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The National Language is a golden bridge towards the achievement of a bright future for the 10 million people of Malaysia. Every citizen who wants a future full of hopes must cross this golden bridge.

The Singapore Government is constantly making efforts to encourage the use of the National Language as widely as possible among the masses. This is because of our belief that Malaysia must have a common language to act as a bridge to join the various people living in the country together.

Racial unity is the essential pre-requisite for the achievement of a united and strong Malaysia. Racial unity will only be achieved if goodwill and understanding among races can be maintained.

The efforts made by the Singapore Government to form a Goodwill Committee of all political parties are clear indications that the government is attaching great importance to the question of racial unity in the country.

The question of racial unity is actually a national issue. Every citizen and every group, every organisation and every political party has a responsibility towards the achievement of this objective.

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