

Message of congratulations from Harold Macmillan to Tunku Abdul Rahman (24 August 1957)

Caption: In a telegram dated 24 August 1957, the British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan congratulates the Malayan Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman on his country's forthcoming independence on 31 August 1957.

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August 24, 1957.

Dear Prime Minister,

I am very glad to be able to send you, by the hand of the Lord Chancellor, who is leading the United Kingdom delegation, this message to welcome the Federation of Malaya on this historic occasion of its achievement of Independence and of Membership of the Commonwealth.

Lord Kilmuir brings you the warmest good wishes of the Government and people of the United Kingdom for the future happiness and prosperity of your country.

The emergence of the Federation of Malaya as an independent Member country of the Commonwealth is the culmination of the joint work of our two Governments over

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the past years. May the 31st August long
be remembered in your history and in ours
as a great and happy day in the continuing
development of Malaya and of the Commonwealth
of Nations.

Yours very sincerely,
Harold Macmillan.

JLW.

The Hon. Tunku Abdul Rahman.