years
and beyond



“WE PLAYED OUR SONGS AND MUSIC IN CELEBRATION...”

... of our achievements in all socio-economic spheres:

- *education*
- *industry*
- *sports*
- *tourism*
- *infrastructure*

... of the unity and oneness in purpose that we share despite our ethnic mix and diversity, allowing us to enjoy peace and harmony in our midst.

OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM

NEGARAKU

Negaraku

Tanah tumpahnya darahku

Rakyat Hidup, Bersatu dan Maju

Rahmat Bahagia, Tuhan Kurniakan

Raja Kita, Selamat Bertakhta

Rahmat Bahagia, Tuhan Kurniakan

Raja Kita, Selamat Bertakhta

SARAWAK ANTHEM

IBU PERTIWI KU

Sarawak tanah airku

Negeri ku tanah air ku Sarawak

Engkaulah tanah pusakaku

Tanah tumpah darahku

Ibu pertiwiku

Rakyat hidup mesra dan bahagia

Damai muhibbah sentiasa

Bersatu berusaha berbakti

Untuk Sarawak ku cintai

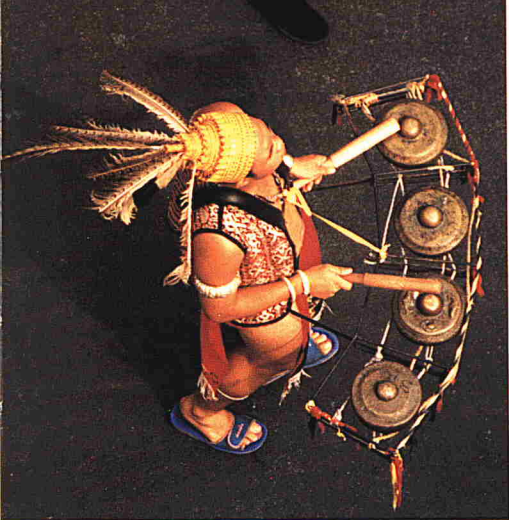
Sarawak dalam Malaysia

Aman makmur rahmat Tuhan Maha Esa

Kekallah Sarawak bertuah

Teras perjuangan rakyat

Berjaya berdaulat



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1. An Iban in his full regalia.
2. The thundering sounds of the drums.
3. Young talented local musicians.
4. The "kompong" is a traditional Malay musical instrument usually played during weddings.
5. The "tabla" usually accompanies any Indian dance performances.
6. The melodious note of a Kelabit flute.
7. There is a growing appreciation for the performing arts in the state.

SARAWAK

30 years
of progress



SARAWAK 30TH ANNIVERSARY SONG

BERSATU MENUJU WAWASAN

Bunyinya suatu wawasan
Membina budaya yang gemilang
Bangunkan nusa
Majukanlah bangsa
Menuju puncak jaya
Marilah menyahut seruan
Berhekal semangat kegigihan
Berganding bahu
Kita bersatu ke arah era baru

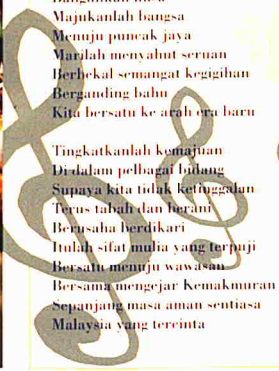
Tingkatkanlah kemajuan
Di dalam pelbagai bidang
Supaya kita tidak ketinggalan
Terus tabah dan beram
Bersaha berdikari
Itulah sifat mulia yang terpuji
Bersatu menuju wawasan
Bersama mengejar Kemakmuran
Sepanjang masa aman sentiasa
Malaysia yang tercinta

SARAWAK ABADI

Di keceriahan alam merdeka
Masa membangun
Menabur Bakti
Menit erti kemerdekaan
Bangsa, negara dan bahasa
Satu Malaysia

Sama menggalak kesatuan
Sama melangkah ke hadapan
Untuk negeriku negara tercinta
Sarawak abadi dalam Malaysia

30 tahun kemerdekaan
Masa membangun segala bidang
Mengisi erti
Cita wawasan
Jadi warisan
Jaminan hidup sentosa





**Celebrating
OUR ACHIEVEMENTS
as a
YOUNG, INDEPENDENT
NATION**



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30 years
and beyond



“AND, WE MARCHED IN PRIDE...”

... heads held high as we revel in feelings of joy and triumph for what we can proudly show and declare!

Yes, we are one in spirit, in our vision, mission and aspirations!

Yes, we are at peace with one another and we shall continue to cherish each other's distinct identity and contributions towards preserving this harmony!

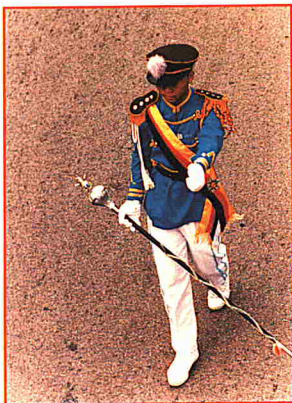
Yes, we are free to chart our destiny and we shall continue to value and hold dear this precious freedom!

Yes, we are citizens of a nation proud of what it has made of itself...

- ◆ *A nation which can hold its own among nations,*
- ◆ *A nation whose voice is clearly heard and reckoned with in international assemblies and gatherings,*
- ◆ *A nation whose economic achievements are much admired and now, considered worthy of emulating!*

A nation where we, as Sarawakians, were able to contribute, with sheer dedication, to make it one nation we are all proud to be in, as citizens and as brothers & sisters!

*Who would have thought, then, that one day Sarawak would be asked to host a national day celebration which in certain aspects, has been described by the Prime Minister, Dato' Seri Dr Mahathir Mohammad, as **“the best ever”**.*

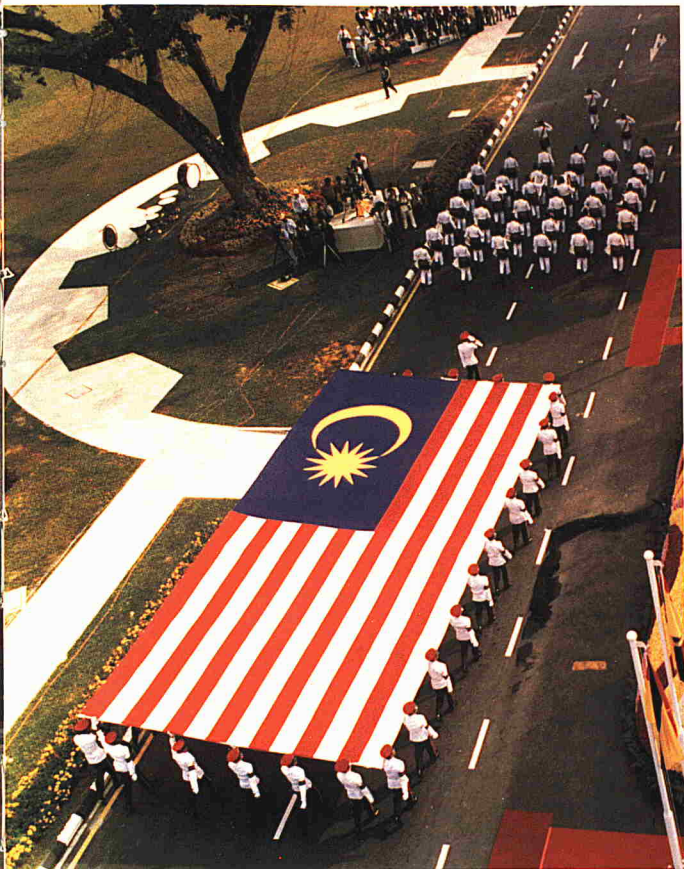




Colourful display by governmental and non-governmental organisations.



Misty morning at Sarawak Museum ground.



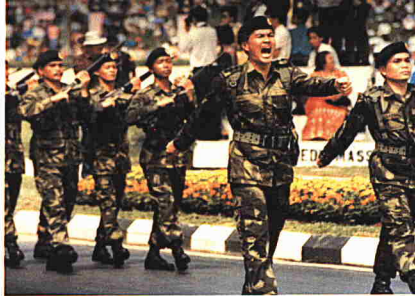
Apart from the capital city of Kuching, parades like these were also held throughout the state but in a smaller scale.



