

# SARAWAK, MALAYSIA Dato Sri Ang Lai Soon's 2017 New Year's Message "We will not be deterred. We shall overcome"

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KUCHING, SARAWAK, MALAYSIA, December 30, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- "We will not be deterred. We shall overcome "

Over the millennia the end of the year is a time for reflection, and the start of the New Year has come to mean a new beginning, a time for renewal, an opportunity to change for the better-a time of hope.

As individuals, we make New Year resolutions concerning self-improvement in various ways. Yet very often after just a few days, following the new year celebrations, our personal resolutions have fallen by the wayside and the new year is no different from the old!

But this year, let's make it different! Indeed we must in order to move on in our rather difficult and complicated world.

For many in the world the year 2016 was an annus horribilis and it is difficult, at least at this moment, to see this changing in the near future. But if we have the will and the determination we can make a difference – as the saying goes: if you have faith you can move mountain! Nothing is really impossible.

We in this country are fortunate and have been generally spared the upheavals endured by other nations, but we need to be vigilant to ensure undercurrents from those world events do not surface here - that religious and ethnic harmony may prevail, that discord and chauvinism are discarded, that unethical and immoral practices in any form, or at any level, must be stopped, and that those in positions of authority may always follow the precept that they are the servants of the people, so that we, as a nation state, may present an example of probity to the world rather than reflect the defects that have befallen other nations.



Dato Sri Ang Lai Soon of Sarawak presented to Queen Elizabeth II, greatest supporter of charities & Prince Phillip. Ex Malaysian King & Queen looked on. In a troubled world, leader with impeccable character is a great asset. SOME NATIONS'S NEW YEAR WISH?

As we reflect on the year that has come to an end, the words of Omar Khayyam come to mind:

"The Moving Finger writes; and, having writ,

Moves on; nor all thy Piety nor Wit shall lure it back to cancel half a Line,

Nor all thy Tears wash out a Word of it".

2017 is politically a very important year for this nation and its people, so let us make a real resolve to see that we as a nation state make a realistic effort to try to move a little way towards our own SHANGRILA, an ideal society free of suffering and poverty.

I am inspired by Cicero's motto

Dum Spiro Spero - "While I Breathe, I hope".

I know that we have just taken the first step in our long and difficult journey, and that there will be many obstacles along the way: valleys to traverse, mountains to surmount, floods and storms to overcome, but we will not be deterred. We shall overcome.

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