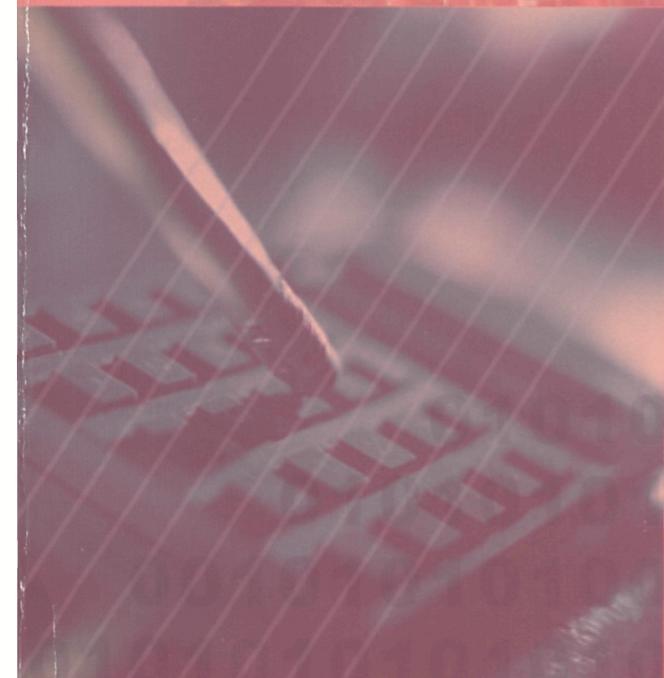


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Komunikasi di antara manusia di seluruh dunia telah berkembang dengan pesat dari semasa ke semasa dengan penghasilan teknologi baru hasil daripada kajian berabad lamanya. Kini, teknologi tersebut telah dilabelkan sebagai teknologi tradisional atau antik oleh sesetengah pihak setelah ianya mengalami perubahan demi perubahan yang sangat ketara.

Dulu, perhubungan antara manusia disebarluaskan melalui manusia itu sendiri atau melalui lukisan dibangun dari semasa ke semasa dan telah didominasi oleh pelopor-pelopor dari Negara Barat yang telah berkurun lamanya memikirkan tentang masalah-masalah komunikasi ini, bermula di kawasan Tigris dan Eufrates lebih dari 3,000 tahun Sebelum Masihi dengan penghasilan bongkah-bongkah tanah liat ke papyrus sehingga ke kaedah teknik pencetakan tekanan oleh Johann Guttenberg.

Sehingga kurun ke 20 di mana sebuah agensi milik Jabatan Pertahanan Kerajaan Amerika Syarikat telah mencipta peralatan teknologi komunikasi era moden yang telah menghubung dunia yang dikenali sebagai Internet. Hasil kajian ini adalah penting terutama sekali untuk pertukaran data dan maklumat, diadaptasi daripada penciptaan litar telefon.

Begitu juga di Malaysia, setelah perlakunya ledakan maklumat dan penyebaran maklumat tanpa sekat, pihak berkuasa telah mengambil tindakan dengan mengawal, merancang dan mengadakan pelbagai aktiviti khusus kepada rakyat Malaysia bagi mengambil kesempatan penyebaran maklumat yang memberi kepentingan penduduk di negara ini.

Walaubagaimanapun, pihak berkuasa melalui agensi-agensinya telah mengambil inisiatif menapis maklumat-maklumat tersebut yang berbentuk negatif, berbaur perkauman dan yang boleh mengikis kebudayaan rakyat di negara ini. Generasi muda disarankan mengambil peluang dan aktiviti yang ditawarkan seperti membuat laman sesawang untuk memasarkan apa jua produk keluaran mereka termasuk perkhidmatan yang ditawarkan.

Diharapkan dengan terbitnya majalah ini akan memberi maklumat yang berguna kepada sesiapa sahaja yang terlibat atau mahu tahu bagaimana mereka boleh berkembang dengan hanya menjadikan rumah sebagai pejabat mereka dan "Generasi Glocal Menghadapi Dunia Tanpa Sempadan" menggalakkan perkembangan tenaga manusia bersifat kelas dunia (global) dari segi pemikiran tetapi berasal dari rantau ini tanpa meninggalkan walau sedikit pun ciri-ciri sebagai rakyat Malaysia.

Akhir kata, Sidang Editor ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada semua pihak yang menjayakan penerbitan ini. Selamat Membaca.

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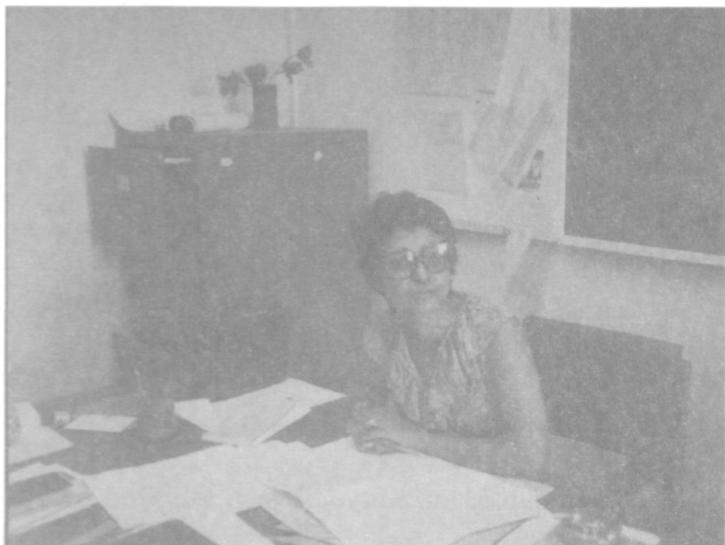
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# REMINESCENCE OF RADHA NADARAJAH : THE FIRST HEAD SCHOOL OF LIBRARY SCIENCE, UITM

by Professor Dato' Dr. Raja Abdullah Yaacob



## REMEMBERING MRS RADHA NADARAJAH

"This is actually an exciting exercise for me when I was asked to recall what I remember about Mrs. Nadarajah, the first head of school of the then School of Library Science. Radha was a Singaporean who did LLB in Britain and also ended up doing ALA. When I asked her why she did not practice law, her answer was that she wanted to become a law librarian. I was thinking what a waste for a dynamic and eloquent person like her not to practice law. One thing we remembered about her is that, she took pride in her practical training in the British Board of Trade and all the

time in the class she was giving that example. That is why I believe practical training is very crucial. At that time she made it a point to send students to do practical training almost every semester. This was made possible because at that time the number of students was very small.