Nothing could keep the supportive crowd away – not even the scorching heat of the mid-day sun!







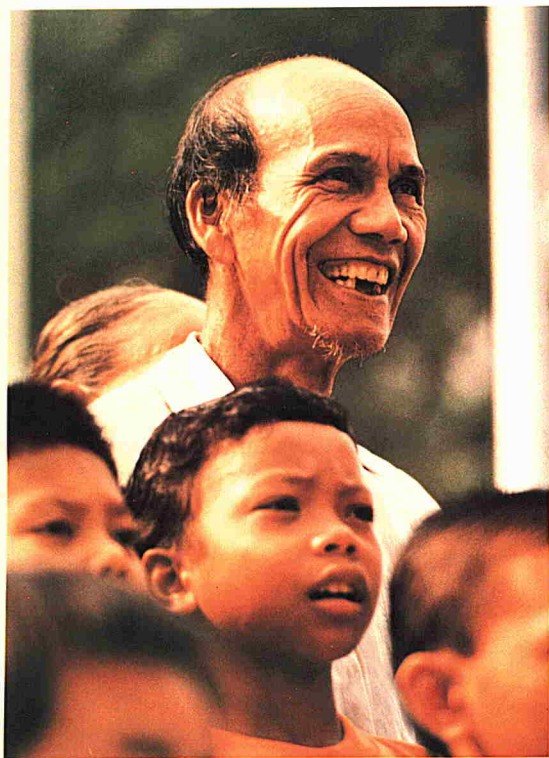
**MARCHING WITH PRIDE...
DIGNITY OF A PROUD**





DISPLAYING THE CHARACTER AND AND INDEPENDENT NATION





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and beyond



The
SARAWAK SPIRIT

was the most obvious item on display during the six-month celebration. The long procession of bands, children in gala dresses, adults representing the various organisations and different ethnic groupings in their traditional wear, spectators-young and old alike- were all infused with the Sarawak spirit.



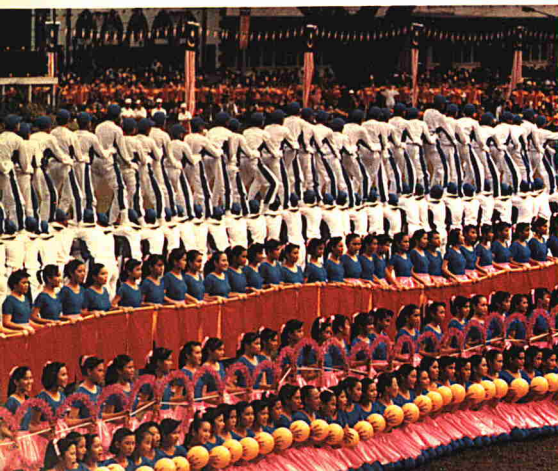


Our political leaders watching with interest and pride....





After a long day rehearsing their performance.

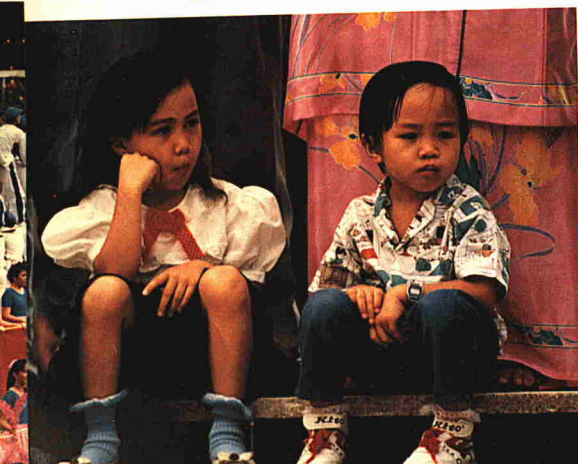


The young and the old – both were instrumental in ensuring the success of the celebration.





A tired but committed civil servant.



Young Spectators at the Padang.



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The
SARAWAK SPIRIT

*reflected
in the unity
and
harmony
in
cultural diversity*





The Sarawak Contingent.





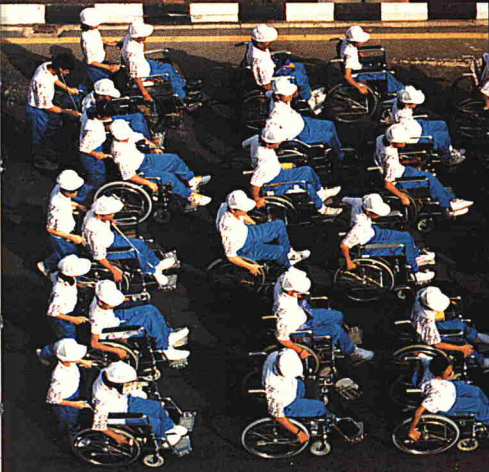
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The **SARAWAK SPIRIT** in moving and
inspiring performances and artistic creations











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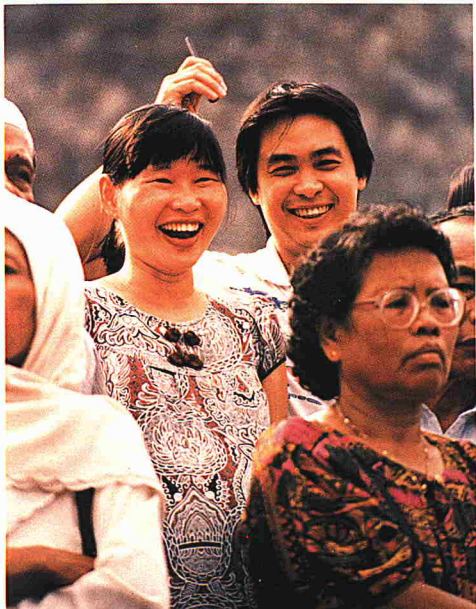
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The **SARAWAK SPIRIT**

**in the people's sense of fun and
adventure, warmth and friendship
and mirth and laughter**







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and beyond



The **SARAWAK SPIRIT**

*seen in a memorable display
of grit, mettle and teamwork
through sports events*

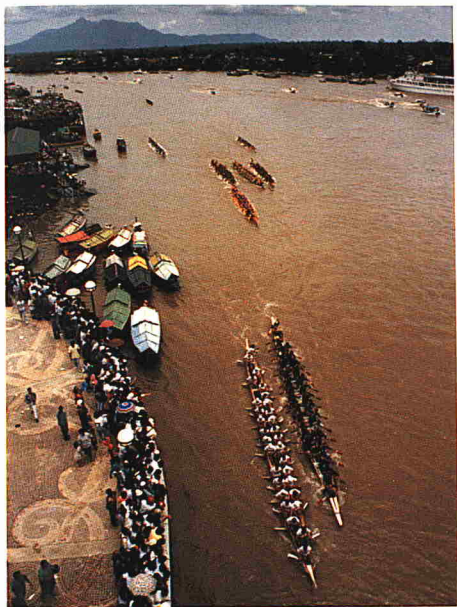


The Sarawak Regatta is a major event in the state.

Regatta in Miri



Water Sports



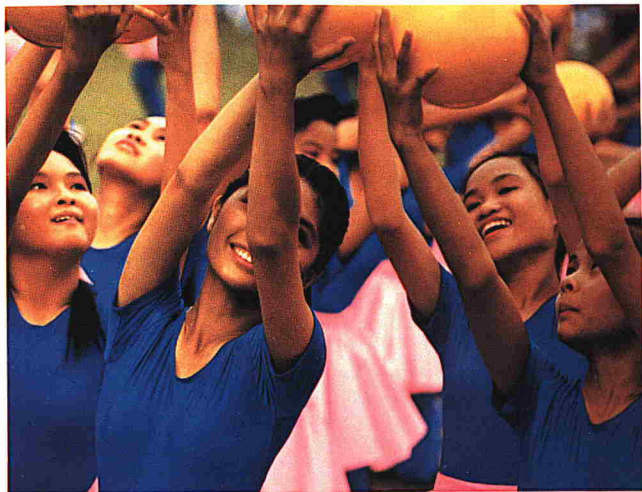


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30 years
and beyond



The **SARAWAK SPIRIT** as seen in the enthusiasm
and creative energy of the youth



School Sport in Kuching



Faces of the new generation.



