

**Dialogue with YABhg. Tun Daim Bin Zainuddin, Chairman of the Council of Eminent Persons
10th May 2019**

On 10th May 2019, The Kuala Lumpur Business Club (KLBC), had the pleasure of hosting YABhg Tun Daim Bin Zainuddin at a dialogue themed: “A Year and a Day after 9.5.2018: Where are we now, where are we going next?”, at the offices of PricewaterhouseCoopers in Kuala Lumpur. Tun Daim, who is the Chairman of the Council of Eminent Persons was candid, insightful and witty. He left members with much to think about.

Following a brief introduction of Tun Daim by Dato’ Faiz, Tun Daim opened the dialogue by sharing his thoughts on the first year and performance of the Pakatan Harapan government.

Tun Daim spent approximately fifty minutes addressing questions from the floor which covered the following areas:

- a) The East Coast Rail Line;
- b) Malaysia economic policy and blueprint moving forward;
- c) Malaysia’s education ministry, its role in cultivating critical thinking, the importance of the English language, and the need to acquire proficiency in more than one language;
- d) Inequality in cost of living and wage growth;
- e) Modern agriculture;
- f) What he thinks about the chances of closure in the greatest Kleptocracy case of our time;
- g) Institutional reforms; and
- h) The role of the CEP.

Tun Daim emphasised, that it is crucial for the government, civil service, business leaders and the *rakyat* to be more open to change and to work together towards the success of the nation. He also highlighted that there is a need to communicate with clarity to the people, and that a grassroots approach is needed for sustainable development. In his final remarks, Tun Daim concluded that he has great faith in this nation, and as long as we stay united, we will be able to rebuild the nation together as Malaysians.

The dialogue was attended by approximately 70 participants.

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