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Raja Tan Sri Azlan Shah — New Lord President We note with great pleasure the appointment of Yang Arif Mulia Raja Tan Sri Azlan Shah Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Yusof Izzudin Shah D.K. (Trg.), P.M.N., P.S.M., S.P.C.M., S.P.M.P., S.I.M.P., D.Litt (U.M.), LL.D., (U.S.M.) as Lord President, Malaysia by His Majesty Yang di Pertuan Agong on November 12, 1982.

Born on April 19, 1928 in Batu Gajah, Perak Y.A.M. Raja Tan Sri Azlan Shah received his education at Government English School in Batu Gajah; Malay College, Kuala Kangsar; Nottingham University, where he received his LL.B., and Lincoln's Inn. He was called to the English Bar by the Honourable Society of the Lincoln's Inn on November 23, 1954. As Raja Kecil Besar, he is third in line of succession to the throne of Perak.

On June 17, 1965 at the age of 37, Y.A.M. Raja Azlan Shah had the distinction of being the youngest judge in the Commonwealth to be elevated to the High Court Bench (see [1965] 2 M.L.J. i). He had held the following positions in the public sector: Assistant State Secretary, Perak, 1954-55; First Class Magistrate, 1955-56; President, Sessions Court, 1957-59; Federal Counsel and Deputy Public Prosecutor, Perak, 1959; State Legal Adviser, Pahang 1959-61; State Legal Adviser, Johore, 1961-62; Registrar, High Court, Kuala Lumpur, 1962-63; Chief Registrar, Federal Court, Malaysia, 1963-65; Judge, High Court, 1965-7; Judge, Federal Court, Malaysia, 1973-78; Chief Justice of High Court, Malaya, March 16, 1979 ([1979] 1 M.L.J. 1xxxiii). He was a member of the Police Service Commission, July 1966-December 1980 and is Pro-Chancellor of Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang, since June 23, 1971 and Chairman, Higher Education Advisory Council, since 1974. He was bestowed the Panglima Mangku Negara (P.M.N.) by His Majesty Yang di Pertuan Agong on June 6, 1979; the University of Malaya conferred on him an honorary Doctorate in Literature and an honorary Doctorate in Law was conferred by the Universiti Sains Malaysia, Pulau Pinang on June 28, 1980 ([1982] 2 M.L.J. (B) i).

Y.A.M. Raja Azlan Shah is also a keen Hockey player. He was actively engaged in sports promotion on a national basis. He was Vice-President of the International Hockey Federation; President of the Asian Hockey Federation; President of the Malaysian Hockey Federation and Vice-President of the Olympic Council Malaysia.

He is married to Puan Sri Bainun binte Mohamed Ali and they have five children.

We wish His Lordship all the best in the highest judicial office of Malaysia.