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**LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP  
SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE SEMINAR ON  
TUN ABDUL RAZAK  
(PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA, 1970 - 1976)**

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Royale Chulan Kuala Lumpur**

**Introductory Remarks by Tan Sri Michael Yeoh, CEO ASLI**

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YB Dato' Sri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein – Minister of Defence

YBhg. Tan Sri Halim Ali – Chairman, Yayasan Cemerlang

YBhg. Dato' Nizam Razak – Pro Chancellor, Unirazak & Chairman, Organising Committee

Excellencies, Tan Sri-Tan Sri, Datuk-Datuk, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Selamat Pagi

I am delighted to join Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali in welcoming all of you to this historic conference to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the demise of Tun Abdul Razak, 2nd Prime Minister of Malaysia. Let me thank YB Dato' Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein for taking time off his very busy schedule to be with us here this morning. Your kind presence and Opening Address this morning YB Dato' Seri, will be especially meaningful as we look forward to you sharing thoughts on your late uncle, Tun Abdul Razak.

In planning this Special Commemorative Conference, we had planned to bring together some contemporaries of Tun Razak or those who had personal experiences of working together with him. Some of them are here with us to recollect and share their memories of Tun Razak. Others are unfortunately too old or too weak to be present with us today. We hope this conference will be able to shed more light on the Razak Legacy and the role and contributions of Tun Razak in his rather short premiership before his untimely death at the very young age of 54. His is a legacy of leadership, a legacy of development and a legacy of progress. Imagine what the Razak Legacy would be had Tun lived another 20-30 years. Nevertheless Tun Abdul Razak had served the nation well. And as many speakers today will share their reminiscences on Tun and his contribution, it will suffice for me to pay tribute to Tun Abdul Razak as the Father of Development, the Father of ASEAN and the Father of Unity.

To me, Tun Razak's Legacy in rural development charted the course for the upliftment of the rural population. His commitment to development had rightfully earned him the epitaph of being called Father of Development. We can also rightfully call Tun Razak the Father of ASEAN as he was one of the 5 ASEAN statesman who signed the declaration to establish ASEAN, and with the formulation of the Rukunegara Tun Razak can rightfully be described as the Father of Unity.

Going forward, the core values that encapsulises Tun Razak's leadership are more relevant today than ever – integrity, frugality, unity and tolerance. We hope today's seminar themed The Legacy of Leadership will enable us to learn more about these values and how important they are to build a

modern, multi-racial 21st Century Malaysia. Learning from our past leaders like Tun Abdul Razak is one way to chart the way forward for Malaysia.

Before I end, I wish to thank Yayasan Cemerlang for giving ASLI the opportunity to co-organise this apt and timely seminar. Learning from history is so important for us as a relatively young nation and we hope from this seminar we can also record the oral history of our founding fathers and those who have worked with them for the future benefit of young Malaysians. ASLI is strongly committed to the documenting of our nation's oral history.

Finally, Let me end by thanking all our corporate sponsors for your generous support of this seminar. I wish to also thank Dato' Nizam Razak, the Chairman of the Organising Committee for his leadership and guidance. Thank you also to the distinguished panelists and moderators for your willingness to share your thoughts, insights and time with us.

Sekian, terima kasih