

UCAPAN YAB DATO HUSSEIN ONN

PERDANA MENTERI MALAYSIA,

DI MAJLIS MAKAN MALAM

ANJURAN SIME DARBY BERHAD,

DI NIRWANA BALL ROOM,

KUALA LUMPUR HILTON,

PADA HARI JUMAAT 21.12.1979

JAM 8.00 MALAM.

A.

1. Honourable Tun Tan Siew Sin,  
Chairman of Sime Darby Berhad,  
and Toh Puan.

*1a. Honourable Tun Omar Ong Eng Eoke Lim  
and Toh Puan.*

2. Honourable Ministers and  
Deputy Ministers.

3. Members of the Board of Directors  
of Sime Darby Berhad.

4. Your Excellencies, Heads of  
Foreign Missions.

5. Ladies and Gentlemen.

## B.

1. Makan Malam ini adalah bersejarah kepada Yang Amat Berbahagia Tun Tan Siew Sin dan Ahli-ahli Pengarah Sime Darby Berhad. Ia diadakan kerana merayakan pendaftaran Syarikat Sime Darby Berhad di Malaysia. Selama tertubuhnya Syarikat ini 69 tahun dahulu, ianya telah didaftarkan di United Kingdom. Pemindahan pendaftarannya ka Malaysia amatlah membanggakan kita semua, dan kita berharap ini akan menjadi satu contoh, dimana syarikat-syarikat yang lain pula akan mengikutnya.

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2. Kepada Tun Tan Siew Sin dan Ahli-ahli Pengarah Syarikat ini, saya mengucapkan tahniah. Saya juga berharap bahawa Syarikat ini akan memainkan peranan yang berkesan dan berfaedah kepada pembangunan negara kita.

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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.

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2. Tun Tan in his address, has given us a brief history of Sime Darby. I note his justifiable sense of pride when he "rubbed in" the fact that the company was actually born in his home State of Melaka 69 years ago. His late father had always been associated with the company, and now, Tun Tan himself, is at its <sup>helm</sup> helm as Chairman. Knowing Tun Tan, I don't think that the directors will be encouraged to go on an eight-hour drinking spree. Tun Tan will be carried to bed even after half a bottle of beer!

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3. Sime Darby is indeed a big company.

The fact that it is now registered in Malaysia, is a source of great national pride to us all.

As it is operating from the region of South East Asia, it will also make ASEAN more and better known to the outside world.

4. Tun Tan is a well-known public figure, especially in this country. He has wide and long experience of financial, economic, political and social matters. I welcome his policy and philosophy that a big company such as Sime Darby, must not only think of profits. It also has social

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and moral obligations to the people of the countries in which it operates. He has very wisely said, that the company must also take into account the social and economic aspirations of the people.

\* 4A.

*I am glad to hear that Encik James Seedin*

Ladies and Gentlemen.

5. It should be widely known by now, what role the Government has assigned to the private sector. It has been stated in the Second and Third Malaysia Plans documents, and the Mid-Term Reviews of those plans. I do not intend to go into details, but allow me to mention these general points:

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I am glad to hear that Eneik  
James Sudin has joined the Senior  
Darby Board. He is one of those  
new generation of young men who  
has given his dedication to business,  
and given the opportunity, encouragement  
and support, will be a great asset to  
the country. My ~~F~~ congratulations  
to him.

(b) Strengthening of business confidence  
through the use of fiscal and monetary  
policies.

(c) Streamlining administrative procedures  
to facilitate the implementation of projects.

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- (a) A major role has been assigned to the private sector to provide the impetus to growth and to sustain the rapid rates of advancement necessary for achieving the objectives of restructuring society under the New Economic Policy.
- (b) Strengthening of business confidence through the use of fiscal and monetary policies.
- (c) Streamlining administrative procedures to facilitate the implementation of projects.

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- (d) Effective participation by Malaysians,  
especially the Malays and other  
indigenous people.

6. The Government has put all these  
into effect gradually. Fiscal and monetary  
measures are done through the annual budget  
and existing laws. The 1980 Budget is a good  
recent example where reliefs, incentives and  
encouragements, are given to the private  
sector and foreign investors.

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7. To conclude, I would like to thank Tun Tan Siew Sin and the Board of Sime Darby, for their kind invitation to my wife and I to this celebration dinner.

Ladies and Gentlemen, before I sit down, may I ask you all to rise and join me in a toast to the success and prosperity of Sime Darby Berhad.

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