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TNB ENERGISES THE MALAYSIAN SPIRIT WITH TUNKU'S DECLARATION IN NATIONAL DAY FILM

Instilling the courage, spirit and determination on the minds of future generations to be resilient towards challenges is key to the progression of a country, especially in unprecedented times like now.

With that, Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) empowers Malaysians for the coming National Day and Malaysia Day with a hopeful and charming short film titled "Deklarasi Sepakat Malaysia".

Reflecting this year's theme of "Malaysia Prihatin" (Malaysia Cares), the film shines the spotlight on Malaysians from all walks of life coming together in overcoming challenges for a better, brighter future.

TNB Chief Corporate Officer, Datuk Wira Roslan Ab. Rahman said: "This is not just a celebration of our history, but a celebration to imbue patriotism, to strive together for a better, brighter Malaysia".

Inspired from Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj's speech before reading the Proclamation of Independence in 1957, the film was directed by renowned director Kabir Bhatia.

Behind Tunku's iconic chant of "Merdeka!", at the core of his speech that is still relevant to this day is a promise to always take care of one another and working together for a prosperous future.

In this empowering and charming film, a little boy dressed in Tunku's iconic attire takes the mic and performs the historic speech as the film progresses to show the Malaysian spirit at work.

The film interweaves the nuances of the people's verve and perseverance in overcoming challenges as one, and reflects how our frontliners and everyday heroes stepped up during this unprecedented and turbulent time with an overwhelming sense of love and duty, portrayed by the brilliant ensemble of children.

It intricately injects the essence of patriotism and gratitude into the hearts and minds of viewers, energised by the well-known chant of "Merdeka!" by the children.

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“It delivers a message of hope through Tunku’s speech and empowers the future generation – depicted by the children in our film – of Malaysia towards creating a better world together.

“Only when all of us come together, our Malaysian spirit becomes stronger no matter what challenges we face,” Roslan added.

“Deklarasi Sepakat Malaysia” is online from 29 August 2020 on TNB’s YouTube channel (youtube.com/TENAGAOofficial). Accompanying the film is a behind-the-scenes interview to uncover the stories of Little Tunku and the children, as well as their hope for Malaysia.

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