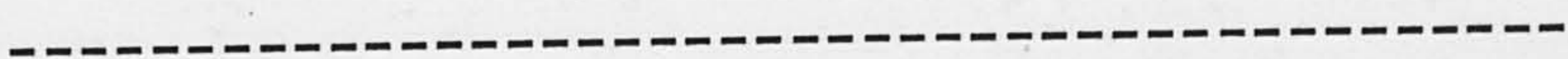


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 PERDANA MENTERI MALAYSIA,  
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DEWAN PERNIAGAAN DAN PERINDUSTRIAN  
KEBANGSAAN MALAYSIA, DI HILTON  
 HOTEL, KUALA LUMPUR, PADA HARI  
KHAMIS, 17HB. MEI, 1979, JAM 7.30MLM.



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Yang Berhormat Senator Kamarul Ariffin,  
Presiden Dewan Perniagaan dan Perindustrian  
Kebangsaan Malaysia.

Yang Berhormat Menteri-Menteri dan  
Timbalan-Timbalan Menteri.

Tan Sri-Tan Sri dan Puan Sri-Puan Sri.

Datuk-Datuk dan Datin-Datin.

Ahli-Ahli Jawatankuasa Dewan Perniagaan dan  
Perindustrian, Kebangsaan.

Tuan-tuan dan Puan-puan sekalian.

Saya mengucapkan terima kasih kepada

Yang Di-Pertua dan Ahli-Ahli Dewan Kebangsaan

Perdagangan dan Perindustrian kerana menjemput

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saya berdua kemajlis yang permai ini. Memang jarang-jarang saya dapat peluang menemui masyarakat peniaga. Mungkin ini disebabkan, sebahagian nya kesilapan saya sendiri atau kerana kerja-kerja yang banyak. Walau bagaimanapun saya suka menyatakan bahawa bidang perdagangan dan perindustrian ini memanglah sentiasa dalam perhatian dan pemikiran saya. Sesungguhnya, saya amat menghargai kesempatan yang telah diberikan kepada saya ini. Saya harap dapatlah saya sedikit sebanyak menyampaikan di majlis ini pandangan dan tegoran saya yang ikhlas terhadap peranan Dewan Kebangsaan Perdagangan dan Perindustrian di masa-masa akan datang.

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Ladies and Gentlemen.

1. I wish to thank you our President and the members of the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry for inviting me and my wife to this dinner to-night. It is seldom that I have the opportunity of meeting our business and industrial community. Perhaps it is partly my fault and partly due to the increasing pressure of other

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work. However, I would like you to know that commerce and industry are some of my main preoccupations. We have just had a mid-Review of our Third Malaysia Plan which gave us some idea of the performance of both the public and private sectors. On the whole, we have made satisfactory progress. The target for economic growth has been exceeded. This has greatly increased the opportunities and resources for

accelerating the momentum of development. We are gradually building up the basic strength and resilience of the nation. We have worked hard and patiently ~~we must ensure that the political~~ for political stability, and we must ~~stability, which we have patiently~~ preserve it. We will make further ~~and painstakingly brought about,~~ progress in solving our country's socio-~~will continue~~ economic problems.

At the moment, there is great instability, and even conflict, in some countries in our region. But Malaya must keep a cool head, and not be deflected from its ~~path~~ policy of neutrality and peace.

lies and Gentlemen. (4)

In all our development plans, the private sector has always been expected to play a major role. ~~The expected, and indeed given, a major~~  
~~role.~~ The public sector provides the necessary infrastructures and facilities for the private sector to make use of.

Our economic, industrial, fiscal, monetary, investment and other policies are all designed towards encouraging development and economic growth, in which the private sector should be the spearhead. We often wonder whether the private sector in this country is marching with the

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times, and is modern and strong enough to face the challenges and competitions of modern commerce and industry. On the other hand, we often hear from the private sector apologies, excuses, fears real or imagined, and doubts about all sorts of things. The private sector dwells more upon all these negative factors than ~~preparing itself~~ upon modernisation and expansion of its enterprises. Our country cannot develop and be strong economically if its private sector is not robust but live ~~in~~ in an environment of perpetual fear and doubt.