'Cats' from the Kuching Festival which is held in August every year.

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and beyond



The **SARAWAK SPIRIT**

*manifested
in the
gentle,
caring touch
and
comfort
of
a helping hand*



Waiting for the parade to commence (The Maybank Contingent).





The Astana by night.



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30 years
and beyond



The **SARAWAK SPIRIT** is there for all to see
because we are proud of our heritage as a nation within
Malaysia. We gave it our best, and it turned out to be OK!



SECTION

2

SARAWAK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



**THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WAS ALSO A TIME OF REFLECTION...
OVER TIMES PAST AND OVER THE FUTURE WHICH LAY AHEAD**



SARAWAK

30 years
and beyond



Those who lived through the turbulent post-war years when Sarawak was poor could understand the significance of the event.

Sarawak in the 1950s and 1960s was beset with problems. We were underdeveloped in all areas, from education to communications facilities. Sarawak in the early 1960s was one of the poorest states in the region, and the people had little to look forward to.

Moreover, Sarawak then

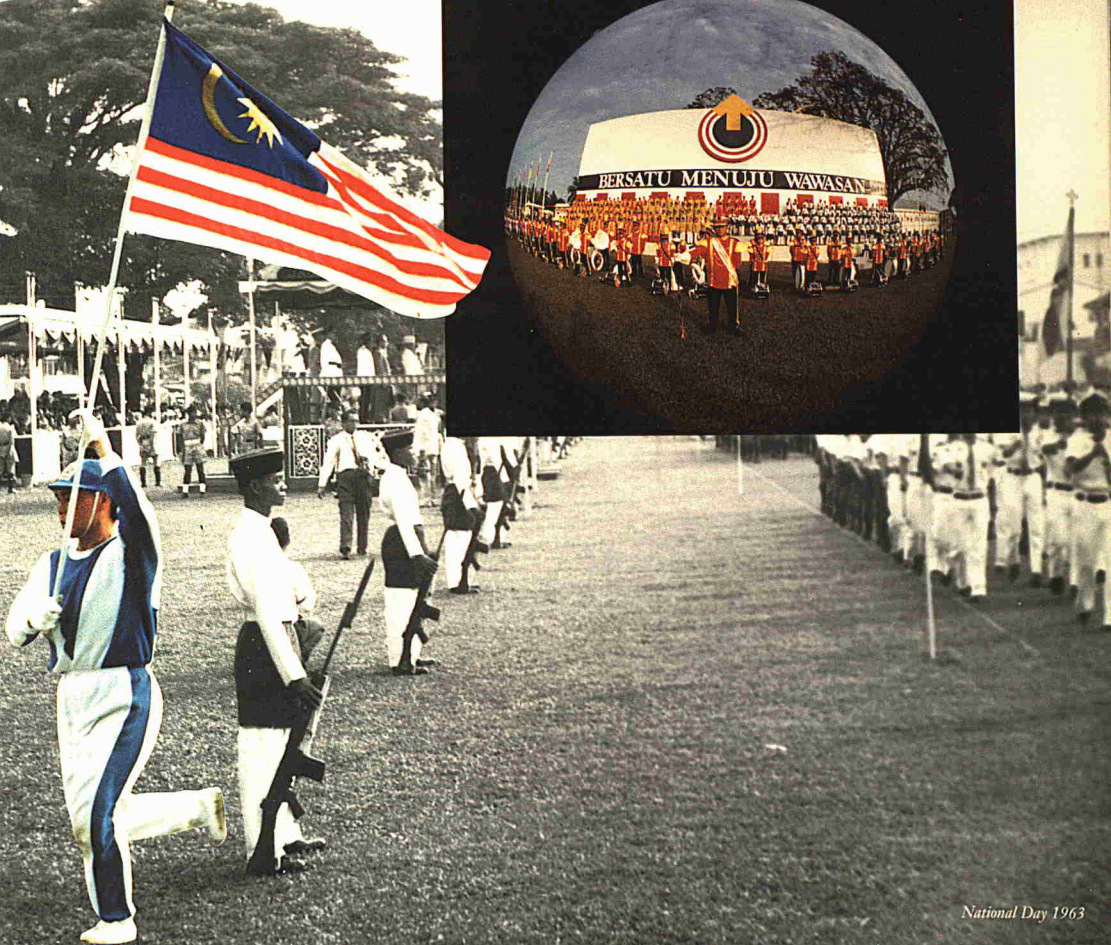


was also faced with an insurgency problem. The communists were trying to impose their rule and had launched

an armed insurrection to take over the state.

Much resources that could have been used for the betterment of the people, were instead channelled to the fight.

The insurrection itself was reflective of the times. Some of the young people were led into believing that the future is bleak and were attracted to join the insurrection.



National Day 1963



WITH
PEACE

SECURED,

SARAWAK PROGRESSES

IN LEAPS

AND BOUNDS



30 YEARS AGO,
no one would have believed
that in less than three decades,
Sarawak would be
a model state in Malaysia.
A Sarawak where different peoples
live side by side,
united in the belief
that working together
will bring a better tomorrow for all.

A SARAWAK THAT CAN ONLY MOVE FORWARD





ACHIEVEMENTS IN EDUCATION

Schooling is the key in breaking the cycle of poverty among the second generation and the government recognised this fact early on.

Parents living in the rural areas were thus encouraged to educate their children. The government provided free schooling and spent millions building schools in the rural interiors. Thousands of teachers were trained and posted to these rural schools.

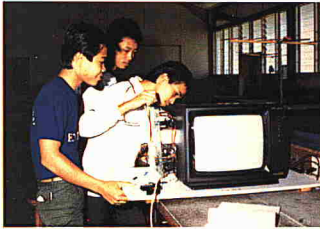
The commitment and sacrifices made by these teachers in the early years of independence was well worth it. For today, all Sarawakians born after 1963 could, at the very least, have some knowledge of the written word.

Education alone, no matter how rudimentary, allowed those in the rural areas to close the gap between them and the urban dwellers. Education gave the rural youths the mobility as well as the ability to transform their lives for the better. They need not depend on the land for their livelihood anymore. Even those that decided to stay back will be better off as education made them better farmers equipped with the ability to learn and adapt farming methods that their illiterate forefathers could not comprehend.

Rural poverty will soon be a thing of the past. Sarawak is one of the very few societies in the world which is on its way to being able to claim to have effectively eradicated rural poverty by giving the poor something they can use for the rest of their lives - **EDUCATION.**



*C*HILDREN MUST be taught early in life on the value of a knowledge seeking habit



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ACHIEVEMENTS IN INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

The changes in transportation and telecommunications over the past thirty years are truly astounding. Thirty years ago, it took more than three days to get from the capital Kuching to Kapit - one could only fly from Kuching to Sibul and from there proceed by boat and jungle trail. Those with a weak heart or physical shape need not attempt the journey! Today, one can reach Kapit or any part of Sarawak in a matter of a few hours, directly by air.

Airports and the port facilities in Sarawak are comparable in terms of their services and facilities to those found in most modern parts of the world. Roads and highways, crisscrossing the riverine State is a wonder considering Sarawak's vast geographical area which is dotted with mountains and interspersed with rivers, big and small.

Indeed, many who lived in Sarawak during the colonial era were amazed at the pace of physical development. In every major urban corridor-Kuching, Sibul, Bintulu and Miri-the transformation has been so thorough that few could believe that these are the same places they once worked and lived in.

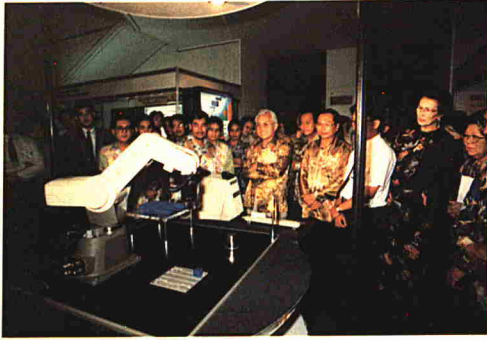
Mail services in the interior of Sarawak were unpredictable and no telephone lines were available. In fact, thirty years ago, few in the interior had even seen a telephone! Today, the very latest of telecommunication facilities are available - from cellular networks to satellite communications.



