



Building a Better Malaysia

Preamble

Since the independence of Persekutuan Tanah Melayu in 1957 and the formation of Malaysia in 1963, the nation has evolved into a dynamic multi-ethnic nation with progress in many sectors.

We salute the sacrifice, tolerance and accommodation of all communities in the developmental phase that has brought about stability, progress and peace to our nation.

Moving forward, the nation should aspire for human progress based on the principles of peace, justice, fairness and freedom that will transcend ethnicity, colour or creed.

Cherishing our constitutional rights of fundamental liberties, we shall create an inclusive nation that is founded on justice and fairness.

Commitment

We are committed to work together for reform and improvements in the following areas:

1. Good Governance

Promote good stewardship, integrity, accountability and transparency in the public, private and civil society sectors. Ensure zero tolerance of corruption.

2. Politics

Politics must be seen as a service to the nation and its people. People in power must be elected through a clean, free and fair election by informed electorate. Strict separation of party and government must be observed.

3. Judiciary

The total independence of the judiciary is paramount in ensuring justice.

4. Federalism

Political and economic power must be decentralized so that the States have greater autonomy and control of resources.

5. Local Government

Enhance participatory democracy at all levels including elections for local authorities, mukim and villages.

6. Public Services

Public Services must be delivered to the highest standards of integrity, professionalism and efficiency to earn the respect and trust of the People.

7. Economics

Economic growth must put people before profit and must be environmentally sustainable. There must be equitable distribution of wealth to eradicate poverty, end marginalization and ensure the welfare of the People. Any affirmative action should be based on needs and not ethnicity.

8. Environment

Strive towards a society in harmony with nature and where there is environmental justice for all. Promote development that is socially just, economically viable and ecologically sustainable.

9. Education

Reaffirm the need for a holistic-educational system that produces knowledgeable persons with integrity; ensure mother tongue education and equitable and just treatment for schools of all streams in the educational system.

10. Women's Rights

Affirm gender justice based on international instruments that provide substantive equality to women, with opportunities and access in nation-building by eliminating discrimination and systemic prejudices.

11. Indigenous People's Rights

Recognise the rights of the indigenous people to their land and resources and ensure that they practice their culture freely.

12. Culture

Respect diversity of cultures and encourage inter-cultural engagement.

13. Religion

Uphold freedom to practice religion as provided for by the Federal Constitution. Promote understanding and harmony amongst adherents of all different religions.

14. Media

Provide greater media freedom where the media is unfettered by over regulation. Responsible and diverse perspectives must be allowed to be aired. There shall be freedom of expression and freedom to access and publish information.

15. National Unity

National unity must be premised on the heterogeneous nature of our society and be forged through promotion of the principles of equality, based on the true spirit of muhibbah, genuine respect and mutual unde

23 Partners Organisations are as follows:

Kuala Lumpur & Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall (KLSCAH)

Aliran Tamil Foundation

Pertubuhan Jamaah Islah Malaysia (JIM)

Majlis Perundingan Malaysia Agama Buddha, Krisitian, Hindu, Sikh dan Tao (MPMAM)

Negeri Sembilan Chinese Assembly Hall (NSCAH)

Penang Chinese Town Hall (PGCTH)

The Federation of Chinese Associations Johore State (FCAJ)

Lim Lian Geok Cultural Development Centre (LLG)

United Chinese School Alumni Association of Malaysia (UCSAAM)

Muslim Professionals Forum (MPF)

Suara Rakyat Malaysia (SUARAM)

Pusat Komunikasi Masyarakat (KOMAS)

Saya Anak Bangsa Malaysia (SABM)

Persatuan Masyarakat Selangor dan Wilayah Persekutuan (Permas)

Centre of Policy Initiative (CPI)

National Interlok Action Team (NIAT)

People's Green Coalition (PGC)

Anak Muda Sarawak (AMS)

All Women's Action Society (AWAM)

Partners in Community Organising (Pacos Trust)

The Association Of Graduates From Universities And Colleges Of China, Malaysia (Liuhua)

Nanyang University Alumni Malaya (Nanda)