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Ladies and Gentlemen.

3.

To develop our agriculture, industry and ~~com~~ commerce, we need investment, both from outside as well as from inside the country. we are making great efforts to attract foreign investments. The climate of uncertainty which prevailed before has gradually cleared. more and more foreign investors are coming to this country. we are streamlining our governmental machinery and procedures to encourage investment. we formulate

policies which encourage investments rather than hinder them. Those who have travelled extensively abroad will ~~know the conditions in other countries,~~ <sup>the conditions in</sup> tell you that ~~this country~~ <sup>this country</sup> ~~is~~ not as ~~bad~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~as~~ <sup>them</sup> have been made out to be.

While we do not claim to be perfect in every respect, it cannot be denied that as people and government, we are gentle, reasonable and pragmatic; perhaps to a fault; we are considerate and generous; we are fair in our dealings with others; we value friendships and are loyal to our friends.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

4. I have spoken generally about a number of things. I think they have relevance to the private sector upon which we have just so much hope in contributing towards the economic development of our country. <sup>Has</sup> ~~Have~~ the private sector ~~and the national Chamber of Commerce and Industry~~ really made sufficient efforts to expand and modernise <sup>its</sup> ~~their~~ enterprises? Or increase our country's exports in agricultural commodities and manufactures? Or bring back

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to this country trade and services that can now be done in this country?

Or has confidence to invest more in this country? These are some

of the questions which I would

like the national Chamber of Commerce and Industry to ponder

upon. I hope that I do not sound aggressive in putting these

questions to you. We — the

public sector and the private sector

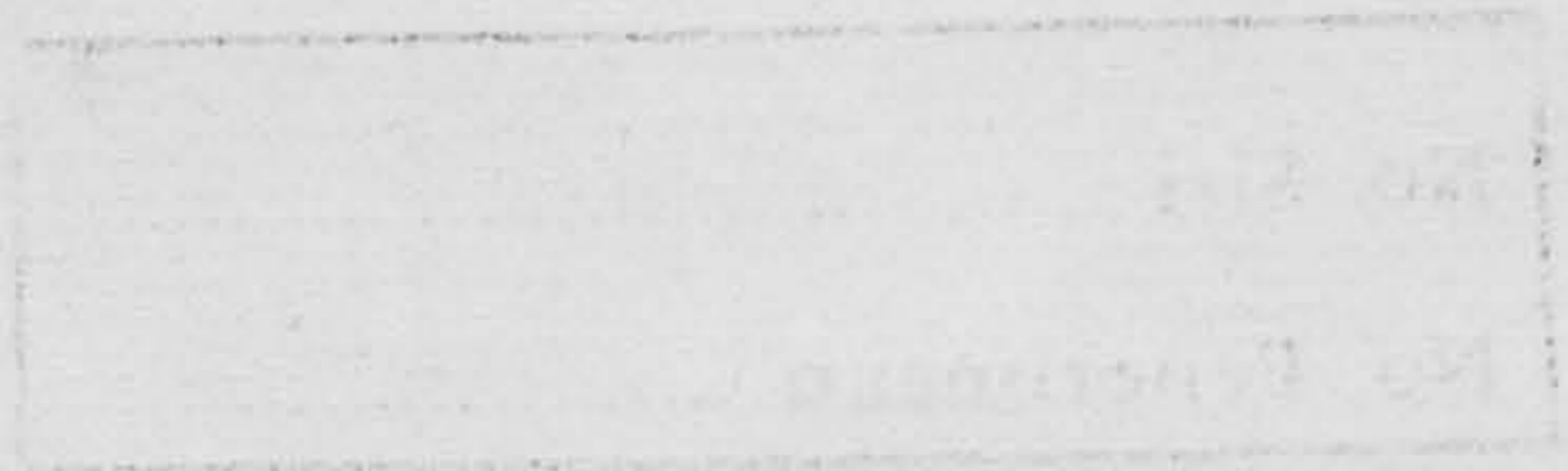
are in partnership in respect of

the growth and development

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of our country. The responsibility  
is not on the public sector alone,  
the private sector has an equally  
heavy responsibility.

Thank you.



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