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On

**The Chinese Primary School: A Tale of Its  
Adaption to Multi-ethnic Environment**

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## **Abstract**

In this photo-journal presentation, Dr. Fong Chan Onn portrays the challenging journey of the Malaysian Chinese elementary schools – evolving over more than a century from their humble origins in clan houses, temples and churches to become the present-day Malaysian government-supported Chinese primary schools. Interweaving both English and Chinese, Dr. Fong highlights the wide community support, the teacher's commitment and the increasing multi-ethnic student profile that have resulted from this transformation process. He hopes to give listeners the opportunity to appreciate the contribution of the Malaysian Chinese Primary Schools in educating youths of all ethnicities, its place in the Malaysian school system and its role in fostering trilingual abilities that enhance the country's competitiveness.

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Dr. Fong Chan Onn has a Bachelor of Engineering (Canterbury, New Zealand) and an MBA and a PhD in Industrial Economics (Rochester, USA). He was a Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, and served as Malaysian Deputy Minister of Education (1990-1999), Minister of Human Resource (1999-2008) and Member of Parliament (Alor Gajah, 1990-2013). He is author of many research papers and books on applied economics and education. He recently completed the Photo Journal Book ‘The Malaysian Chinese Primary School: A Century of Toil and Dedication.’

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