Birds eye view of Kuching city.



Well-developed road system in Batu



Modern facilities such as telecommunications, banking and financial services are now a common feature in most parts of Sarawak





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1. Kuching City Centre 2. DBKU Building 3. MBKS Building 4. Sarawak Museum



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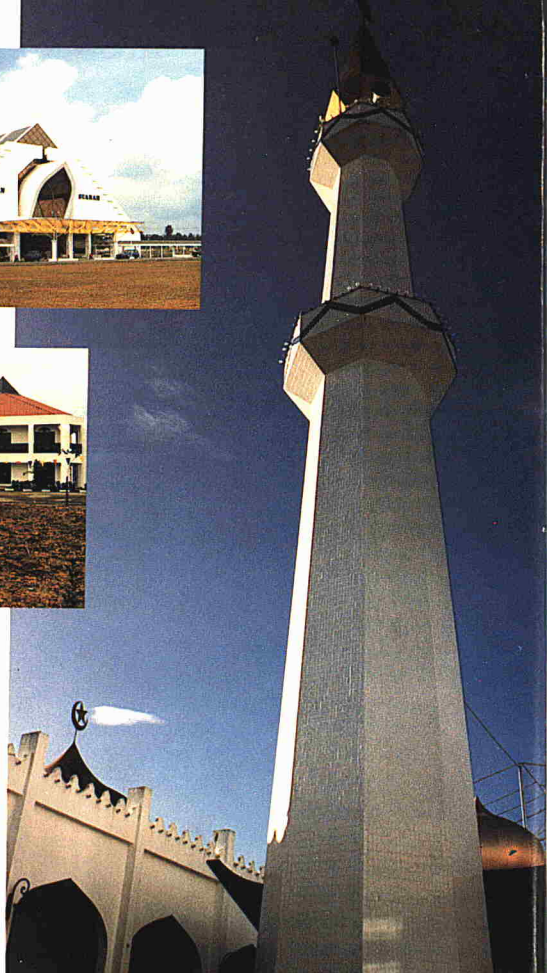
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Sarawak architectural
landscapes
are an interesting
blend
of the *OLD*
and the *NEW*



4

1. Dewan Suarab Bintulu
2. Dewan Suarab Mukah
3. Dewan Suarab Sri Aman
4. Dewan Suarab Sarikei
5. Dewan Suarab Miri
6. Dewan Suarab Marudi
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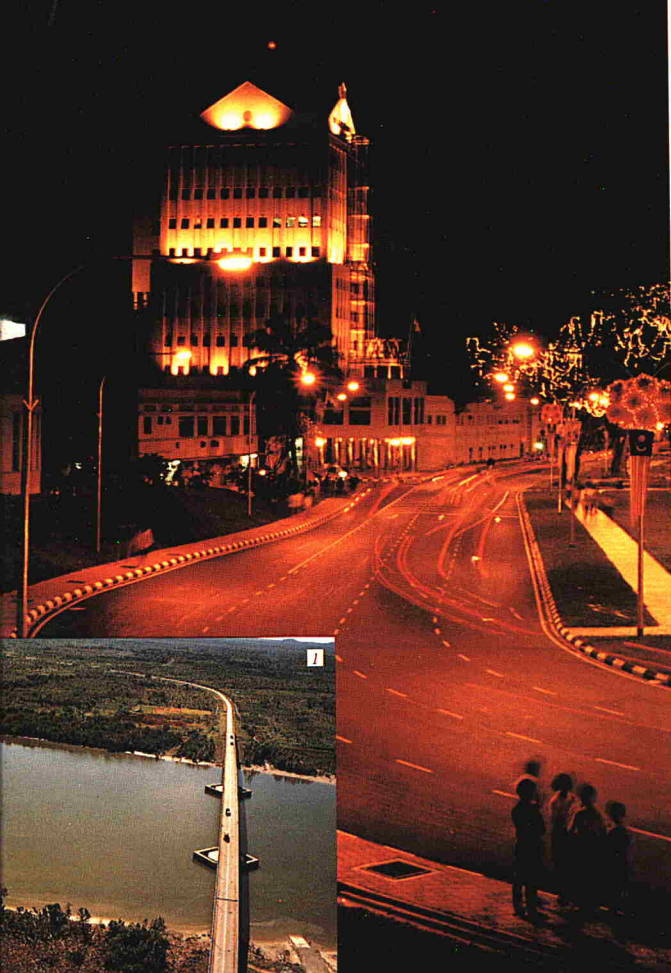
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1. *The Square Tower at the Kuching Waterfront - a landmark of Sarawak's historical heritage*
2. *Kuching Civic Centre*
3. *Wisma Bapa Malaysia - the centre of government*





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1. *The Santubong Bridge.*
2. *Padang Merdeka alight for the celebration.*
3. *Modern and well-planned housing estate.*
4. *The State Stadium.*
5. *Recreational park for leisure.*



ACHIEVEMENTS IN AGRICULTURE

Thirty years ago, too, the problem of poverty and subsistence living was still pronounced in the rural areas as well as in some urban pockets. Many people living in the interiors live off the land with no hope of ever acquiring a better lifestyle. They moved from place to place, practised what is termed as shifting cultivation. Their children merely followed the traditional ways, which lead them to repeat the cycle of poverty.

Yet in just thirty years, the incidence of poverty and subsistence living in the rural areas has gone down dramatically. The majority of those who were once subsistence farmers do not practice shifting cultivation anymore.

Instead, with the help and assistance of the government, many have settled down and acquired new farming skills which afforded them a chance to better their economic conditions. Among the opportunities now available to them is taking part in commercial agricultural schemes.



Several government agencies are involved in various commercial agriculture schemes. For example, the Sarawak Land Development Board (SLDB) and the Sarawak Land Consolidation and Rehabilitation Authority (SALCRA) have started several pioneer plantations of oil palm and rubber. The Sarawak Land Custody and Development Authority (LCDA) and the Sarawak Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) are involved in sago cultivation and have set up several factories to process sago.

A special feature of all these schemes is the conscious attempt to bring in all the small farmers. These farmers, usually with land holdings of several hectares only, are encouraged to grow cash crops instead of subsistence crops. The various State agencies, on their part, assist the farmers by way of information and provision of initial capital needed in switching over to a cash crop. The agencies also provide guaranteed market outlet for the farmers' produce.



1. Sago - traditionally the staple food for the Melanau, is deemed to be the golden crop of the future
2. Tea plantation at Mayang, Serian
3. Cocoa fruits
4. Sheep rearing as a means to supplement the income of the rural community



