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**SPEECH BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND
PRESIDENT OF THE OUTWARD BOUND TRUST
AT THE TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING OF THE OUTWARD BOUND TRUST
AT BANGUNAN GETAH ASLI, JALAN AMPANG,
KUALA LUMPUR ON 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1975**

Pengerusi dan Ahli-ahli Lembaga Pemegang Amanah Outward Bound, Dif-dif terhormat, Saudara-saudara sekalian.

Saya ucapkan berbanyak terima kasih atas kehadiran saudara-saudara di Mesyuarat Agung Tahunan, Lembaga Amanah Outward Bound Malaysia Yang Kedua Puluh Satu pada petang ini.

Saya merasa bangga iaitu Outward ini terus mencapai kemajuan dari tahun ke tahun. Bagi tahun 1974, satu kejayaan yang cemerlang telah dicapai iaitu seramai lima ratus sembilan puluh tiga orang peserta telah menghadiri kursus-kursus yang telah diadakan dan angka ini adalah yang terbesar sekali pernah dicapai oleh sekolah ini. Ini membuktikan bahawa semua pihak adalah menghargai segala usaha dan aktiviti yang dijalankan oleh sekolah ini yang bertujuan membentuk jasmani dan perasaan tanggungjawab di kalangan belia-belia kita.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to this Twenty First Annual General Meeting of the Outward Bound Trust. I must first thank the Malaysian Rubber Fund Board for once again making available this Board Room for our meeting.

The year 1974 has been a very successful year for the School. The total number of trainees attending courses was five hundred and ninety-three which is an all time record and I am very pleased to note that all concerned recognise the importance of the work being done at the School in assisting our young men and women in realising their responsibility to the nation.

Booking for the current year stand at five hundred and forty-nine places and more are expected in the year future. All being well, the year 1975 may see the last year's record attendance being exceeded.

Once again, one course was set aside exclusively for young ladies and forty-five enthusiastic young people attended this course and recorded high achievement. Financially, the Trust had a most successful year. From the accounts, you will note that there was an excess of income over expenditure amounting to \$63,240 but I must point out that this figure included a sum of \$25,560 which was received in compensation over the loss of the land which contained the Boat Shed and the Chief Instructor's quarters. Excluding this compensation, we still have an excess of income amounting to \$37,680. This is a most heartening result in these times of inflation when it is realised that the course fee has not been raised from the \$300 per trainee set in 1968.

On your behalf, I would like to congratulate the Committee of Management and the school staff on a job well done.

Now as many of you will know, the Royal Malaysian Navy is setting up our National Naval Base at Lumut and this has necessitated the School finding an alternative site. I am pleased to announce that the Committee of Management have found an alternative site about four miles south of the existing site and have negotiated with the Perak State Government to acquire this site on behalf of the Trust.

In looking for a new site, the Committee considered all aspects of the siting of the School, and after comparing all the advantages against the disadvantages of a move to another district, they decided that the many advantages of the Lumut area were too good to lose. An added consideration was the tremendous amount of "goodwill" which has grown between the School and the Lumut community after twenty years of co-existence.

I am told that the new site is ideal from every point of view and that a former trainee who is now a successful Ipoh member of the Bar, has volunteered his services to act on behalf of the

Trust in the mechanics of concluding the land deal. The Committee of Management has, in addition, appointed an architect who is working in close-co-operation with the School staff and has started drawing up plans for the new school.

With the obvious increase in support which the large number of bookings for trainee to attend courses indicates, I would like to see the new School with a capacity for 100 trainees per course, compared with the present capacity of sixty. I would like to see also, provision made for further expansion as I am confident that support for the excellent work done at the School will continue to increase.

The function of the School is to test the capacity of young men and women under trying conditions to ascertain their ability to cope, when they find themselves in a difficult situation and to train them to face the many challenges which occur every day in our modern world. During a course, they are helped to prove to themselves that they can stand on their own feet without assistance. This is important if they are to be good citizens of our country.

The Government's Economic Policy offers vast opportunities, through its various channels and agencies, to equip young men and women with the necessary training to face the development of our country and I stress once again that it is the Government's policy to uplift the standard of living of all the people through its development plans.

I once again appeal to the private sector and all Government Departments and agencies to assist our young people. One of the best ways of helping them is to sponsor them to undergo training at the Outward Bound School. This will give them an opportunity to understand fully their responsibilities to the nation and will also help to build up a stronger spirit of goodwill and loyalty.

I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped the Trust in its work during the past year and especially to Messrs. Barlow Boustead Estates Agency Sendirian Berhad for their services as Secretaries and Treasurers of the Trust. In particular, I would like to express a special thank you to Encik P M . Varghese who has been of particular assistance in the prolonged negotiations over the new site.

Before concluding, I am glad to announce the winner of the Tunku Abdul Rahman Award for 1974. As you all know, this is a special award given to the ex-trainee who in the opinion of the Trust has set a good example to others in keeping up the motto of the school, "To serve, to strive and not to yield".

This year's winner is one of our lady trainees and the first lady to win this coveted award, which is most appropriate as this is as you all know International Women's Year. Her name is Cik Su Nian Tsu. She attended Course No. 190 from 2nd to 26th March, 1974, where she scored the highest marks in the course. She is a qualified teacher attached to the Sekolah Menengah Tunku Besar Burhanuddin, Sri Menanti, Negeri Sembilan. She is the District Commissioner of the Girl Guides Movement in Kuala Pilah. She started as a Brownies and went through the various stages to be promoted to her present position. She is also a member of the State Youth Council, in charge of the Cultural Section. By nature of these appointments, her responsibilities are many and varied. She also has to attend the different functions organised by the National Council of Women's Organisation and the National Youth Council.

Cik Su Nian Tsu is a very pleasant, energetic, level-headed, efficient young lady, who always tries her best and achieves good results in anything she undertakes to do. The Principal of her school has written a glowing report on her achievements and has made particular reference to her enthusiasm for the Outward Bound movement since she attended the course.

Would Cik Su Nian Tsu please come forward to receive the award.



Y.A.B. Tun Haji Abdul Razak bin Hussein sedang menyampaikan Hadiah "Tunku Abdul Rahman" kepada Cik Su Nian Tsu di mesyuarat Agung Tahunan yang Ke Dua Puloh Satu Lembaga Amanah Outward Bound Malaysia di Bangunan Getah Asli, Kuala Lumpur pada 9hb September, 1975