

Tuan Yang Terutama
Tuan Rudi Kolak, Presiden
Dewan Ekonomi Yugoslavia,

Tuan-tuan Yang Terutama,
Tuan-tuan dan Puan-puan sekalian.

1. Saya merasa sangat sukacita kerana pada hari semalam saya dapat bertemu sambil bertukar-tukar fikiran dengan Tuan Kolak, President of the Yugoslav Chamber of Economy mengenai soal hubungan antara Malaysia dengan Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Saya berharap hasil perjumpaan itu akan dapat menambahkan lagi kemesraan dan hubungan erat antara kedua buah negara.

Your Excellency, Mr. Rudi Kolak,
Your Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

2. I am honoured to have been invited to open this exhibition, which is the first Yugoslav Trade Exhibition ever held in Malaysia. On behalf of the Government of Malaysia, I wish to welcome His Excellency, Mr. Rudi Kolak, and members of his delegation to our country. Mr. Rudi Kolak is the President of the Yugoslav Chamber of Economy. I understand that the Yugoslav Government is currently holding three other trade exhibitions in different parts of the world

and that Mr. Kolak has made a special effort to be with us this evening. This is indeed a great honour to us and symbolises the close and cordial friendship which exist between Yugoslavia and Malaysia.

3. This Trade Exhibition will, I am sure, give a great opportunity to the people of this country, especially the business community, to see for themselves the many varieties of products, from machinery to household goods, from Yugoslavia. I am glad that Yugoslavia has taken this step to show her products in this part of the world and thus increasing the opportunity to develop her trade with us.

Trade between Yugoslavia and Malaysia is still relatively small and very much in Malaysia's favour. We would like to improve the situation and buy more from Yugoslavia products which we need. This exhibition, I hope, will provide us with the opportunity.

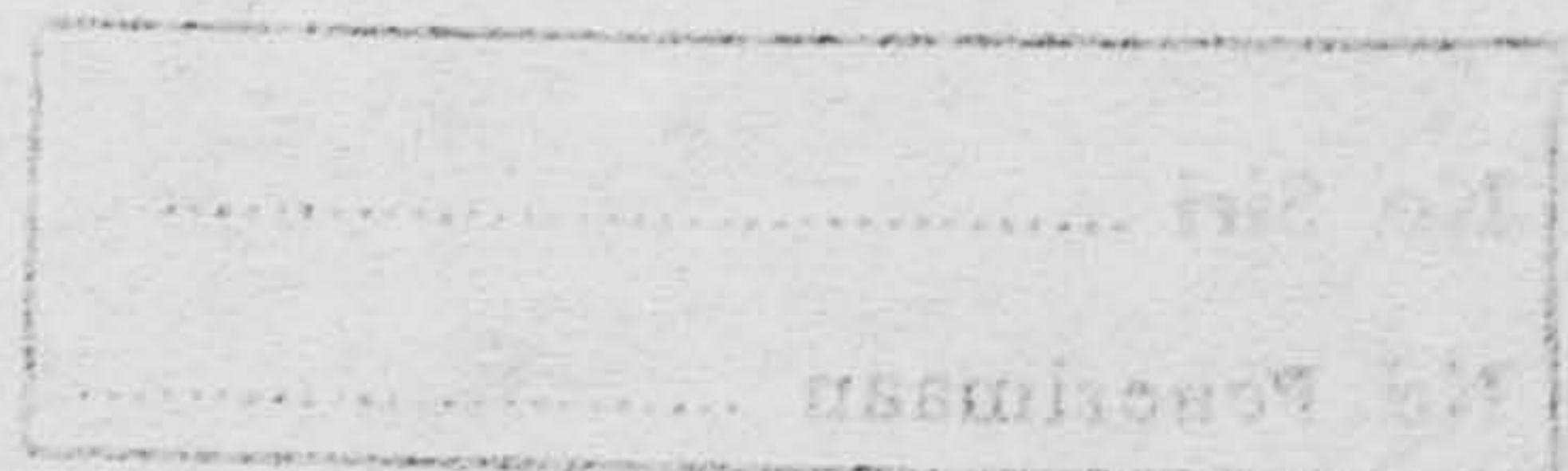
4. As we are still unfamiliar with your products and trading practices, our people may initially be hesitant. Thus it is vital that the initiative which you have now taken be maintained and followed up. It may be useful that our trade and business people visit your country and establish contacts and relationship with their

counterparts there, and more of your people visiting this country for the same purpose. The more we know of each other, the better will be the prospects for improving the trade between our two countries.

5. Our two countries have a Trade Agreement as well as a Technical Cooperation Agreement. These have provided the foundation for cooperation and friendly relation between our countries. Malaysia welcomes any assistance Yugoslavia can give in its economic development, especially experts and planners in certain fields. I understand that you are interested in our timber industry and have already made

some study of it. Yesterday you had discussions with the Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry on a number of matters. All these will be looked into.

6. I now have great pleasure in declaring open the exhibition.





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