1. An oil palm mill in Sri Aman

2. A vegetable farm

3. An oil palm nursery. Oil palm is currently the State's most important commercial crop

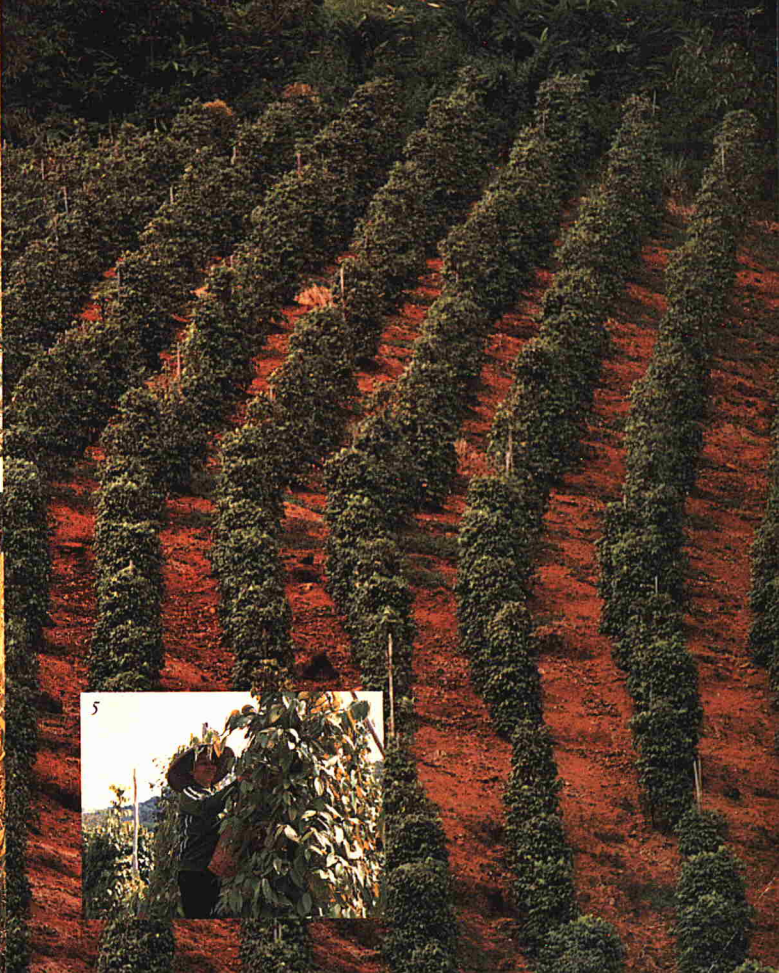


4. Padi is mainly cultivated as a subsistence crop among the rural communities

5. Sarawak is famed for its pepper

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ACHIEVEMENTS IN FISHERIES



he many rivers found in Sarawak provide an important source of protein for many people living in the interior. Residents of longhouses are well known experts in the art of river fishing.

The aquaculture industry is also well developed in Sarawak despite its introduction only in the early 1980s. Those entrepreneurial farmers who invested in inland prawn rearing are now exporting their produce to nearby countries.

Commercial fishing can be found mainly in the coastal areas. There is great potential in this area as the South China Sea has one of the richest stocks of fish in this region. Several large and sophisticated ocean going vessels have been brought into the state in recent years and their success will lead to more deep sea fishing.





Fishing vessels at Pulau Laka



View from Pulau Laka



ACHIEVEMENTS IN FORESTRY

The forestry sector is one of the major contributors to Sarawak's economy in terms of revenue and is the largest employer in the state.

In the 1960s and 1970s, the forestry sector was confined mainly to the export of logs. However, the strategy changed in the 1980's when the State Government decided that downstreaming the timber industry was to be a priority. Incentives were given to firms which were willing to set up factories which produce wood products at world standards.

The State Government built several industrial estates specifically devoted to timber processing such as the Tanjung Manis Timber Processing Zone (TMTMZ), the Kemena Industrial Estate and the Kuala Baram Industrial Estate.

Because the forestry sector is the mainstay of the Sarawak's economy, the government has taken several steps to ensure that the forest will be harvested on a sustainable yield basis. Laws relating to the forests have been strengthened to provide for mandatory replanting and selective harvesting.

More areas have also been added to the list of protected forests such as national parks to ensure that two-thirds of Sarawak's land area will always be under forest cover.







A plywood factory.

SARAWAK'S POLICY of sustainable forest management ensures the conservation of our rich natural resources



Natural laboratory for conservation studies.





An active policy to pursue downstream processing of timber maximises returns on Sarawak's forest resources and also generates revenues to fund conservation programmes.



ACHIEVEMENTS IN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Sarawak did not have much of a manufacturing sector to speak of in the 1960s. Then, the State imported most of her manufactured goods. Some manufacturing plants were established but they were mostly concentrated on producing substitutions for imports. Simple technology was employed and quality of the goods was poor.

In the 1970s, several attempts were made to build up a manufacturing base.

Industrialisation only really took off in the 1980s when the Ministry of Industrial Development (MID) was established.

The Ministry emphasised industrialisation on Sarawak's strength: abundance of natural resources. The Chief Minister decided that Sarawak should try to reduce the level of export of the State's resources in the raw form and enhance added value through processing.

The decision made sense: why should Sarawak export raw materials only to import products made from the same raw materials at a much inflated price?

The major thrust of the Ministry of Industrial

Development is the development of industrial estates. Each industrial estate is equipped with all the basic amenities so that manufacturers can set up plants and factories immediately. These industrial parks cater for light to heavy industries. Foreign investment is welcomed as are joint-ventures between foreign companies and local partners.

Other government agencies were given the tasks to spearhead development in the respective areas such as tourism, land development, timber-based industry, petroleum and petrochemicals. These include Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC), Land Custody & Development Authority (LCDA), Bintulu Development Authority (BDA) and Sarawak Economic Development Corporation (SEDC).

The State's economy used to be largely dependent on its oil and timber resources.

Today, however, Sarawak has successfully tapped its other natural resources and now has a solid industrial base in several sectors including petroleum gas and petrochemicals, minerals, manufacturing and timber processing.



Huge processing plants like these can be found in Bintulu & Miri.



THE PETROLEUM and petrochemical industries are major contributors to the State's economy

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ACHIEVEMENTS IN TOURISM

For a long time, Sarawak was regarded as one of Asia's best kept secret. Visitors who came to Sarawak were always amazed at her physical beauty and cultural diversity.

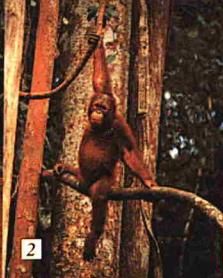
With more than 27 different communities, each with their own unique culture and traditions, Sarawak is the microcosm of the global village.

Besides its cultural diversity, visitors were thrilled by the sheer beauty of Sarawak's natural rainforest. In fact, Sarawak can boast of the world's oldest and most luxuriant natural rainforest with a full inventory of fauna and flora unlikely to be found anywhere else, all in a single location.

In recent years, with environmental awareness high, many visitors come to Sarawak as eco-tourists : they are here to enjoy the unspoilt environment that Sarawak offers. These eco-tourists are often amazed at how accessible the various national parks such as Bako, Niah and Mulu are. It is safe to say that many tourists are bitten by Sarawak's cultural, historical and natural attractions and are almost certain to be back.



An Orang Ulu with the famed sape
- a traditional "instrument" of the Orang Ulu.



*SARAWAK'S RICH, natural heritage
- a heaven for nature's lovers*



1. Waterfall at Lambir National Park.
2. The Orang Utan are protected animals in the state.
3. The pride of Sarawak – the hornbill.
4. The great Mulu Caves.
5. Traders cave Niah.



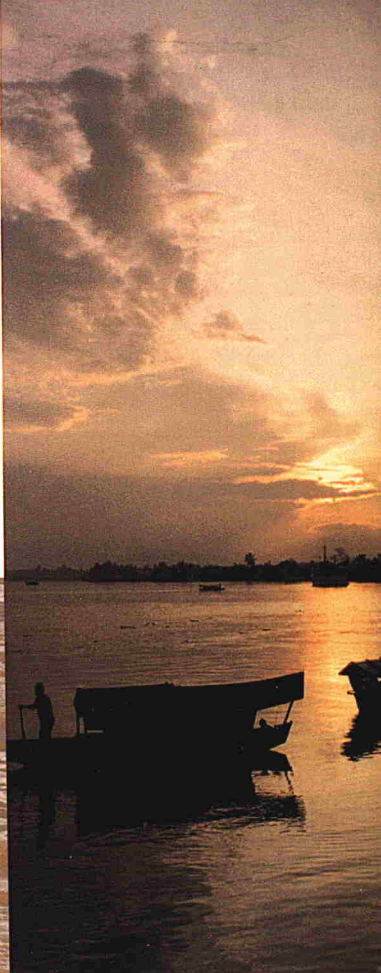


*SARAWAK is a multiracial society
with over 27 different ethnic groups
living in peace and harmony*