I was from the third batch in the ALA programme, in a class of seven students with only two males – myself and Major Amin Azahari, already a much matured man, sent by the Ministry of Defence. My first encounter with Radha was in 1970 when she first enrolled as a lecturer in the department of ALA programme, under the School of Administration and Law (Joginder Singh was our overall Head of School at that time). The first part of the ALA course consisted of four papers and she taught two. At the initial stage, she was the only full-time lecturer at the department. The second and the third year students were taught mainly by part-time lecturers. She taught us Library and Society and Government Control of Libraries. Being a trained lawyer, she treated us in the same manner. Before class we were instructed to read up beforehand and she would come into the class firmly but surely, asking questions that required much discussion from us, the naïve students. She ignored the fact that all of the students were library and information illiterate and it was not surprising to see some of my classmates ending up in tears. Anyway, it forced us to read a lot and the ALA students were the main occupants of the library in Jalan Othman. A month after that, we saw two new lecturers. Molina Nijhar (graduated from Australia, Post Graduate in Librarianship) who taught the paper on Bibliographic Control and Reference and Oli Mohamed, who had just arrived from a post graduate programme in UK, who taught us the ever unpopular subject Organization of Knowledge (Cataloguing and Classification).

Then, in 1971, the course was taken out from the School of Administration and Law and was changed to the School of Library Science. Radha became the first Head of School with about 18 students. The first batch had four students: Katni, Kamariah, Kalthoum and Wan Hajrah, while the second batch had seven students: Alimah Salam, Norsham, Mardhiah, Shahaneem, Zakiah Tun Azmi, Zaharah Othman and Major Salleh. And

the third batch had seven students: Raja Abdullah Raja Yaacob, Major Amin Zahari, Norma Bachik, Azizah Ali, Hamidah Ariffin, Ramlah Ibrahim and Rohana Ahmad. The following year, 1972, saw two new lecturers, Wong Tuck Cheong and Miss Khoo Cheng Eng (She left later to become the librarian in UPM).

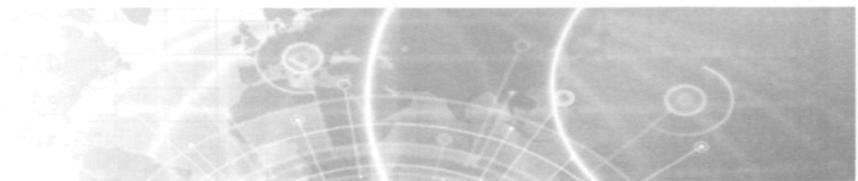
Radha was a strict and straight-forward person. She meant business. If we did not do our work as required, she was very direct in scolding us; even Major Amin got the share. The problem was that, she was intelligent and expected everyone to be like her. My problem was that, I was ‘spoon-fed,’ all along during the school days. When we were entrusted with major readings, with the questions and interrogation in the class, we went blank. Why? We were only in the first semester and needed more lectures than anything else. After the first exam results (Part I, ALA), almost the whole class failed. Surprisingly, I passed and I did not know why?

Radha was very professional. She made sure that we used the UM library, the British Council Library and the USIS Library. Then all of us were herded to the Persatuan Perpustakaan Malaysia seminars, etc. That's why we were attached to the Library Association of Malaysia (PPM). At that time all the professional talks were compulsory. In all these occasions, she was always leading the discussions, as well as formulating the questions.

Being a chain smoker, she needed to leave the class occasionally to get a puff. She was also a very kind person outside the class. She would joke around and invite the class for dinner and later we had dance parties. But we had to be careful because, when it came to studies she was very strict. We had tests every week. I left the school in 1972 before completing the ALA Part II to join Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, but was allowed to continue as a part-time student. Later, I lost contact with her, as I was busy with my professional life.

I met her again in 1995 when I was the Dean. She had already migrated to Australia for some time. After that, the last time I met her was in a conference in Melbourne. I was presenting a paper and she was a participant of the conference.”

## GARIS PANDUAN



Setiap penulis yang ingin menyumbangkan manuskrip bagi penerbitan TINTA seharusnya:

- Menghantar 2 salinan manuskrip yang bermutu kepada editor di alamat penerbit.
- Disarankan agar penulis menyertakan salinan dalam “softcopy” bagi memudahkan proses mengedit.
- Mengikut apa yang diperlukan dalam panduan mengikut format, gaya dan etika seperti yang terdapat dalam “Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA)” (edisi ke-8).
- Hendaklah ditaip pada kertas putih bersaiz A4. Semua kandungan manuskrip hendaklah ditaip langkau dua baris.
- Tidak boleh menghantar manuskrip yang telah diterbitkan oleh penerbit lain atau yang telah dihantar untuk jurnal lain.
- Tidak boleh melebihi 5,000 patah perkataan.
- Manuskrip yang diterima biasanya memerlukan penyemakan. Surat penentuan penerimaan daripada pihak Sidang Editor akan menghubungi pihak penulis untuk saranan yang diputuskan.