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Speech by PM in Rangoon Rangoon, Burma

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Your Excellency, Mr. Prime Minister.

Honourable ministers.

Gentlemen.

1. First of all, I would like to say how grateful I am for being given the opportunity to visit your beautiful country and being accorded the honour to meet your President, yourself and other members of the Government. I have been looking

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forward to the visit, not only to establish personal relationships with your President, yourselves and your colleagues, but also to fulfil the wish of my predecessor Tun Abdul Razak who had intended to make a visit early this year.

2. As you have said our Prime Minister, Burma and Malaya are two neighbouring countries with age-old ties of friendship

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and a tradition of close personal relationships between the leaders. I sincerely hope that this tradition will not only be continued but be strengthened further. ^{Malaysia is} proud to have ^{Burma} as her close friend.

There are a number of matters of a bilateral nature which can be pursued by our two countries.

This morning, we have a general discussion and an exchange of views

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3. my two very brief visits to Rangoon:

- (a) The first - in transit to India by ship in early 1941. I was only 20 years old then.
 - on my way to the Indian military Academy at Dehra Dun.

my memory of the visit:

- (i) Suedagon Pagoda.
- (ii) Burmese women smoking cheroots.
- (iii) A beautiful ticket seller of Social Welfare Lotteries.
- (iv) Burmese women using sandalwood paste.

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(b) The second visit - in Oct 1945
- on my way in convoy to
liberate Malaya - eve of
Japanese surrender - convoy
diverted to Rangoon to await
confirmation of surrender. ~~and~~

4. Had friends in Burma Rifles at
New Delhi during 2nd World War.

5. Should have more contacts between
ministers and senior officials of
our two countries.

Thanking P.M. for his hospitality - golf.

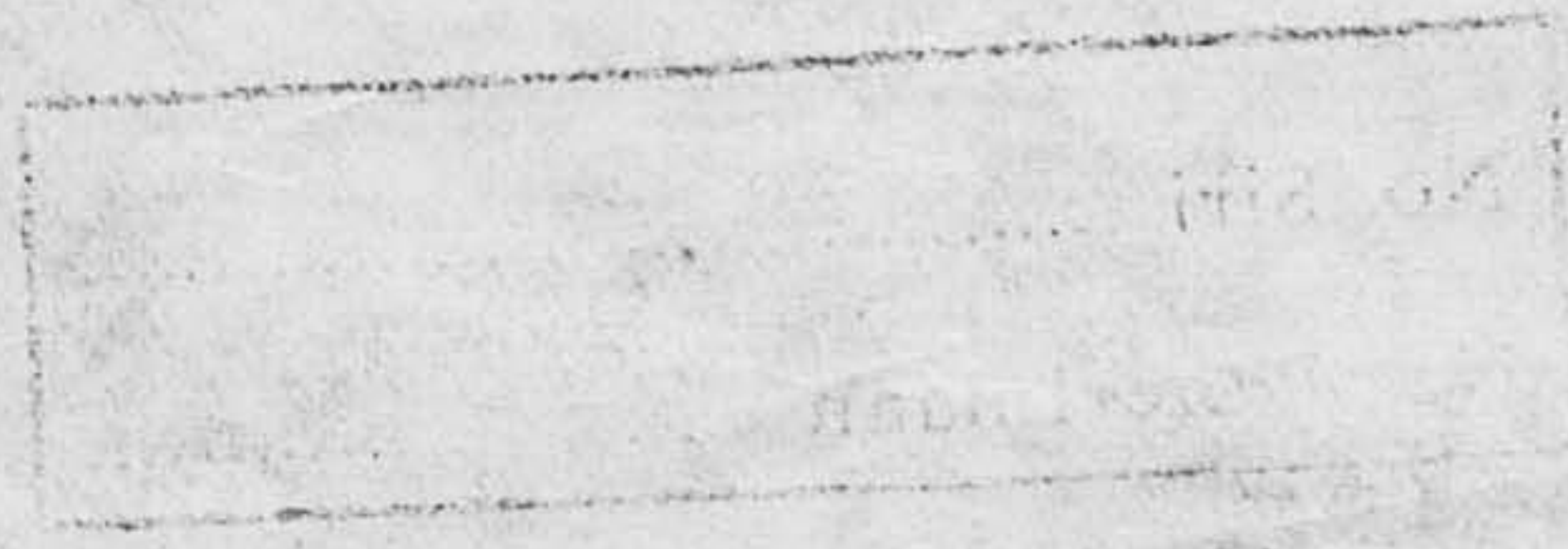
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6. Lastly, invite present to a least
 (a) to the President, our Prime
 minister, the Govt & people of
 the Socialist Republic of the
 Union of Burma.