Sarawak River

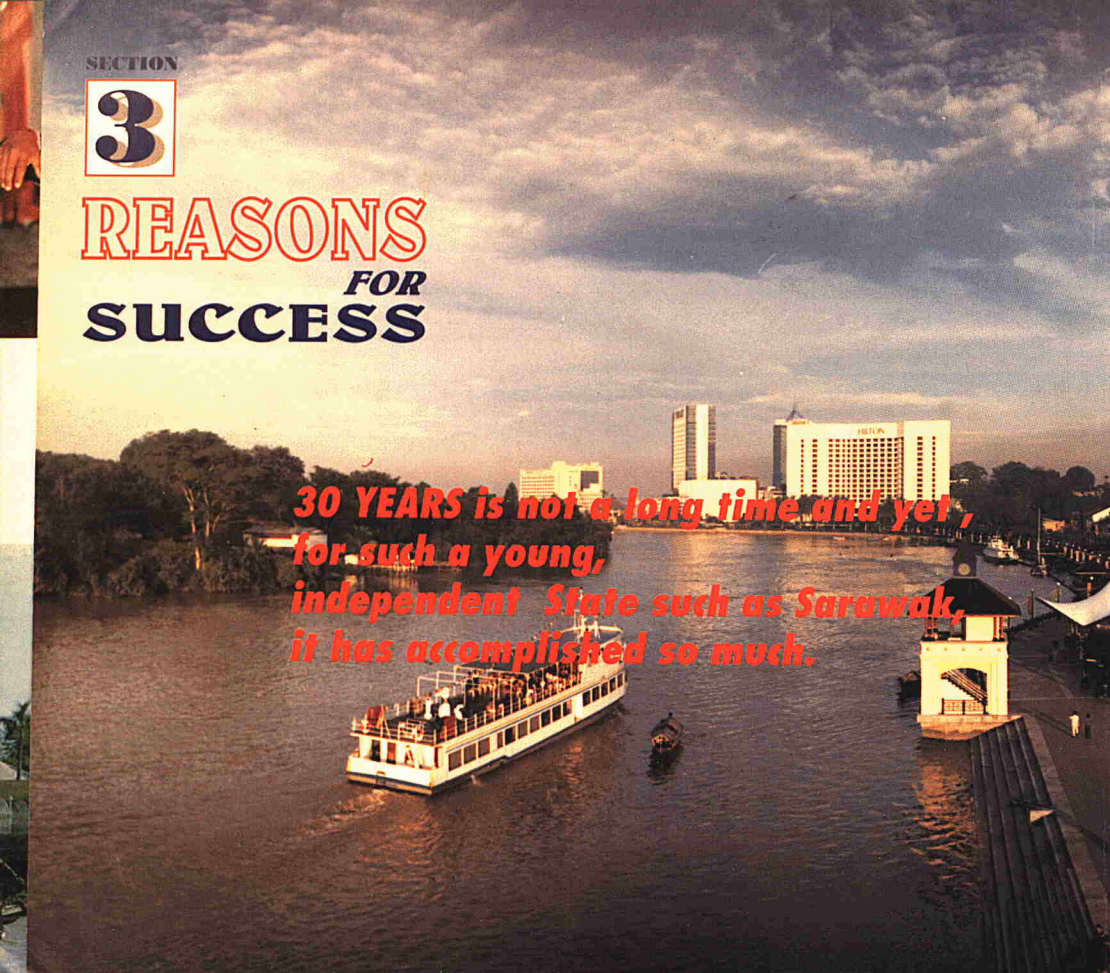


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REASONS FOR SUCCESS

*30 YEARS is not a long time and yet,
for such a young,
independent State such as Sarawak,
it has accomplished so much.*



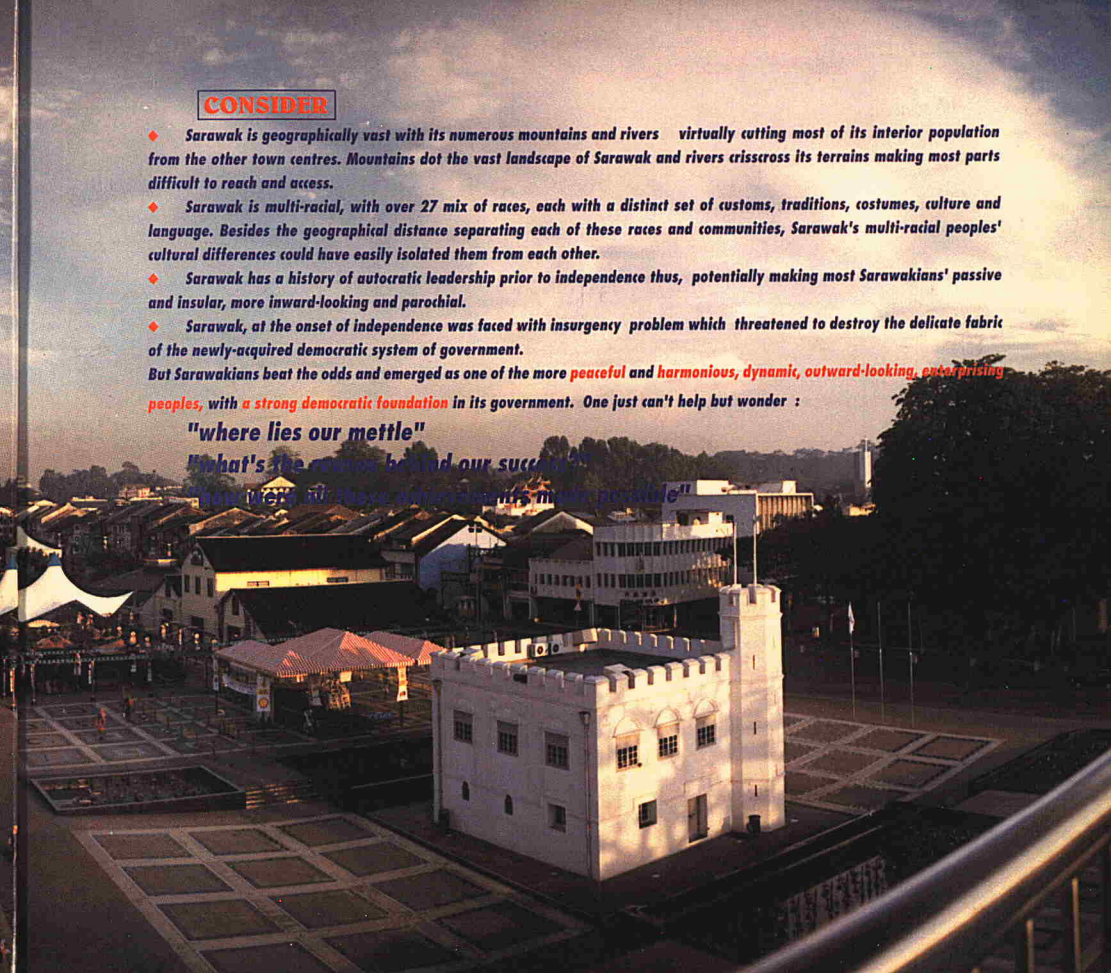
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- ◆ Sarawak is geographically vast with its numerous mountains and rivers virtually cutting most of its interior population from the other town centres. Mountains dot the vast landscape of Sarawak and rivers crisscross its terrains making most parts difficult to reach and access.
- ◆ Sarawak is multi-racial, with over 27 mix of races, each with a distinct set of customs, traditions, costumes, culture and language. Besides the geographical distance separating each of these races and communities, Sarawak's multi-racial peoples' cultural differences could have easily isolated them from each other.
- ◆ Sarawak has a history of autocratic leadership prior to independence thus, potentially making most Sarawakians' passive and insular, more inward-looking and parochial.
- ◆ Sarawak, at the onset of independence was faced with insurgency problem which threatened to destroy the delicate fabric of the newly-acquired democratic system of government. But Sarawakians beat the odds and emerged as one of the more peaceful and harmonious, dynamic, outward-looking, enterprising peoples, with a strong democratic foundation in its government. One just can't help but wonder :

"where lies our mettle"

"what's the reason behind our success?"

"how did all these achievements made possible?"





LEADERSHIP



Sarawak's achievement over the last 30 years are in large measure due to its dynamic and committed leadership, given full support by the leaders in the Federal Government.

It can be safely said that Sarawak experienced its first taste of democracy only in 1963 when the first state-wide election itself was whether Sarawak should join the Malaysian Federation as proposed of Malaysia. Tunku The vote by the people true independence and September 1963 when she Federation.

