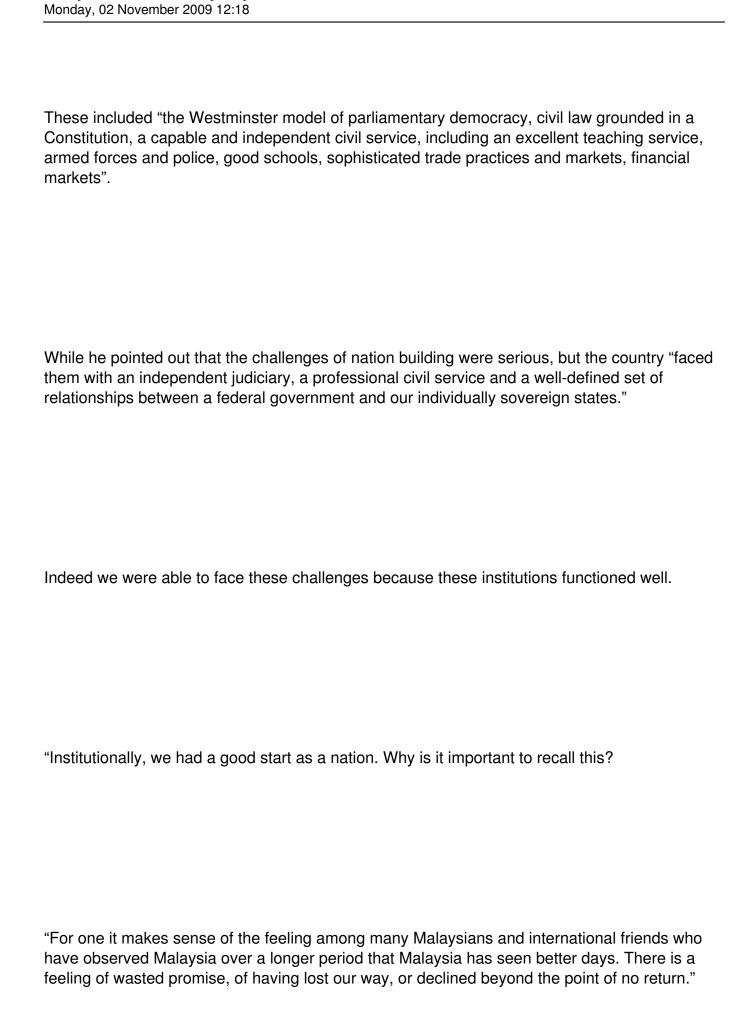


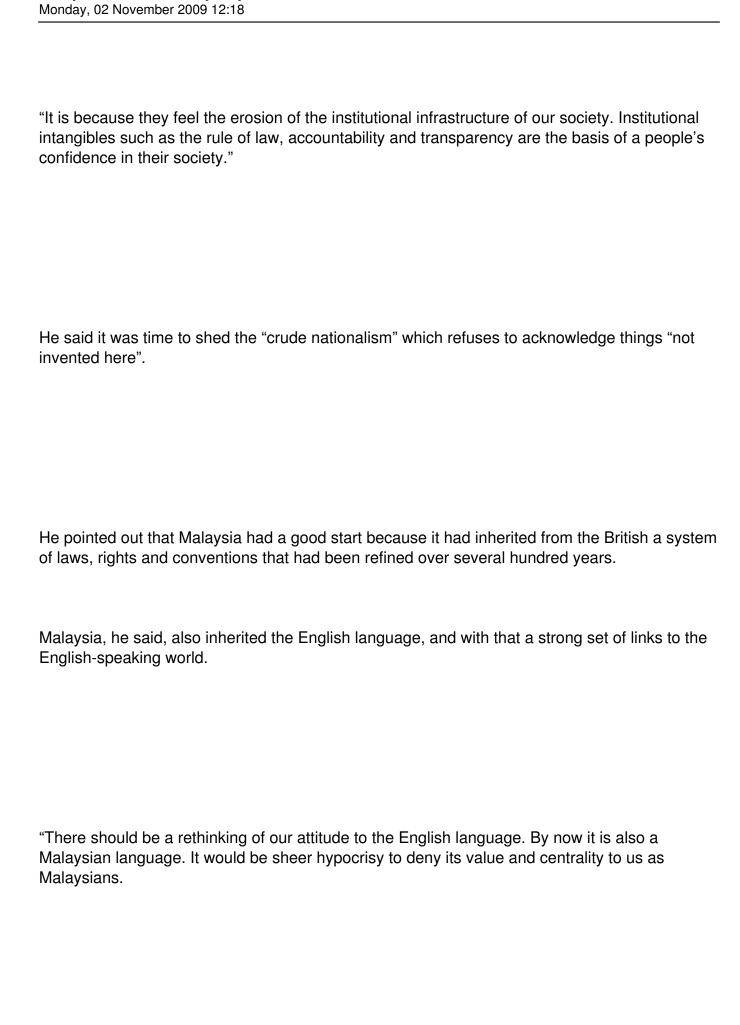
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 2 — Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah has urged the country to shed "crude nationalism" and come to terms with the reality that many Malaysians are losing faith in their future despite the evidence of material progress.

The veteran Umno man told the British Graduates Association at a dinner here last night that it was a fact that those Malaysians who "can stay away and settle overseas do so with the encouragement of their parents".

"Their parents tell them to remain where they are, there is nothing for them here. The illusion of nostalgia does not explain why parents fight to send their children to private and international schools rather than the national schools they themselves went to.
"The very same politicians who recite nationalist slogans about our national schools and turn the curriculum into an ideological hammer send their own children to international schools here or in Australia and Britain.
"They know better than anyone else the shape our schools are in. It is no illusion that people do not have the faith in our judiciary and police that they once had," said Tengku Razaleigh.
The former Finance Minister pointed out that the country inherited at independence a functional country with independent institutions.





"Do we continue to deny in political rhetoric what we practice in reality, or do we grasp the situation and come up with better policies for the teaching and adoption of the language?"
He urged Malaysians to reconnect with Britain as it is today instead of recycling stale colonial era stereotypes.