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Address needs of special citizens

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LIFE can be strange. Malaysians everywhere were waiting with bated breath for our first Olympic gold medal to come from Datuk Lee Chong Wei and other sportsmen and women, especially in badminton.

The unlikely duo of Goh V Shem and Tan Wee Kiong, and mixed doubles pair Chan Peng Soon and Goh Liu Ying gave us a glimmer of hope that our first elusive gold would be coming from them.

And, where did our first gold come from? Actually, it was three golds. From our Paralympian gladiators, no less sportsmen in the guise of Mohamad Ridzuan Mohamad Puzi, Muhammad Ziyad Zolkefli and Abdul Latif Romly in athletics. They have proved that they, too, can conquer the world.

We were bursting with pride when we heard *NegaraKu* being played on the world stage, and listening and reading what foreign commentators had to say about our world conquerors, our athletes. Watching their

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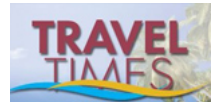
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reactions brought tears to our eyes as they proudly sang *NegaraKu*.

What this indicates is that our fellow special citizens have earned their place in society.

No longer will they be considered a mere footnote or given fleeting or cursory notice.

Employment opportunities should be offered to them and facilities in buildings and transport should make their needs a priority.

They have proved themselves on the world stage and they are equal to or even better than able-bodied citizens.

Therefore, recognition should be given to them and their capabilities. They have talents or skills that surpass the best of our abilities.

My hope is that there will be a special law to take care of their needs, with severe punishment meted out to anyone who exploits or ill-treats them.

There should be schools to groom their skills and talents. I hope it is not too late for the 2017 Budget to address the financial needs of our special citizens.

To everyone who had worked behind the scenes to motivate and enable our athletes to bring home the gold medals, thank you very much.

Megat Shah Rizal Noor Ikhsan, Kuala Lumpur

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Our Paralympians have proved that they are capable of taking on the world.

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(Rio Paralympics) US wheelchair racer's bid for 7 golds falls short
(http://www.nst.com.my/news/2016/09/176403/paralympics-us-wheelchair-racers-bid-7-golds-falls-short)



PM Najib, Harakah fail to settle 1MDB defamation suit
(http://www.nst.com.my/news/2016/09/176404/pm-najib-harakah-fail-settle-1mdb-defamation-suit)



UiTM student dies after rammed by car at Shah Alam traffic light junction
(http://www.nst.com.my/news/2016/09/176405/uitm-student-dies-after-rammed-by-car-at-shah-alam-traffic-light-junction)



Senior citizen dies of heart attack while watching chong-wei-lin-dan-match
(http://www.nst.com.my/news/2016/09/176406/senior-citizen-dies-of-heart-attack-while-watching-chong-wei-lin-dan-match)

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Social Activity

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#Rehda (https://twitter.com/search?q=%23Rehda) to hold exhibitions in Oct, including first #Bumiputera (https://twitter.com/search?q=%23Bumiputera) #Mapex (https://twitter.com/search?q=%23Mapex) https://t.co/KF6qe9AZMS (https://t.co/KF6qe9AZMS) https://t.co/rhrGX3B7ut (https://t.co/rhrGX3B7ut)



(Football) Barcelona have options for Gladbach even without Messi
(/news/2016/09/176407/football-barcelona-have-options-gladbach-even-without-messi)
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(Football) England manager Allardyce caught on tape mocking Roy Hodgson
(/news/2016/09/176405/football-england-manager-allardyce-caught-tape-mocking-roy-hodgson)

BERLIN: Barcelona will travel to Borussia Moenchengladbach for their Champions League match on Wednesday without Lionel Messi but the Spaniards have enough options and firepower to plug the gap left by the Argentine, coach Luis Enrique said.

(Football) England manager Allardyce caught on tape mocking Roy Hodgson
(/news/2016/09/176405/football-england-manager-allardyce-caught-tape-mocking-roy-hodgson)

Terengganu going all-out to become a sporting powerhouse
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New Malaysian airlines hit by turbulence

Nikkei Asian Review

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GTA Online's 'Bikers' DLC will let you prove that

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61 Woman From Kuala Lumpur Discovers How to

Health News Online

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10 reasons why Malaysians should visit Adelaide

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Groundbreaking neo-noir film The Usual Suspects breaks into Cinemax tonight (/news/2016/09/176403/telly-talk-who-keyser-soze)

AMERICAN neo-noir movie The Usual Suspects airs tonight on Cinemax at 11pm. This 1995 mystery crime thriller directed by Bryan Singer and written by Christopher McQuarrie stars Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne, Benicio Del Toro, Kevin Pollak, Chazz Palminteri, Pete Postlethwaite and Kevin Spacey.

Clear vision: Toccata Studio's theatre production of 2020: I'm from 2020 (/news/2016/09/176401/clear-vision-toccata-studios-theatre-production-2020-im-2020)

All bases covered: Choosing athletic wear as a tudung-wearing woman (/news/2016/09/176397/all-bases-covered-choosing-athletic-wear-tudung-wearing-woman)

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Mum changes plea to not guilty over causing death of daughter (/news/2016/09/176417/mum-changes-plea-not-guilty-over-causing-death-daughter)

SUNGAI PETANI: A 22-year-old woman changed her plea to not guilty at the Sessions Court here today over causing the death of her two-year-old daughter last month.

RTD clerk and husband released on bail over car cloning case (/news/2016/09/176415/rtd-clerk-and-husband-released-bail-over-car-cloning-case)

PTPTN may set up airport counters for defaulters barred from leaving country (/news/2016/09/176371/ptptn-may-set-airport-counters-defaulters-barred-leaving-country)

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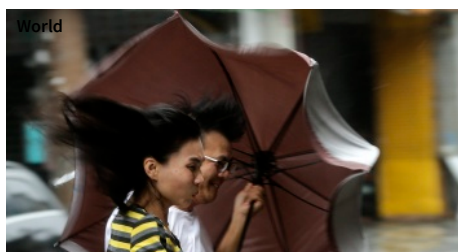
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Third typhoon of the month hits Taiwan, 32 injured ([/news/2016/09/176413/third-typhoon-month-hits-taiwan-32-injured](http://news/2016/09/176413/third-typhoon-month-hits-taiwan-32-injured))

TAIPEI: Strong wind and rain lashed Taiwan on Tuesday as the third typhoon to hit the island this month made landfall, injuring more than 30 people, ripping signs off buildings and knocking down trees.

Over 90 percent of world breathing bad air: WHO ([/news/2016/09/176353/over-90-percent-world-breathing-bad-air-who](http://news/2016/09/176353/over-90-percent-world-breathing-bad-air-who))

Clinton, Trump clash in fiery first debate ([/news/2016/09/176337/clinton-trump-clash-fiery-first-debate](http://news/2016/09/176337/clinton-trump-clash-fiery-first-debate))

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Rehda to hold expositions in Oct, including first Bumiputera Mapex
 (/news/2016/09/176411/rehda-hold-expositions-oct-including-first-bumiputera-mapex)

KUALA LUMPUR: The Real Estate and Housing Developers' Association (Rehda) will be organising two property expositions (Mapex) which include Bumiputera Mapex and national Mapex this Oct to assist developers in driving sales and buyers to get their dream homes.

PNB announces dividend of 6.1 sen per AS1M unit this year
 (/news/2016/09/176409/pnb-announces-dividend-61-sen-as1m-unit-year)

MOGSEC offers good platform for O&G firms to showcase products, services
 (/news/2016/09/176359/mogsec-offers-good-platform-og-firms-showcase-products-services)

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