For the first time in people were the masters

They chose Stephen Kalong Ningkan as the first Chief Minister. Since then, the people continued to exercise their rights to choose their leaders.

The present Chief Minister, Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Hj Abdul Taib Mahmud took office in March 1981.

*The effectiveness of Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Hj Abdul Taib Mahmud's leadership is due to his own unique political philosophy, termed the **Politics of Development**.*



wide election was held. fought over the issue of join the Malaysian by the then Prime Minister Abdul Rahman Al-Haj, saw Sarawak achieving democracy on 16 became part of the

Sarawak's history, the of their own destiny.



1. Our Prime Minister and Chief Minister at the flag raising ceremony on the eve of the National Day, 1993
2. Presenting a souvenir to a very important guest - the Sultan of Brunei
3. At a gathering to launch "TAIB - Confluence and Consensus"
4. Presenting STIDC's donations to various charitable organisations at Wisma Sumer Alam
5. A visit by participants of the Nuri Sedūik Programme to Demak Jaya
6. At ease with the people
7. The Chief Minister - the people's man





The opening ceremony of the Kenyalang Park Bazaar.



The Launching of Kuching waterfront.



Official opening of Tambak Bako.



A "Switching on" ceremony for the new street lights at Jalan Samarang.

THE CELEBRATION of Sarawak's 30th Anniversary Independence saw a grand display of our achievements, our past glories and our progress unfolding in rapid succession as is evidenced by the various projects being implemented throughout the State.

1. At the Anniversary Dinner of a prominent local newspaper.



2. Officiating Padang Merdeka.



3. Yang Amat Berbahagia Datuk Amar Puan Sri Hajjah Laila at the opening of the Lion Nursing Home.



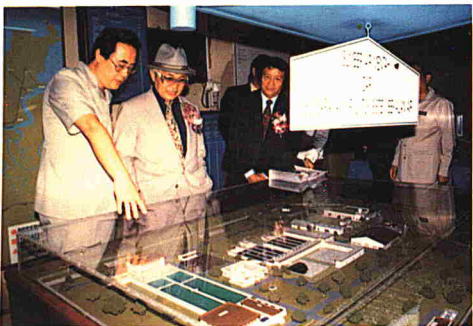
4. Tuan Yang Terutama Tin Datuk Patinggi Haji Ahmad Zaidi Adruce Bin Mubammed Noor welcoming important visitors from China.



1. A briefing to our Prime Minister, Datuk Patinggi Dr. Mahatir Bin Mohamad on the future plan of University Malaysia Sarawak.



2. Another development project in the pipeline.



3 & 4. Modern telecommunication facilities are now easily available in the state.





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1. Laying the foundation stone for the Boulevard Centre, Miri.
2. Sarawak's effort in sustainable forest management is commendable.

3. YB Datuk Amar Alfred Jabu at the official opening of the Sarawak Electricity Supply Corporation (SESCO) Building.
4. Opening of a plywood factory in Sejingkat Industrial Estate.

1. The opening of a prominent hotel in Miri.



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2. The foundation laying ceremony of the new market building in Marudi.



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3. A development project in Miri.



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4. Launching of "Cleanliness Campaign" in Sebauh, Bintulu.



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1. Officiating a Seminar held during the 50th Anniversary of Independence Celebration.

2. Yang Berbahagia Datin Paduka Hajah Sbarfiyah Mordiah Tiunku Fauzi attending a workshop.

3. A special dinner to commemorate our 50 years of independence.

4. At the opening ceremony of Budaya Bidayab II seminar, Bau.



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1. A visit to the site of the new District Office in Asajaya.

2. Tuan Yang Terutama Tin Datuk Patinggi Haji Ahmad Zaidi Adruce joining the Friday Prayer at Kampung Pasir Pandalak

3. Inspecting a new plywood factory in Kuching.

4. Launching of Tomas Hijau at a local school.



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1. Hari Peladang/Penternak/Nelayan 1993 in Bekem, Miri.

2. Yang Bgg Datuk Amar Puan Sri Hajjah Laila Taib admiring a painting at an Art Exhibition held at a leading hotel.

3. Official opening of a plywood factory in Miri.

4. Launching of Tractors Malaysia, Sibiu Branch.



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1. At the launching of "The life and Times of Abg Haji Mustapa" a biography of Datuk Abang Haji Mustapa.

2. The opening of the new Jalan Merdeka.

3. Contributing their part in "Kemperan Cinta Negara Kita" held in Kuching.

4. Official launching of the book "Chinese Festivals, Customs & Practices".

1. At the launching ceremony of the 1993 National Day Logo Competition Exhibition.



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2. Officiating a cultural show in Lunada.



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3. Earth-breaking ceremony for the new Satok Bridge.



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4. The closing ceremony of Hari Peladang/Penternakan/Nelayan in Miri.



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A GATHERING of leaders ... goodwill and understanding among the leaders
is crucial in ensuring a progressive society





PHYSICAL & SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

The philosophy is simple yet effective-
Sarawak's development must be done in a
holistic concept, encompassing not just
PHYSICAL BUT SPIRITUAL development as
well.

*In other words, the government must not only
provide the basic physical development like roads
and buildings, the government must provide the
leadership to shape the people's attitude and pre-
pare them so that they will be able to meet the many
challenges of a rapidly changing society.*



SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT is an important component of the Chief Minister's Politics of Development.



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IN TOUCH WITH THE PEOPLE

The success of **DATUK PATINGGI TAN SRI (DR) HJ ABDUL TAIB MAHMUD** and his team of dedicated ministers in mobilising the people lies in the personal touch of the leaders themselves. All the ministers and government officials are close to the grassroots. Sarawak is one of the few places in the world where political leaders are readily accessible to people from all walks of life. It is common practice for ordinary people to meet with ministers to air their problems directly.

Sarawak's leaders make regular trips to all parts of Sarawak, including the remote interiors to gauge for themselves the needs of the people as well as to listen to their problems. These 'meet the people' sessions are so successful that it would not be wrong to say that Sarawak practises the very true form of democracy- a government for the people and by the people.

The ability of the leaders to keep directly abreast of the needs of the people explains why the people are so enthusiastic about the government's plans to develop the state. The people know that the government has their interests at heart and strive for the betterment of Sarawak society.

"We are now at a time when we are in-charge of our destiny. The future of Sarawakians depends on how fast we can integrate our efforts, interests and our desire to help each other. This is the feature which will make the difference between the old and the new Sarawak "



YAB Chief Minister



LARIAN MERDEKA 1993
DAERAH BAYU



*S***OCIAL ACTIVITIES** provide a pleasant avenue for our leaders to interact and share the joy of the celebration with the people



1 & 2. *The TYT Tin Datar Patinggi
Haji Abnol Zaidi Adviree
celebrating his 70th Birthday
with the less fortunate.*



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3. *Giving out generous donations to
various charitable bodies in the
state.*



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4. *Inspecting the site of a new
development project in Samaraban.*



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1. An official visit to Kampung Betanak in Daro.



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2. Officiating a river Safari in Kapit.



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3. At an official opening of the new Harzers' stall in Bau.



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4. Attending the mini Parliament Sitting at RTM Auditorium.



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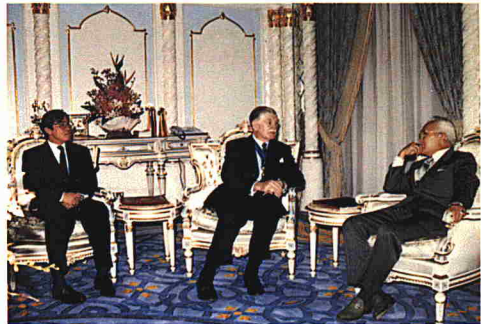
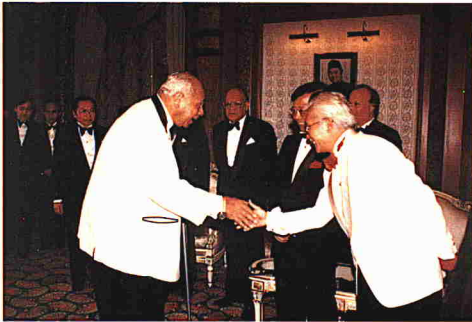
1. Nurturing the young with good values is important for they are the leaders of future generations.

