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SECRETARY - GENERAL ISLAMIC
ASIA CO-ORDINATING
COMMITTEE, MR. JUSTICE SHHEEMA

OPENING ADDRESS BY THE HONOURABLE,
THE PRIME MINISTER, DATO HUSSEIN ONN
AT THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE
REGIONAL ISLAMIC ORGANISATION
OF SOUTH EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
AT THE HOTEL EQUATORIAL, ON MONDAY,
10TH NOVEMBER, 1980 AT 9.00 A.M.

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BISMILLAHIR-RAHMA-NIRRAHIM

← [Assalamu 'alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.]

Yang Teramat Mulia Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra, *Al-Hajj*,
~~Chairman of the Protem Committee,~~

Yang Amat Berbahagia Tun-Tun,

Yang Berhormat Menteri-Menteri dan
Timbalan-Timbalan Menteri.

Dif-dif Kehormat,

Tuan-tuan dan Puan-puan sekalian.

→
berbanyak

Saya mengucapkan terima kasih kepada

Yang Teramat Mulia, Tunku Abdul Rahman

Putra Al-Hajj, Pengerusi Pro-tem, dan *kerana*

~~Jawatankuasa penganjur, persidangan di atas~~

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2.

jemputan dan penghormatan yang diberikan

kepada saya untuk ~~membuat ucapan~~ *membuka persidangan* di Majlis

yang bahagia ini. Saya mengambil kesempatan

ini, untuk mengalu-alukan kehadiran para peserta

~~Persidangan~~ *yang datang* sekalian, terutamanya mereka dari

luar negeri.

2. Saya menyanjung tinggi, terhadap langkah untuk menggabung dan menyelaraskan usaha-usaha

pertubuhan-pertubuhan sukarela Islam di rantau

Asia Tenggara dan Pasifik. Ia membuktikan

wujudnya hubungan persaudaraan Islam sebagaimana

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kehendak ugama suci kita. Di samping itu juga, ia dapat memperkukuhkan lagi azam dan usaha untuk meningkatkan syiar Islam.

Distinguished Guests.

~~3. It is a great honour and pleasure for me to be among the Muslim brothers of South East Asia and the Pacific today. I would like to thank Yang Teramat Mulia Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, the Pro-tem Chairman-of the Regional Islamic Organization of South East Asia and the Pacific~~

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Guests

Distinguished ~~Delegates~~.

1.

I would like to thank
yang Teramat mulia, Tengku
Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Hajj,
the Pro-tem Chairman of
the Regional Islamic Organisation
of South-East Asia and the
Pacific, for inviting me to open
this inaugural meeting. I am
informed that this meeting is
being attended by representatives
of about forty voluntary muslim
organisations from sixteen countries.

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To those representatives, I would like to extend to them a very warm welcome to Malaysia.

I also understand that this meeting will discuss the constitution and other matters relating to the setting-up of the Regional

Organisation. ~~I wish the meeting~~

~~every success.~~ I am also informed ~~we are honoured~~

the Organisation has that ~~you have~~ decided to have its ~~your~~ Regional Headquarters and

~~your~~ Islamic Training Centre in this country.

3.

~~We are honoured that you~~
~~have decided to have your~~
~~Regional Headquarters and your~~
~~Islamic Training Centre in this~~
~~country.~~

Although ~~our society is~~ ^{the Malaysian society is}
 multi-religious, Islam ~~is~~ ^{has been made} the official
 religion of the country. The Federal
 and State Constitutions guarantee
 the freedom of worship. Our
 national Ideology, the Rukun
 negara, provides for the belief
 in God. Malaysia has always
 supported the causes of Islam.

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It takes an active part in the Islamic Conference and the Islamic Development Bank. It is also active in the propagation of the Islamic faith. We believe that material development alone cannot ensure a healthy nation; ^{attach} we also ~~give~~ ~~spiritual development~~ ^{also} ~~is equally necessary~~ great importance to spiritual development.

4.

Islam is one of the great religions of the world. Every true and great religion teaches its followers to be humble, tolerant and ^{God-fearing.} ~~compassionate~~. Islam is such a religion. ~~That is why it is a great religion.~~ Allah has given us His religion which is Islam. His teachings and guidance are fully inscribed in the Koran. He has chosen Mohamed as the Prophet to teach and spread the religion. And we, 1400 years later, have

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the same duty as our Prophet,
~~which is~~ to teach and spread
Islam. This is the purpose of
your meeting to-day. Our
religion, however, has been
misinterpreted and exploited
by ill-informed, misguided
and unscrupulous people. This
has caused a lot of harm to us
muslims, ~~and misunderstood by~~
~~non-muslims~~. Further, it has
brought our religion into disrepute.
It is, therefore, very necessary that
we fully understand the true
teachings of Islam.

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Distinguished Delegates.

I am glad that this meeting has brought together representatives of muslim organisations in countries of South East Asia and the Pacific.

~~may Allah bless your endeavours.~~

~~with this prayer, I have great~~

~~pleasure in declaring open this~~

~~meeting.~~

with the wise guidance of Tumku Abdul

Rahman, I am sure that your Organisation

will grow in strength. with your great

faith and dedication, Islam will become

more known and understood in this part

of the world ^{so that} ~~and~~ it will attract more

followers. may Allah bless all your

endeavours. It is with great pleasure that

I now declare this meeting open. Thank you.



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