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DATUK HUSSEIN ONN, DI UPACARA

PEMBUKAAN RESMI KI LANG MINYAK PALMCO

DAN PERUSAHAAN PALMEX DI KAWASAN

PERINDUSTRIAN PRAI, PADA 4HB.

FEBRUARI, 1978 - JAM 10.30 PAGI.

1. Yang Amat Berhormat Dr. Lim Chonq Eu,

2. Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Abdul Taib Mahmud,

3. Yang Berbahagia, Pengerusi dan Ahli-ahli
Lernbaga Pengarah P A L M C O Holdings,

4. Tetamu-tetamu khas luar negeri,

5. Tuan-tuan dan puan-puan sekelian.

Saya mengucapkan berbanyak terima kasih serta setinggi-tinggi penghargaan, kepada Pengerusi dan ahli-ahli Lernbaga Pengarah Palmco Holdings, kerana memberi penghormatan kepada saya meresmikan pembukaan kilang minyaknya dan Perusahaan Palmex. di Prai ini.

2. Upacara pagi ini, meningkatkan lagi penglibatan saya dalam perusahaan kelapa

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sawit yang telah berkembanq baqitu pesat di negara kita. Hanya empat hari yang lalu, saya telah meresmikan/Persidangan di Kuala Lumpur Antarabangsa mengenai kelapa sawit.

3. Saya mengucapkan tahniah kepada Palmco Holdings di atas dayausahanya, ketekunan serta pandangan-jauh dalam perancangannya, sehingga menjadikan perusahaannya sekarang ini sebagai pengeluar dan pengekspot minyak sawit yang terbesar di negara ini.

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Saya difahamkan, kilang ini juga merupakan yang terbesar dan termoden di Tenggara Asia. Perkembangan pesat perusahaan Palmco Holdings ini, adalah hasil dari kepercayaan dan keyakinan pelanqqan-pelanqqannya di pasaran luar negeri.

4. Saya penuh yakin, peningkatan memperoses dan menqeluarkar minvak sawit oleh kilanq dan perusahaan Palmco ini, mendatangkan kesan vang berfaedah kepada perusahaan kelapa sawit, khususnya kepada pekebun-pekebun kecil kelapa sawit.

5. Sebagaimana kita sedia maklum, bahawa dalam usahanya mempelbagaikan rancangan tanaman utama negara, Kerajaan telah menggalakkan pekebun-pekebun kecil menanam lain-lain bahan tanaman selain daripada getah, yang boleh juga mendatangkan hasil yang lumayan. Kebanyakan daripada pekebun-pekebun kecil telah memilih kelapa sawit, sebaqai qantian kepada qetah. Di- samping usaha ini, Kerajaan, melalui FELDA, telah juga mengusahakan pembukaan beratus ribu ekar tanah baru, untuk tanaman kelapa sawit. Tanaman kelapa sawit telah berkembang

dengan pesatnya sejak awal tahun enam puluhan, sehingga menjadikan Malaysia penqeluar utama di dunia sekarang ini.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

6. Although the palm oil processing industry is one of the newest industries in Malaysia, it has grown rapidly since 1972. As an indication of this growth, in 1975, about 17.5% of our total production was processed locally, and in 1977, this is estimated to have increased to about 45%. as we are all know, processed palm oil not only commands a premium over its crude

form, but also enables the local industry to enter market segments which were once inaccessible. However, these new marketing opportunities are not without its problems. It is in this respect that foreign investors can play a significant role. With their accessibility to and familiarity with their own markets, foreign investors can be equal partners in our efforts to further increase the share of processed palm oil in the international market for edible oils.

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7. By strengthening the palm oil's position in the international edible oils market, it is hope that palm oil will assume the price leadership over all other edible oil this end, We are actively supporting a free and competitive marketing system for Malaysian palm oil, with a view to eventually include it as another item in the commodity exchange based in Kuala Lumpur. We are confident that our efforts in this area will receive the support of the existing local and foreign commodity brokerage houses. I wish to reiterated the Government's commitment to develop the exchange into one that will meet the needs of both the produc consumers of malaysian commodities.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

8. I would like to stress here, that the Government is not merely giving emphasis to the traditional commodities like rubber and palm oil. It is equally interested to diversify the agricultural base of the economy, by encouraging the planting and cultivation of new agricultural products and their processing. A crop which can play an important role in our agricultural diversification programme, cocoa. As an indication of its current popularity and its future role

in Malaysia's agricultural sector, the production of dry cocoa beans has increased five fold between 1970 and 1977. The export value of dry cocoa beans was $65.2 million for the first 6 months of 1977, and this is more than double of that for the same period in 1976.

9. While this increase in export earnings is a welcome boost to our economv, we should not, however, the content with merely to export dry cocoa beans. As we know, the refined product, that is cocoa butter, commands a substantial premium over cocoa beans,

to invest in its processing and refining. This

processing of cocoa beans, which at present is ~~from its current figure~~ about 10% of ~~the~~ the total local production, ~~of about 10% of total local production~~ and ~~to~~ and at the same time increase ~~increase~~ our country's export earnings, but it will also ~~but also~~ help to create ~~to provide~~ more employment opportunities for the ~~our~~ people.

