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Tan Sri Abdulah Mohd. Salleh,  
Pengerusi ASEAN Bintulu Fertilizer Sdn. Bhd.,  
merangkap Pengerusi PETRONAS,

SPEECH BY THE HONOURABLE THE

PRIME MINISTER, DATO HUSSEIN ONN,

AT THE LAUNCHING OF THE ASEAN

BINTULU FERTILIZER SDN. BHD. ON

SATURDAY, 25TH APRIL, 1981, AT

7.30 P.M., AT THE KUALA LUMPUR

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Yang Berbahagia  
Tan Sri Abdullah Mohd. Salleh,  
Pengerusi ASEAN Bintulu Fertilizer Sdn. Bhd.,  
merangkap Pengerusi PETRONAS;

YB Menteri-Menteri dan  
Timbalan-Timbalan Menteri;

Tuan-Tuan Yang Terutama;

Dif-Dif Kehormat;

Tuan-tuan dan Puan-puan sekalian,

...2/-

Saya mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Pengerusi dan Lembaga Pengarah Asean Bintulu Fertilizer Sdn. Bhd. yang telah menjemput saya untuk merasmikan pelancaran <sup>nya</sup> Syarikat pada malam ini. Majlis ini bukan sahaja menandakan satu lagi kemajuan konkrit ASEAN di dalam usaha kerjasama perindustrian serantau, tetapi juga kemajuan Malaysia di dalam usaha menerokai lapangan industri berat selaras dengan penekanan dan strategi perindustrian kita. Pada ~~hari~~ <sup>malam</sup> ini, kita berkumpul di majlis pelancaran Asean Bintulu

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Fertilizer Sdn. Bhd. sebagai hasil keyakinan  
dan usaha semua pihak, ke arah kerjasama  
ekonomi yang lebih bermakna.

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Ladies and Gentlemen.

2. It gives me great pleasure to be invited to launch the Asean Bintulu Fertilizer Sdn. Bhd., the Company which will implement Malaysia's ASEAN Urea Project. The launching of this project is ~~yet~~ another major step forward, not only in ASEAN industrial development, but more important, in meeting ASEAN's overall objectives.

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3. Although this project is the first of its kind in Malaysia, it is the second for ASEAN.

The first, the Indonesian Asean Urea Project, was launched in April, 1979. Both projects symbolise, in concrete form, ASEAN's firm commitment to economic cooperation.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

4. We, in ASEAN, firmly believe in regional cooperation. We believe that it is a means of achieving greater prosperity and stability for our region. It is with this belief that we have

nurtured ASEAN. We have laid a strong foundation and framework of cooperation in various fields.

We have taken common stand on many issues, be it politics, economics or social.

5. Looking at our success so far, we are confident that with determination and commitment, we will achieve our aims. Today, we see not only cooperation among the leaders and officials, but also cooperation at the non-governmental level, through professional and private bodies and groupings. Our cooperative efforts are gathering momentum. We are seeing new projects being implemented and common activities widening.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

6. Today we see a world divided not only ideologically and politically, but also economically and socially. Politically, we witness instability and frictions in various parts of the world. Economically, we witness the struggle of developing countries for an equitable share in the international economic system. Protectionism, trade barriers and the inequitable terms of trade are hindering the emergence of a new international economic order.
7. Under the circumstances, I am more than ever convinced that it is desirable for the developing countries to work together in the framework of

regional cooperation. For us, we have ASEAN.

The member countries of ASEAN share a community of interests and basic ideals. We must continue to explore areas of cooperation for our mutual benefits and well-being. We <sup>must</sup> ~~cannot afford but to~~ make ASEAN a success.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

8. ASEAN, as a whole, is a heavily populated region with a high rate of population growth. It is basically an agricultural region. Increased productivity of the agricultural sector will no doubt

contribute to increasing the income and well-being of ASEAN's farming community. The development of the agricultural sector will help ASEAN in meeting the food requirements of its growing population. It is in this context that the ASEAN Urea projects are of great importance to the socio-economic development of the region and its people.

9. Japan has played an important role in the development of ASEAN industrial projects. The concrete support given by Japan to ASEAN industrial programme is a positive and far-sighted gesture.