2. The Chief Minister is popular with the media.

3. A souvenir from the people of Sarawak to the Prime Minister as he departed from Kuching after the grand celebration.

4. Sultan Brunei's visit to Demak Jaya.

*F*OREIGN GUESTS were invited to join in the celebration, witnessing what Sarawak has achieved throughout the 30 years of its independence.





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1. A large crowd at the Kuching International Airport as they bid farewell to the Prime Minister of Malaysia.

2. The Sultan of Brunei at the Sarawak Cultural Village, Kuching.

3. Foreign ambassadors were specially invited to attend the celebration.

4. A visit to Demak Jaya by the ambassadors.

*P*AST GLORIES and achievements were documented and recorded to commemorate the auspicious event.





*W*OMEN's ROLE and contributions form an integral part of the State's overall development.





Sarawak Regatta 1993

POWER TO THE PEOPLE

This spirit of tolerance and unity among Sarawakians is carried over into the modern Sarawak political arena. In every state government formed since independence, all the major racial groups - are represented. Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Hj Abdul Taib Mahmud is well known for repeating the phrase "Unity Through Consensus". The Chief Minister truly believes in and practises the concept of power-sharing. He believes that all communities in Sarawak have the inalienable right to be heard politically and that politics should be based on tolerance and consensus, not confrontation.







PEOPLE'S HARMONY

Sarawakians are very proud of the fact that the state is the most diverse in the Malaysian federation. No other state in Malaysia can claim a minimum of twenty-seven different ethnic groups. This is remarkable considering that Sarawak's population is only 1.8 million.

Each community has its own unique language, traditions and customs. Despite this rich diversity, the different races have always lived in harmony and this record is unsurpassed. Many from outside Sarawak are pleasantly amazed at how relaxed and freely the different communities mix together.

Despite the diversity of races found in Sarawak, all the different groups here have a long history of cooperation with one another.

The richest cultural heritage of the people of Sarawak is best summed up as tolerance and unity-in-diversity.



One family...



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CULTURAL SYNERGY

The Sarawak government has consistently undertaken to preserve and promote the cultural heritage of all communities in Sarawak without discrimination. Unlike many other countries where one community tries to subjugate the other groups, in Sarawak the government believes that promotion of all cultures can only lead to better understanding and a stronger sense of unity among the people.

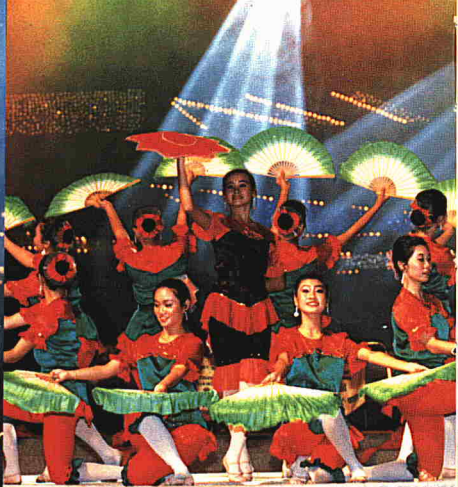
Although every community is encouraged to retain their uniqueness, this does not in any way spread separatist tendencies. In fact, the reverse is true. By reminding each community of their culture and reinforcing ethnic pride, this gives every group the confidence to work with others for mutual benefit.



One people...



Parade after final rehearsal National Day Parade



*A celebration of music and songs
Indoor Stadium Kuching*

of the old and new





*blending the different
cultures*

Indoor Stadium Cultural show



in unity and harmony



under one nation

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HARMONY IN SPORTSMANSHIP AND TEAMWORK

Another arena where the special Sarawak harmony or team spirit can often be seen is in sporting activities. Few can forget Sarawak's achievements in the Sukan Malaysia (SUKMA) games in 1990. Sarawak not only received universal acclamation for performing a marvellous job hosting the games, but Sarawak's team also won the overall games with the largest tally of medals. This feat was repeated in 1992 when Sarawak again walked away with the largest tally of medals.







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1. Braving the sky in celebration
2. DYMM Sultan Azlan Shah biting it off at Damai Golf Course
3. Children's participation was an important part of the celebration
4. The speedboat race was one of the favourite events.



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AN EMERGING SPORTS POWERHOUSE IN MALAYSIA





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HARMONY IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The harmony achieved through centuries is most often seen in the way Sarawakians pool their resources to do something. The concept of "gotong royong" or community self-help is an integral part of Sarawak's way of life.





Rice Harvesting, Sri Awan

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THE **WAY**
AHEAD





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Sarawak has achieved much over the past thirty years. On most social-economic indicator, Sarawak has moved forward.

As Sarawak paused to reflect on its achievements over the last 30 years, it was accorded the honour of being the host of the 1993 National Day Celebration.

The honour was accepted whole-heartedly by the Sarawak State Government as a challenge to put on the best Merdeka celebrations the nation has ever seen. Preparations for the event took almost a whole year and the Sarawak team spirit was evident throughout.

While the celebrations concentrated on Sarawak's achievements, it also afforded us an opportunity to see where we are heading. We simply could not rest on our laurels.

The Prime Minister, Dato Seri Dr Mahathir Mohammad, has already espoused a vision for a fully industrialised and developed Malaysia by the turn of the 21st century - Vision 2020. A 'developed' Malaysia as visualised by the Prime Minister is not only measured by economic success. That is just a small component. What is equally and perhaps more important is a Malaysian society that is united, practises social justice, politically stable and democratic, morally and ethically upright and a society that can proudly take her rightful place in the world of nations.





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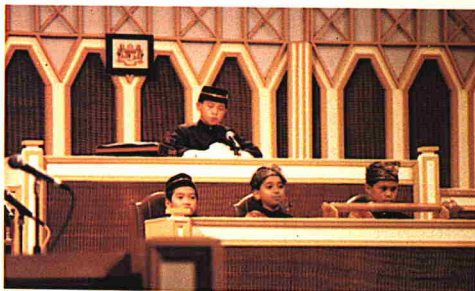
UNITY IS OUR STRENGTH



he people of Sarawak are united despite the rich diversity of racial groups. Racial tolerance and harmony are so well embedded that Sarawak is a model state for all.

The solid achievements made in the socio-economic arena has made Sarawakians confident and optimistic about their future. The confidence stems from the fact that the people know that the leaders will do their utmost to further develop Sarawak for the benefit of Sarawak.

We hold the future in our hands



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We may one day teach the world ...

“BEING A SARAWAKIAN myself, as with all Sarawakians, I am thankful to be born to a land so colourful. The Sarawakian life is such that we locals have to learn in practice to be more tolerant of others, who they are and what they do. We look onto other races with respect, not disdain, and this is the attitude of the people that makes us proud of our land. Differences in colour, race and religion are no longer liabilities to the individual. On the contrary, it is an asset - with the obvious differences, one's culture is inherently enhanced, hence one's way of life.

No one race is superior than the other, if there were any idea as such, there would be chaos. There would be racial riots from discrimination. There would be rebellion that is currently happening in other countries. But no, none of such things are occurring. We, the people of Sarawak have managed to live so happily and so harmoniously for decades already. We have every right to be proud of our efforts so far. We who make Sarawak.


Sarawak is the land of the plentiful. Its people live in abundance of culture. It is the picture of serenity and colour. It is as if someone a long time ago mixed the right ingredients to create the perfect recipe to the 'cultural melting pot'. A mixture, and yet there is no segregation-only harmony and peace.

It is no utopia as no land ever is, but it is maintained on a strong and reliable foundation, the integration of races and continuous efforts of cooperation and collaboration-all for the benefit of all. Having managed this in a multi-racial society, our efforts are most certainly commendable.

This small land of Sarawak may one day be a teacher. This land of ours may one day teach the world how to attain the 'global community' that everyone is talking about but not working towards.

This is the land of Sarawak. The land we love and cherish.”

by a 16 year old
Sarawakian



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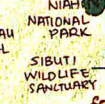
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