

SPEECH BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AT THE
CLOSING OF THE THIRD SEAP GAMES, KUALA
LUMPUR ON 21ST, DECEMBER, 1965

Duli-Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong dan Raja Permaisuri Agong. Ampun Tuanku Beribu-ribu Ampun. Patik sekali lagi menjunjung kasih yang tidak terhingga kepada ke bawah duli Tuanku dan Seri Paduka Adinda Raja Permaisuri Agung kerana sudi bercemar duli ke Majlis yang bersejarah pada petang ini.

Yang Teramat Mulia Tunku Perdana Menteri, Your Excellencies, Hon'ble Ministers, Ladies & Gentlemen,

This short and simple ceremony this evening bring to a close the Third SEAP Games.

I stand here with feelings of both pride and regret, with pride because these Games have achieved brilliant success, and with regret because this is the time for parting between friends.

For seven days we have seen sporting stars, both men and women, even boys and girls, from our six neighbour nations competing in happy and friendly rivalry. The all-round performances they have given, the standard they have set and the records they have produced are truly beyond expectation. These SEAP Games have established new records in 37 events and of these no less than 6 were better than Asian Games figures, and one shattered the world mark.

To all the record breakers we extend our praise and congratulations, but all the other winners, and all the losers too, rightly share in the glory and success for each and every individual and team have contributed to the splendid spirit of sportsmanship that has prevailed throughout these Games from beginning to end. All competitors throughout these games have displayed a genuine sense of honour and respect for the traditions and glory of sport.

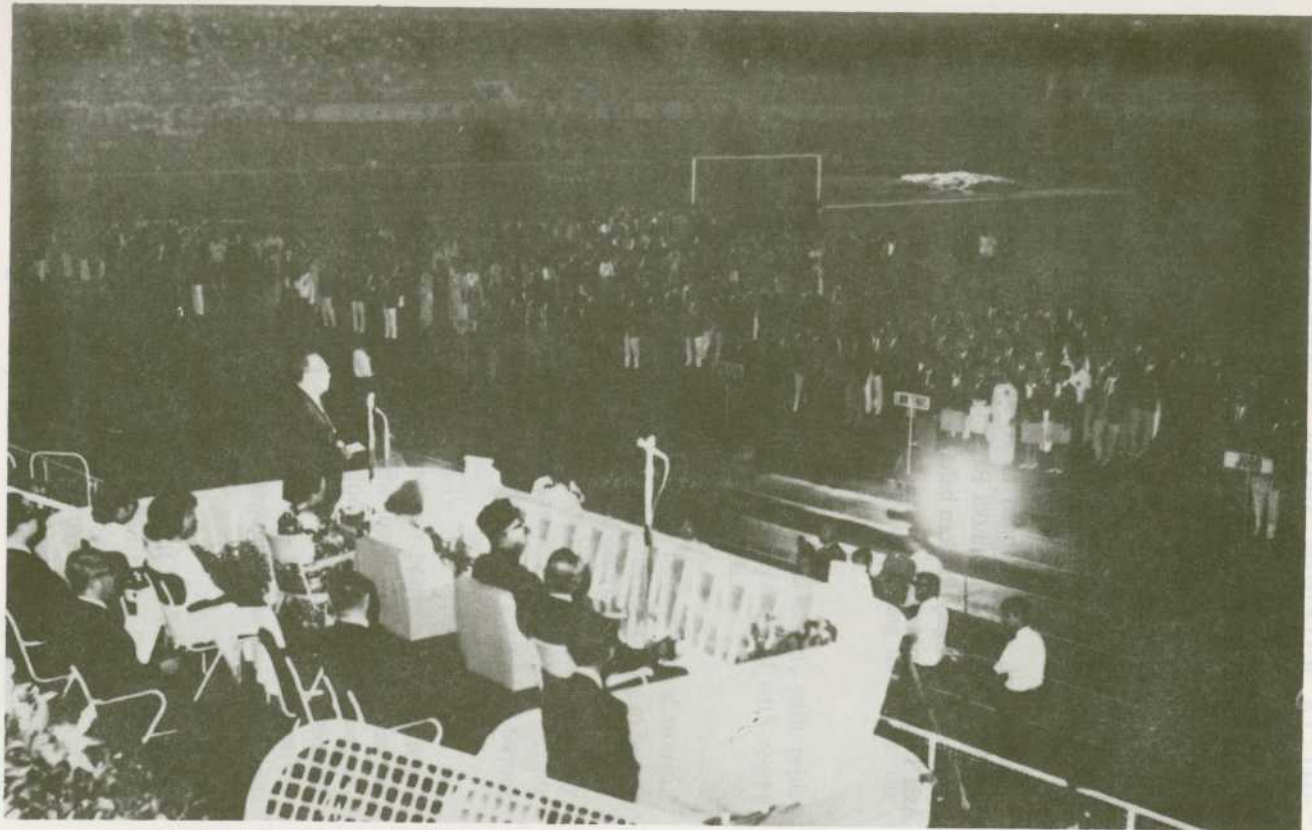
Thrills and excitement are all over now, but the memory of this great festival of sportsmanship will linger in our hearts for a long time to come.

I would like to express to each and every person associated with the organisation of these games my sincere thanks for the great efforts and sacrifices that they have made and to say that our gratitude your reward and the success of these games has been rightly due to you.

Soon the flame that has symbolised these games will be extinguished, soon the SEAP Flag that has flown throughout these games will be lowered and all the participating teams will be returning home. It is my hope that all will retain in their hearts the happiest memories of these Third SEAP Games which we in Malaysia have had the honour of holding in Kuala Lumpur.

It is now my humble duty, on behalf of all who have taken part in this memorable week of sport, to invite His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong to declare that the games are ended.

Dengan ini, patik dengan amat sukacitanya mempersilakan Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong apakah kiranya sudi mengisytiharkan bahawa pertandingan Sukan Semenanjung Asia Tenggara ini tamat.



Tun Abdul Razak bin Hussein sebagai Presiden Persekutuan Sukan Semenanjung Asia Tenggara sedang berucap di Upacara Penutup Sukan Semenanjung Asia Tenggara Yang Ketiga di Stadium Merdeka, Kuala Lumpur pada 21 Disember, 1965.