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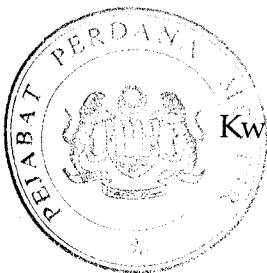
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Preface

In November 1982, I was appointed Representative of the Coordination Council for North American Affairs, Office in U.S.A. This was three months after the publication of the Joint Communiqué by the United States Government that would limit arms sales to my country. Our people at home were exceedingly worried about our relations with the United States; and my assignment seemed a "mission impossible." Having been educated in the United States some thirty years ago, I have infinite confidence in the American people. So, I made up my mind that once I arrived in Washington, D.C., I would do all I could to tell our side of the story to the grassroots.

I assumed my new post in January 1983 and almost immediately I accepted a few speaking engagements. In the ensuing years, I have traveled coast to coast, averaging about two to three out-of-town trips per month, making speeches to whatever forums and institutions that might be interested in the story I would tell. Coupled with the heavy schedules in Washington, D.C., this has been a really tough burden on my limited time. But given a mission to accomplish, I was determined to do my utmost.

Thanks to the courtesy of many important civic organizations in this great country, the United States, I have received invitations to give talks almost incessantly. In all but a few exceptional cases, I have spoken extemporaneously, since it has been impossible for me or any of my colleagues to prepare a separate text for each occasion. Thus, many of the speeches did not have any written records whatsoever. But in some instances, tapes were transcribed of my presentations and the subsequent question and answer periods. By the end of 1986, my major speeches numbered about two hundred, whereupon my wife, Julie, suggested that I should publish a book of them. I followed her advice and started to work on the tapes and the transcriptions.

With the cooperation of some of my good colleagues, I have chosen about forty different speeches on various topics given during a period of five and a half years. Many are drawn from the transcripts of my extemporaneous speeches and are consequently quite conversational in tone. Nonetheless, I felt that they would broaden the scope of this book. At the end of this volume, I have listed the 224 speeches which I have delivered in the past few years in chronological order along with some of the press comments on them. It is my sincere hope that this modest collection would help our foreign friends to

understand better our beloved country, the Republic of China.

As I prepared for the publication of these speeches, my country was saddened by the passing of our esteemed leader, the late President Chiang Ching-kuo. But in spite of this irreparable loss, our country has been forging ahead with faith and resilience. I respectfully dedicate this book to the eternal memory of this great leader of the Chinese people and my very distinguished mentor.

Fredrick F. Chien

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