

to the exploitation of natural resources can therefore be maximised to bring benefits for the well-being of our people.

Your Excellency, your visit this time is undertaken at a time when both our countries as well as other countries in Southeast Asia are witnessing a worsening in the situation and widening of hostility and conflict in the Indochina states, bordering Thailand. The situation constitutes a destabilising factor that would directly effect peace and security of the region of Southeast Asia. In reiterating our call to all parties concerned to immediately end the armed hostilities by demonstrating their positive attitude to contribute to peace and stability in the region, Malaysia reaffirms- its firm support and solidarity with the government and people of Thailand in the preservation of its independence, national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Your Excellency, our two countries have also demonstrated most firmly our cooperative efforts on a joint and balanced development along the border areas which will certainly bring about greater economic and social benefits to our two peoples. Let us further enhance our cooperative endeavours to greater heights in these fields in the way we both know best in order that progress and prosperity be achieved for our peoples and their future generations. I am convinced that the two documents we have signed and the Memorandum of Understanding just ratified signify our sincere efforts in working towards these aspirations and objectives.

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