

SPEECH BY YAB DATO HUSSEIN
ONN, THE PRIME MINISTER OF
MALAYSIA, AT THE RETURN
BANQUET FOR VICE-PREMIER, MR.
DENG XIAOPING ON SATURDAY,
5TH MAY, 1979.

YOUR EXCELLENCY

VICE-PREMIER DENG XIAOPING,

MADAM CHO LIN,

EXCELLENCIES,

LADIES AND GENTLEMAN.

ON BEHALF OF MY WIFE AND
MY DELEGATION AND ON MY OWN
BEHALF, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS
OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION TO YOUR
EXCELLENCY, MADAM CHO LIN AND
ALL OUR DISTINGUISHED CHINESE
GUESTS FOR HONOURING US WITH THEIR
GRACIOUS COMPANY THIS EVENING.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY
VERY DEEP APPRECIATION TO YOUR
EXCELLENCY AND, THROUGH YOUR
EXCELLENCY, TO ^{THE} GOVERNMENT AND THE
PEOPLE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
CHINA FOR THE WARM HOSPITALITY
ACCORDED TO ME AND MY DELEGATION

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SINCE OUR ARRIVAL ON WEDNESDAY.
THE METICULOUS ARRANGEMENT BY THE
OFFICIALS AND OTHERS CONNECTED
WITH OUR VISIT HAS MADE OUR
STAY IN THIS GREAT CITY A MOST
PLEASANT ONE. WE THANK THEM. THE
GENIAL SPRING WEATHER AND THE
HOSPITABLE CHINESE PEOPLE MADE US
FEEL EVEN MORE WELCOME.
I ENJOYED IMMENSELY THE VISIT TO
YOUR MONUMENTAL HISTORICAL SITES -
THE GREAT WALL, THE MING TOMBS

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THE FORBIDDEN CITY. FOR ME
THIS VISIT HAS INDEED BEEN
A VERY PLEASANT EXPERIENCE.

FOR MOST OF US IN MALAYSIA,
WHATEVER WE KNOW OF YOUR GREAT
COUNTRY HAS BEEN FROM BOOKS,
REPORTS AND JOURNALS. THIS VISIT

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PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR US
TO KNOW CHINA ^{PERSONALLY} ~~GENERALLY~~, ALTHOUGH
SUPERFICIALLY, TO EXPERIENCE ITS
VASTNESS AND MEET WITH SOME
OF ITS IMMENSE POPULATION.

MORE IMPORTANT THIS VISIT HAS
ENABLED ME TO CONTINUE THE
DIALOGUE WITH YOU AND OTHER
LEADERS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT. DURING
THE MEETING WHICH WE HAD IN
THE PAST THREE DAYS, WE BRIEFED
EACH OTHER ON HOW WE PERCEIVE
THE DEVELOPMENTS AROUND US, OF
OUR HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS, OF
OUR WORRIES AND ANXIETIES. WE

HAVE BEEN OPEN AND FRANK AND
I HOPE THIS FRANKNESS WILL BE
A CONTINUING FEATURE OF OUR
RELATIONS. THOUGH THIS FRANK
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WE WOULD BE
ABLE TO UNDERSTAND BETTER EACH
OTHER'S POLICIES AND SENSITIVITIES.
THIS IS VITAL TO BUILDING A DURABLE
AND LASTING RELATIONSHIP. SO MUCH
OF THE WORLD PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN
CAUSED BY MISUNDERSTANDING.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

AS YOU HAVE SAID, OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE CHOSEN DIFFERENT SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS, BASED ON OUR RESPECTIVE EXPERIENCE, HISTORY AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC REALITIES. HOWEVER, IN THE BASIC AND IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE TO SECURE PEACE AND ENSURE A BETTER STANDARD OF LIVING FOR OUR PEOPLES, WE SHARE A COMMON PURPOSE. IN THAT CONTEXT THERE ARE MANY AREAS IN WHICH WE CAN CO-OPERATE TO OUR MUTUAL BENEFITS. IN THE

DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN US AND AMONG
OUR OFFICIALS, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED
AND AGREED UPON SOME OF THESE
AREAS. THE EXPANSION OF TRADE
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IS
ONE SUCH AREA. EXCHANGE OF
TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND TECHNOLOGY
IS ANOTHER. AS CONTACTS BETWEEN US
EXPAND, I HAVE NO DOUBT THE
AREAS FOR CO-OPERATION WILL MULTIPLY.
YOUR EXCELLENCY,

IN CONCLUSION, I WOULD LIKE
ONCE AGAIN TO EXPRESS TO YOU,
YOUR GOVERNMENT AND THE CHINESE

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PEOPLE, OUR PROFOUND THANKS
FOR THE VERY WARM AND GENEROUS
HOSPITALITY THAT HAS BEEN EXTENDED
TO ME AND MY DELEGATION. WE
SHALL ALWAYS REMEMBER THIS VISIT.
AS AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN
THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RELATIONS
BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND CHINA.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

MAY I NOW REQUEST YOU TO
JOIN ME IN A TOAST TO:
THEIR EXCELLENCIES PREMIER HUA
GUOFENG AND VICE PREMIER DENG
XIAOPING FOR THEIR CONTINUED GOOD
HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

...8/-

TO THE SUCCESS OF GOVERNMENT
AND PEOPLE OF THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

TO THE FRIENDSHIP AND GOODWILL
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLES
OF MALAYSIA AND THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA.



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