

**MORE THAN AN ELECTION,
IT'S ABOUT PROJECT MALAYSIA.
THIS GE 2013, MARK 'X' FOR**

EMPATHY



STATES(WO)MEN. NOT POLITICIA

**“I believe in living and being happy,
otherwise what the hell do you want to
live for? How long do you expect to live
for?... Your duty when you take over
leadership of the country is to make
people happy, that is the main thing.”**

*- Tunku Abdul Rahman, on his views
about life and work as featured in
K. Das and the Tunku Tapes
(edit. Kua Kia Soong)*

AND about time too. When PM Najib announced the dissolution of the 12th Parliament on Wednesday, he closed the chapter on a fractious five years at the national legislative (not that Parliaments past were civil). In the midst of mud-slinging, new laws were passed hurriedly without due public consultation, among others the DNA Identification Act, Public Assembly Act in place of Section 27 of the Police Act, SOSMA in place of the ISA, and Section 114A introduced in the Evidence Act.

Due to loans and the lack of cows, we saw the first male check in as Minister for Women, Family and Community Development a year ago.

We saw frogs. Plenty of them. They who had not the decency to seek guidance from their constituents before hopping. The rakyat elected them in, and from then on, the rakyat can go to hell; that's just saying it as it is.

Bone and marrow

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All this tells us a lot.

Are we in the business of nation-building or merely electing politicians? You know what they say about politicians; we've had more than our share. Nation-building needs people with a spine and a heart. Statesmen and stateswomen.

Integrity. Stewardship. Transparency. Accountability. Empathy.

ACCOUNTANT



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“Look here! I am here not as a representative of UMNO but as Minister of Home Affairs. Whatever I do is based on the rule of law. I am closer to this boy than any of you, but this is something that must be done.”

- Tun Dr Ismail, in reply to an ADUN's request to grant leniency on behalf of Ismail's own office boy. The boy was alleged to have been involved in the burning of a temple in Sentul.

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TRANSPAR



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“Many years later, when Chee Khoon was eating at a restaurant, a man approached him, shook his hand and thanked him. 'For what?' asked Tan Chee Khoon. 'I was the Customs Officer whom you reported in 1964', said the man. 'I was transferred in 24 hours. You put the fear of God into all of us'.”

- excerpt from Tan Sri Dr Tan Chee Khoon - A Life of Service (Loh Kok Kin). It recounts a cheating episode at customs, where Chee Khoon finally reported the incident to the Minister of Finance.

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INTEGRITY



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“One best way to put an end to such betrayal of the people’s trust is to introduce legislation whereby an elected representative... is barred from crossing the floor unless he resigns his seat and seeks a fresh mandate from his electorates by contesting on the new party’s ticket.”

- P. Pato, MP for Menglembu, (press statement Jan 3, 1985) on katak MPs and State Assemblymen.

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STEWARDS



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“Under the new strategy, capital flows are channeled to existing kampungs, estate settlements, new villages and other rural communities... Instead of taking people to capital as under Felda and Felcra schemes, the new strategy proposes to take capital to people.”

- Fan Yew Teng (statement June 22, 1983), on the need for a rethinking of poverty alleviation policies. The spirit of that call lives on in the SABM-HAKAM proposed Social Inclusion Act