UCAPAN Y.A.B. DATUK HUSSEIN ONN,

TIMBALAN PERDANA MENTERI DALAM MAJLIS

JAMUAN TEH MERAYAKAN ULANGTAHUN KE 25

MALAYSIA CHINESE ASSOCIATION DI 12,

JALAN COMLAY, KUALA LUMPUR PADA 27HB

FEBRUARI, 1974 JAM 4.30 PETANG.

Yang Berhormat Datuk Lee San Choon,
Timbalan Presiden M.C.A.,

Ahli-Ahli Jawatankuasa Tertinggi M.C.A.

Tuan-tuan dan Puan-puan sekalian,

1. Saya sangat sukacita kerana dapat hadir bersama-sama dalam Jamuan Teh pada petang ini kerana merayakan Ulangtahun yang ke 25 Pertubuhan M.C.A. Bagi pihak UMNO dan Perikatan, saya sukalah menyampaikan tahniah kepada pemimpin-pemimpin dan ahli-ahli M.C.A. pada saat kita bergembira hari ini. Saya merasa dukacita sedikit kerana YAB. Tun Tan Siew Sin tidak berada bersama-sama kita, tetapi saya ~~harap~~ berdoa dia akan sembuh dan bersama-sama mengingati peristiwa ini.

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Saudara-saudara,

2. Saya masih ingat peristiwa M.C.A. ditubuhkan dalam tahun 1949 iaitu pada masa negara kita bergolak menghadapi ancaman kominis. Timbullah keinginan untuk menyatukan orang-orang Cina ke dalam satu pertubuhan politik bagi membela kepentingan mereka. Hasil daripada usaha itu, lahirlah M.C.A. di bawah pimpinan Tun Tan Cheng Lock. Hari ini juga kita sama-sama mengenang jasanya terhadap M.C.A. dan negara.

3. Mengambil kesempatan ini, saya hendak merakamkan perjuangan M.C.A. Selain daripada membela kepentingan ahli, ia telah menggabongkan diri dalam satu pertubuhan

Perikatan bagi menghadapi Pilihanraya pertama Municipal, Kuala Lumpur. Daripada usaha permulaan inilah, Perikatan yang lebih besar dan kukuh telah lahir.

4. Kita patut merasa sukacita kerana M.C.A., sebagai rakan dalam Perikatan telah turut bersama-sama berjuang mencapai kemerdekaan tanah air. Kesetiaan M.C.A. kepada tujuan dan cita-cita nasional ini patutlah dihargai dan kisah ini mempunyai tempat yang istimewa di dalam sejarah negara kita.

Tuan-tuan dan Puan-puan,

5. Malaysia adalah sebuah negara yang membangun dan rakyatnya sedang bersatu untuk mewujudkan negara yang padu dan tegoh. Proses ini tentulah mengambil satu masa yang lama dan memerlukan persefahaman, penelitian dan pengorbanan dari semua pihak. Terhadap hal inilah, saya harap semua gulongan rakyat negeri ini, terutama daripada gulongan Cina patut memahami bahawa setiap usaha mereka, jika dilandaskan pada sikap chauvanis pasti akan menimbulkan akibat-akibat yang burok. Sebaliknya, kalau berdasarkan semangat toleransi dan persefahaman, saya yakin banyak usaha yang boleh kita hasilkan serta memberi faedah untuk bersama.

6. Dalam hubungan ini, saya sukalah memberi sedikit pesanan terhadap pemimpin-pemimpin MCA dan juga Perikatan, ketika menghadapi masaalah negara. Dengan tertubuhnya Front Kebangsaan, saya mengharapkan supaya pemimpin-pemimpin dalam Front ini bersikap tenang dan bijaksana dalam mengeluarkan sebarang kenyataan dan pendapat yang boleh meragukan perpaduan parti-parti dalam Front. itu Dalam semua masaalah negara, kita hendaklah sentiasa dipandu oleh semangat meletakkan kepentingan negara yang lebeh besar dari kepentingan parti, dipandu oleh semangat menghormati prinsip-prinsip asas yang digariskan oleh pemimpin tertinggi. Kita hendaklah sentiasa menjaga perpaduan dan persefahaman.

7. Satu perkara lagi, tuan-tuan dan puan-puan yang saya hendak sebutkan di sini ialah soal inflasi. Masaalah ini kita tidak dapat hapuskan sama sekali. Tetapi kita boleh kurangkan. Saya menyeru kepada semua ahli MCA supaya menyokong langkah Kerajaan mengurangkan tekanan inflasi. Begitu juga saya harap supaya kita bersama-sama menjayakan Kempen Anti-Sorok yang dilancarkan hari Jumaat, 1hb Mac. Berilah segala maklumat. Kejayaan Kempen ini adalah kejayaan kita semua yang dilanda oleh inflasi.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

8. As I have said earlier, for more than two decades the partnership of UMNO, MCA and MIC have stood the test of time. We have gone through difficult and trying periods. But with good sense and wise judgement of our national leaders, we have been able to weather many storms, overcome many crises and eventually emerge more strengthened than ever before.

9. This sense of solidarity and unity of purpose is even more important at this ~~juncture~~ period of our country's history. We are now on the threshold of tremendous political, social and economic changes. The government

has taken ~~the~~ bold steps to initiate and ~~now~~ implement~~ing~~ the New Economic Policy. The implementation of this ~~very~~ Policy entails heavy responsibility and calls for cooperation of all our people. It also requires a sincere give-and-take attitude amongst all of us ~~our people~~ particularly, among our leaders. I ~~trust~~ believe that only through this spirit of sincerity and cooperation, can we succeed in laying a firm foundation for the future prosperity of our Country ~~nation.~~ The Alliance Party and the Government are committed to ensure that in the implementation of the New Economic Policy all of us will enjoy the fruits of our collective endeavours.

10. The M.C.A., I feel, should be congratulated on this auspicious occasion for all the good work it has done. In the last 25 years, it has rendered outstanding services to the Chinese community, as well as to the nation. As a partner in the Alliance, it has stood firmly on matters affecting the interests of the Chinese community. Because of this, MCA has won the admiration of the other parties in the Alliance.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

11. Despite our successes in the past, we should not let victory lull us into a sense of complacency. Our tasks are great and more challenges lie ahead of us. Our ultimate aim in

the years to come is to establish a Malaysian society in which every community in this country will have an equitable share of economic prosperity, employment and other opportunities. We have to consolidate and integrate the various communities into a nation that is dynamic, prosperous and united. The basic principle underlying the establishment of a truly Malaysian society must be mutual faith, trust and belief in national resilience amongst the various ~~people~~ races in our nation.

12. In this context, I am happy to note that the MCA has recently launched Revolusi Mental or Mental Revolution to re-orientate the thinking and mental attitude of the Chinese community towards our changing society.

We welcome this move and wish you success in this tremendous task. It is my hope and prayer that the Chinese community will be responsive to this campaign and adjust themselves to the changing trends in our society. I firmly believe that the future prosperity of our nation will hinge greatly on the Sino-Malay cooperation and understanding in all areas of endeavours. It takes time to achieve this but this is a vital factor in realising the long-term targets of restructuring our society. It is therefore my conviction that UMNO and MCA ~~will~~ should continue to strengthen their ties and in order to bring into reality, the creation of a truly Malaysian society.

13. As regard the MCA, I have every hope that it will continue to get substantial and effective support from the Chinese community. I am sure that with your dedication and determination, the MCA will continue to grow and prosper and make still further contributions towards our country's development.

14. On this note, I once again wish you well and thank you for giving me this honour to speak to you on this historic occasion.

Terimakasih.