

SPEECH BY THE PRIME MINISTER AT THE
OPENING OF THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN
AMATEUR GOLF TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
1972, AT THE ROYAL SELANGOR GOLF
CLUB, KUALA LUMPUR ON 20TH JUNE,
1972

Y.A.B. Tun H.S. Lee¹, Hon'ble Ministers, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I wish to thank you, Tun, and members of your Organising Committee for inviting me to declare open the 1972 Putra Cup Championship Meet.

It is indeed a great pleasure for me, on behalf of the Government and people of Malaysia, to welcome so many prominent golfers from neighbouring countries who are here with us today. We in Malaysia are naturally proud to be this year's hosts and I am sure the President of the M G A and his Committee are making the best arrangements for this important occasion.

I have always been of the view that sports has made very significant contribution not only in the maintenance of goodwill and understanding between people but also in the promotion of closer relation between nations. This is evident from the very objective of the Meet which, as I understand it, is to foster friendship and sportsmanship among our peoples of Southeast Asia.

There is no doubt that this objective has been successfully achieved, for besides our five A S E A N nations, we also have our friends from Burma and Hongkong. This does indeed reflect the close co-operation that exists between the participating countries through all these years.

During the next few days, Kuala Lumpur golfers and golf enthusiasts will be afforded a treat of brilliant display by some eminent golfers of this region.

I would like to wish every member of the participating teams a very pleasant and enjoyable stay in our Capital City.

Finally, may I wish each and everyone of you success and may the best man win!

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