

Book Review ‘Maaf Tuan Speaker, Saya Tidak Dapat Menyokong’ (Malay Version)

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"Sorry Mr. Speaker, I cannot support." Perhaps this phrase is a phrase commonly used by Dr. Jeyakumar Devaraj, a physician, also Member of Parliament for Sungai Siput area, Perak since March 8, 2008. On the 12th General Election he first has designated Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu, who has held the seat for the area for several terms. Dr. Kumar was a founder of the Socialist Party of Malaysia (PSM) and a single representative in the Parliamentary Assembly for PSM. In Parliament, Dr. Kumar debated and voicing people's issues based on his involvement in the struggle of grassroots communities in Malaysia for 25 years. He put forward views and analyzes pro-people vigorously by way of orderly, professional and informative.

This book is the result of tireless efforts of Dr. Jeyakumar as Sungai Siput Member of Parliament timely published as Malaysians especially people of Sungai Siput in confusion and frustration with the government's promises and betrayals of Umno BN government towards trust given by the people to them for over 50 years. Parliament promoting a wide variety of Member of Parliament and whip system ensures that MPs simply being pillars for a motion. While the Opposition in Parliament also has to give constructive criticism and pruning arguments to the ruling party and there are also among the MPs who are being too noisy. Powerful sound but no content. Dr. Jeyakumar been praised by Deputy Speaker Datuk Dr. Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar as an MP to speak with substance and meaning. It is not easy for an opposition MP acclaimed praise from Speaker of the the ruling party. But what are the arguments from Dr. Jeyakumar and why this argument is important to put into book?

This book brings together arguments from Dr. Kumar in Parliament on the various issues raised in Parliament from 2008 to 2010. The issues have been categorized into specific topics which include various socio-economic problems of the people. He was a brilliant show of the shortcomings of government policies that may not be beneficial to the people but actually benefit the elite and the corporations. This book is an excellent resource for anyone who wants to understand the problems faced by Malaysians in greater depth and analyze the impact of government policies to the grassroots of society. His book is his sincere hearts, tabled in Parliament and is enshrined in the records of Parliament, as a permanent record of it for future reference.

This book promoting ideas against the current, critical ideas and views of the Left, which for four decades has not heard in Parliament. It collected a number of arguments that focus on issues of national, regional and international levels. It spreads and covers a range of issues that are important for public reading. The view of the economy, for instance promoting issues outside the box of conventional discussion thinking. In the current debate on how to increase foreign investment and reducing waste, Dr. Jeyakumar raised questions about the distribution of wealth; protect the environment and the problems faced by the people of Malaysia.

For the Socialist Party of Malaysia, today is the struggle between the elitist capitalist ideas that want development to their advantage when challenged by socialist ideas that want development for the welfare of the people. This debate took place at various places in the coffee shop, at work, at home and Parliament. The capitalists spread their ideas through the education system and the mainstream media. For the Socialist Party of Malaysia, socialist ideas must be highlighted and debate to challenge the ideas of this clan.

This book is expected to spark debate challenged the views of mainstream left with a background enrich the capitalist elite in control of the country's wealth and resources. Issues such as intellectual property rights, poverty and the Free Trade Agreement are weapons that are rarely challenged capitalist in a Parliamentary debate. In addition, the complaints of ordinary people, most marginalized communities, Aboriginal groups, the problem of those who sit in the narrowest of low-cost flats, the issue of young people and ordinary workers receive special attention because socialist views do not see these groups as scum or a beggar. They are seen as victims of political ideology which marginalizes the working classes and the peasants who are the main drivers of the economy.

Socialist Party of Malaysia hopes that this book is not just a challenge and oppose the ideas that are available but provide an alternative view, opening up a whole new light to penetrate the darkness of space existing in the bias system today and the darkness that exists in our minds, and help mass movement build process to create a fair society in Malaysia.

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