ASEAN industrial programme opens a new avenue for the participation of the industrialised nations in ASEAN industrial development. Such collaboration will be mutually beneficial.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

10. The Asean Bintulu Fertilizer project is of special significance to Malaysia. As I have said when launching the Fourth Malaysia Plan, we must strive to optimise the utilisation of our scarce natural resources. We must use these scarce

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resources with prudence and care to ensure greater benefits to the country and our people.

II. Petroleum and gas are two of such resources.

It is our policy to promote the development of resource-based industries so as to maximize the returns to our economy. We have a programme to process the petroleum and gas resources internally. The Asean Bintulu Fertilizer project is an important aspect of this programme.

12. I understand that the main contract for the setting up of the fertilizer plant will be awarded by January 1982. The plant is expected to begin operation by 1985. When in full production the plant is expected to produce about 1,000 metric tonnes of ammonia and 1,500 metric tonnes of urea per day. It is hoped that the plant, together with its Indonesian counterpart, will provide sufficient nitrogeneous fertilizers to meet ASEAN's requirements.

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13. I take this opportunity to congratulate  
PETRONAS and its partners, namely:

(a) The Ministry of Finance, Republic  
of Indonesia;

(b) The Ministry of Finance, Thailand;

(c) The National Development Corporation  
of the Philippines; and

(d) Temasek Holdings, Singapore,

for their efforts in making the establishment of  
the Asean Bintulu Fertilizer Sdn. Bhd. a reality.