10. ~~In addition,~~ The cultivation and processing of tropical fruits, vegetables, maize, tapioca and sorghum have great potentials for rapid development. ~~are areas where we feel potential exists for rapid development.~~ ~~In addition to~~

other livestocks and the development of fisheries and other ~~marine products are other~~ marine life should also ~~to~~ be seriously looked into and given priority. ~~priority areas.~~ Various incentive schemes

already exist to encourage this developments.

investors to usually look into these possibilities.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

11. expansion of the palm oil industry, we should ~~opportunity to voice my concern for the~~ not at the same time be indifferent or careless ~~environmental problems that are associated~~ about the dangers to the environment which ~~with the palm oil industry.~~ ~~While we are~~ this industry pose.

We

pollution

of
~~upon~~ our rivers and seas by the waste products of oil palm
The industry is aware of this
mills. ~~in partiuclar.~~ ~~I am aware of the continuing~~
and I urge that it gives the highest priority of finding ~~to find~~
~~efforts by the industry to try and overcome this~~
solve
ways and means to ~~find solutions to~~ this problem
~~problem, but I would like to stress the urgency~~
before more and permanent damage is inflicted
~~for finding satisfactory solution before a~~
on the environment.
~~permanent damage is inflicted on the country's~~
~~environment.~~

12.

palm

waste, with its high protein content, is

tried

being / as animal feedstuff.

This is very encouraging. The experiment should
~~is a move in the right direction and I urge~~
be pursued vigorously so that the waste, instead
~~all those involved to press on with this~~
of being a ~~danger~~ cause of pollution, can be turned into
~~experiment in order that the harmful waste~~
something useful and beneficial.

Tuan-tuan dan puan-puan sekelian.

13. Kerajaan berharap supaya syarikat-svarikat memperoses minyak kelapa sawit

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tempatan, bekerjasama antara satu sama lain, sama ada dalam usaha mereka mendapat bekalan bahan mentah, iaitu kelapa sawit, mahupun mendapatkan pa.saran luar negeri.

persaingan diantara mereka, tidak akan menguntungkan mana-mana pihak. Bagi mengelakkan keadaan ini berlaku, satu urusan ulangkaji keatas perkembanqan perusahaan memperoses minyak kelapa sawit tempatan, patut dijalankan, dengan tujuan supaya tempoh perkembanqannya selaras dengan janqkaan permintaan dan pasaran luar negeri minyak kelapa sawit yang diperoses. Langkah ini di fikirkan dapat memudahkan

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peroses pengukuhan perusahaan ini, dan seterusnya menjamin perkembangan yang sihat pada masa yang akan datang.

17. Kerajaan juga ingin melihat supaya perusahaan minyak kelapa sawit mentah, dan perusahaan memperoses minyak kelapa sawit di negara ini, terus berkembang sihat di dalam keadaan bantu-membantu dan kerjasama diantara satu sama lain. Dengan adanya persaingan hebat dari minyak-minyak sayuran yang dikeluarkan oleh negara-negara lain, kerjasama dan persefahaman oleh kedua-dua perusahaan tempatan ini, ebih-lebih laqi diperlukan supaya

mereka dapat bersama-sama menghadapi dan mengatasi cabaran ini.

13. Perlulah diteqaskan di sini bahawa, perusahaan memperoses minyak kelapa sawit tempatan, seharusnya meningkatkan segera paras kecekapan, disiplin dan kerjasama di kalangan ahli-ahlinya, sekiranya ia ingin membina imej sebagai sebuah perusahaan yang bertanggungjawab, dan mampu menghadapi setiap masaalah dan cabaran yang timbul. Peningkatan keupayaan perusahaan ini, hendaklah diseimbangkan dengan potensi keperluan pasaran dunia.

Tuan-tuan dan puan-puan sekelian.

14. Perkembangan pesat perusahaan mempe-roses minyak kelapa sawit tempatan, merupakan petanda baik terhadap masa depan pekebun-pekebun kecil kelapa sawit di tanah air kita. Saya harap, pengusaha-pengusaha tempatan dapat menunaikan peranan mereka, membantu pekebun-pekebun kecil kelapa sawit meningkatkan lagi pendapatan mereka.

15. Akhirnya, saya sekali lagi mengucapkan terima kasih kepada pihak Palmco Holdings di atas penghormatan ini, serta mendoakan agar

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kilang dan perusahaan yang terbarunya itu mencapai kejayaan.

Tuan-tuan dan puan-puan sekelian.

16. Dengan ini, saya dengan amat sukacitanya, meresmikan pembukaan kilanq minyak kelapa Sawit dan Perusahaan Palmex Palmco Holdings ini.

Terima kasih.

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