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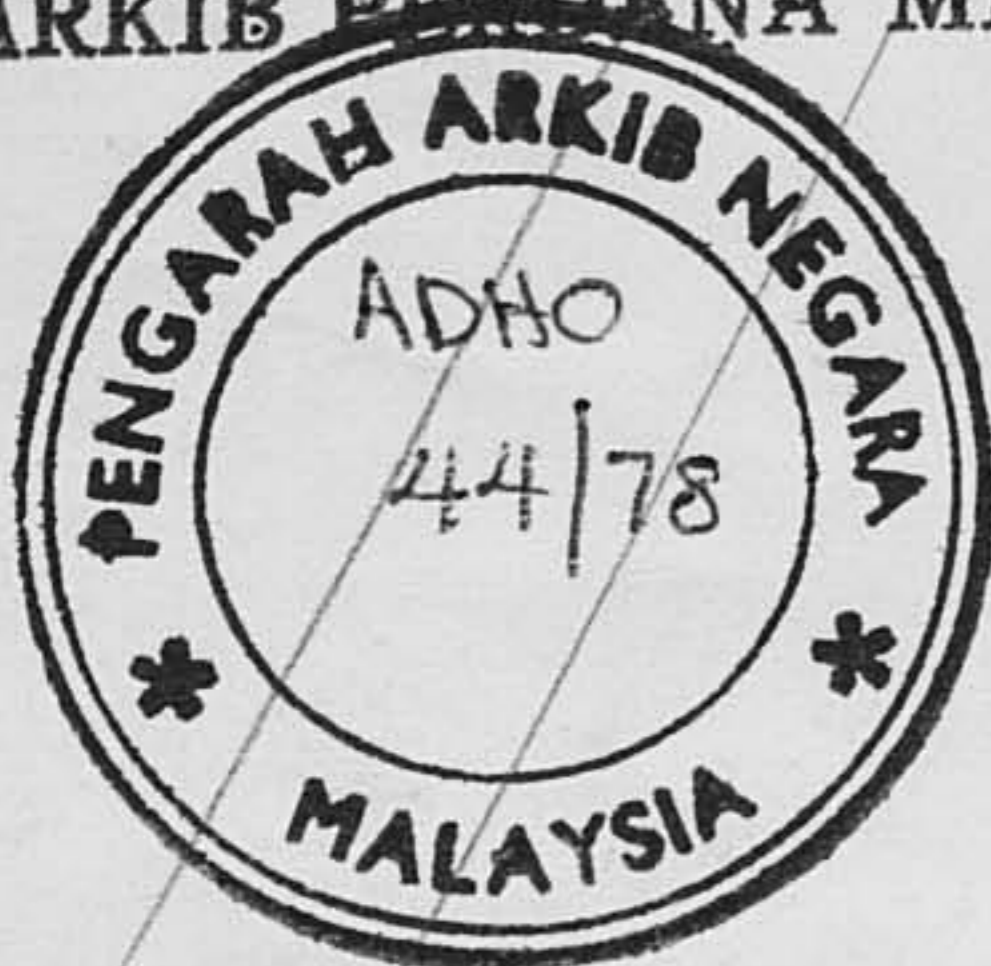
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