

## I never cheat I never steal

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I wish to thank Perak Academy for inviting me to launch the book, “Wang Gungwu: Junzi Scholar-Gentleman”.

It gives me added pleasure to note that Professor Wang Gungwu did his primary and secondary education at Anderson School, Ipoh, where I, too, completed my H.S.C. before proceeding to Ireland for my higher studies.

It is heartwarming for me to be at the Old Andersonians’ Club in full view of our *alma mater* – Anderson School, Ipoh – to launch Professor Wang’s book.

I must congratulate Mr. Asad-ul Iqbal Latif, a visiting Research Fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, for so very painstakingly producing this book. He very cleverly planned a series of interviews covering a variety of contemporary historical subjects and putting Professor Wang’s answers into a most interesting and readable book.

Since family life is important for a man’s stability, the author had also interviewed Professor Wang’ wife.

The book also includes two other interviews and Professor Wang’s *curriculum vitae* and his “select Publications”.

I have not had the time to read the book fully because I received it only two days ago. My public life has been so busy that I couldn’t spend enough time reading the whole book. But I have read it briefly and my first impression – and I am sure it is going to be a lasting impression on me – is the book reflects a scholar with intellectual honesty.

***A rare commodity these days, particularly in the political atmosphere that we face today in Malaysia where political lying has become pervasive.***

Political lying comes through the media and sometimes by writing so-called books of memoirs. One book was recently launched under a pseudo title called, “Doctor in The House.” I say “pseudo” because it is a copy-cat title of a famous British comedy film of the 1950’s based on a novel by Richard Gordon.

Perhaps it was deliberate, as it does reflect some comedianship, apart from political lying.

The “Doctor in The House” makes

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**I never steal.**

**I never cheat.**

**Those who steal and cheat will have their conscience pricking them all the time, the rest of their life.** Unfortunately, I do not have remedies in this country to challenge the fabrication and political lying.

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It is with pride that I wish to acclaim Professor Wang Gungwu as a great scholar, family man and an excellent example of "**junzi**" or Confucian scholar gentleman.

On this note, it is with great pleasure that I launch the book: "WANG GUNGWU: JUNZI SCHOLAR-GENTLEMAN"

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JUNZI SCHOLAR-GENTLEMAN"  
ON FRIDAY, 11  
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