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Ladies and Gentlemen.

1. The "homecoming" of Sime Darby is not only a cause of great satisfaction to its Chairman, Tun Tan Siew Sin, and its shareholders, but to the Government as well. I would like to congratulate Tun Tan for his foresight and initiative in persuading Sime Darby to make this decision. As he has so aptly put it, the move has finally made Sime Darby, a Malaysian Group both in fact and in law. Sime Darby has finally become a naturalised Malaysian. It is now a company, registered in Malaysia.