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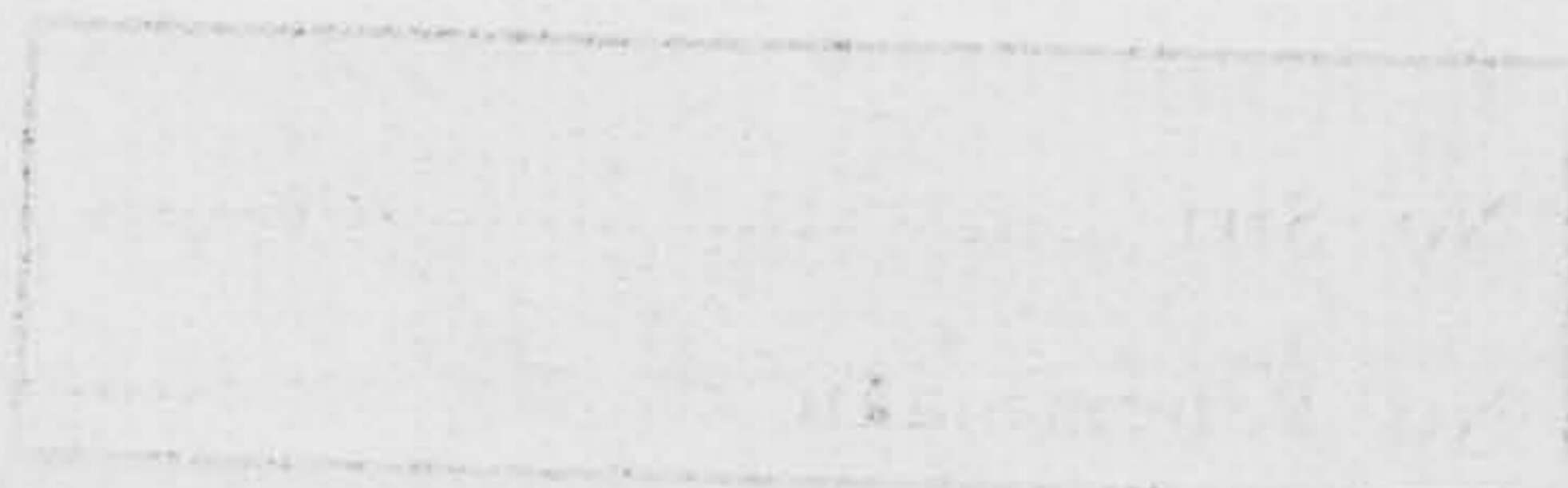
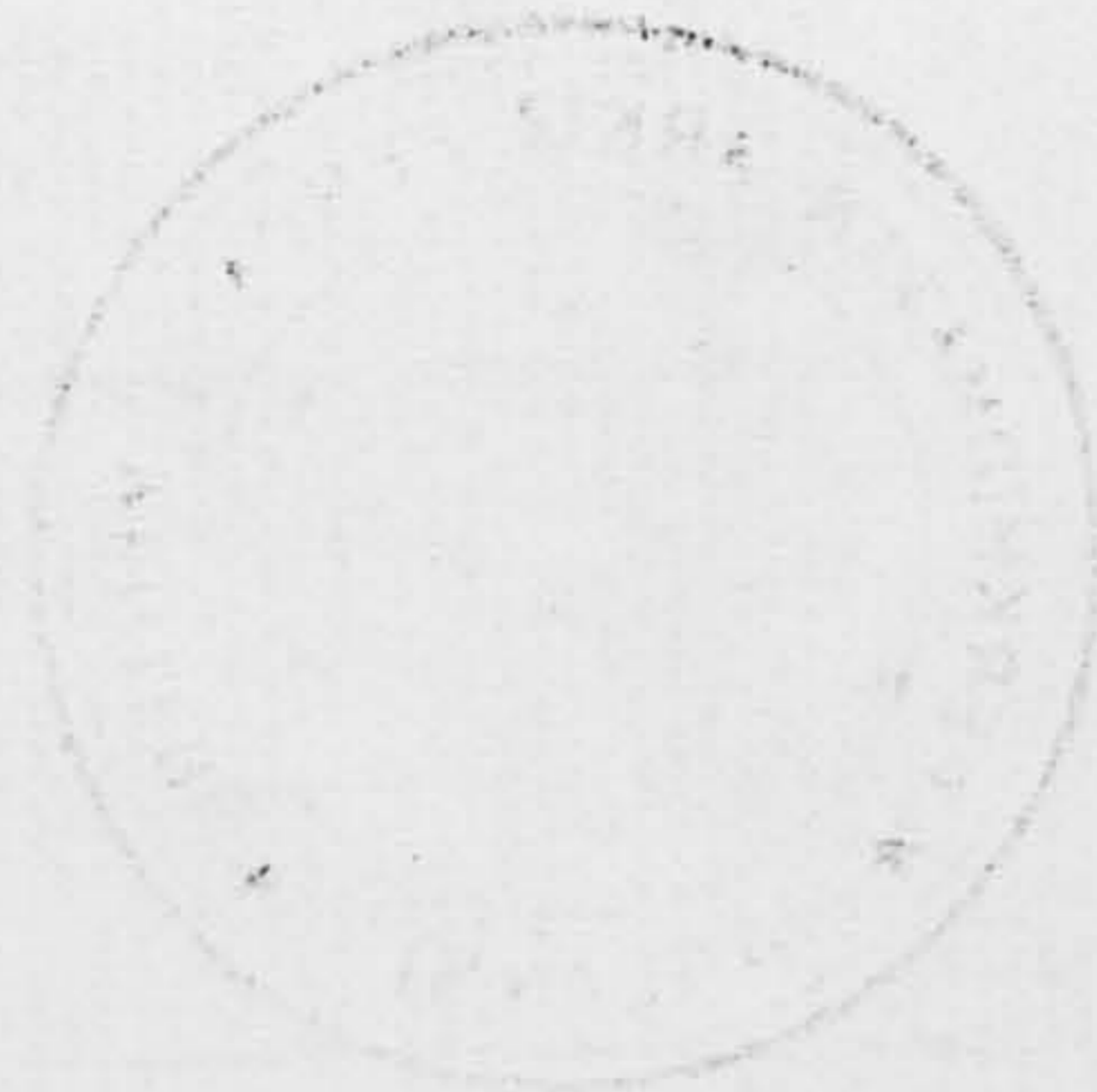
Ladies and Gentlemen.

*I now have great pleasure in launching*

14. ~~With great pleasure I now launch~~

the Asean Bintulu Fertilizer Sdn. Bhd.,

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Ladies and Gentlemen.

With great pleasure I now launch

the Asean Bintulu Fertilizer Sdn. Bhd.

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