

SPEECH BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AT THE
OPENING OF A NEW SELANGOR GIRL GUIDES
ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS AT JALAN ABDUL
SAMAD, KUALA LUMPUR ON 30TH MAY, 1965

State Commissioner for Girl Guides, Selangor,
Your Excellencies, Honourable Minister, Ladies and Gentlemen and
members of the Guide Movement.

It is with great pleasure that I associate myself with the opening
of the Girl Guides Building, Selangor.

Looking at the building as I do, I feel that this is an excellent
achievement. And the fact that it has been achieved within a short
space of five years is remarkable. It goes to prove the quality of leader-
ship the Girl Guide Movement has had in Selangor. It also proves the
enthusiastic following the leadership has had. Both are to be
complimented for their fine team work which has made this possible.

During the past five years your movement in Selangor has increased
in strength from 1,293 to 4,588. Your trainings and activities too have
increased and improved.

I myself have seen one of your concerts of International Dances in
Stadium Negara in 1962. And I was so much impressed by it. Toh Puan
Raha has been associating closely with your activities and I have heard
from her the good work you have been doing.

By your own efforts you as guides have been able to earn over
\$50,000/- by having concerts and fun fairs. This is very praise worthy
as it reveals collective self-reliance and team work. Both these qualities
are essential for all youths. In themselves these qualities are always
important but more so at a time when we are building our nation.
They promote civic sense and provide a sense of direction for a good
cause.

I understand all this were possible because of the untiring and
inspiring leadership of Puan Janaky Nahappan, your State Com-
missioner.

Both as your State Commissioner and as the Chairman of the
Building Committee, Puan Janaky Nahappan has rendered excellent
service in the field of guiding and in realising your dream of having
a new building in place of your old temporary hut.

I understand, your membership in Selangor constitutes more than one third of the total membership in all Malaysia. This explains your need for a building of this size and scope.

I am glad to note that you will be making use of this large hall to provide various guide trainings, and that Guides from the rural areas will be brought and housed in this building for week-end trainings. I hope this will be done regularly so that a wide range of rural guides can derive the benefits the Movement has to offer.

Guiding has grown in our country since 1916 and I understand you will be celebrating your Golden Jubilee next year. As the oldest movement for girls in our country, it has become part of our educational system providing very useful trainings that may not be obtained in the school class room.

I hope the lead that Selangor has shown in membership drive will be followed in other places so that maximum number of girls will receive guide trainings before they leave schools.

For the young women who have left schools is always opportunity to serve as guiders to provide leadership.

Parents should encourage their daughters to become guides because it provides such fun and adventure and good character trainings.

I should like to congratulate Puan Janaky Nahappan, as the Chairman of the Building Committee and the Members of the Committee for their excellent work and all those who have helped in one way or the other to make this project a success.

In so far as the Central Government is concerned, in keeping with its policy of encouraging the growth of Youth Organisations, a financial contribution of \$75,000/- has been made towards the cost of this building.

I hope the public and parents will play their part in helping voluntary organisations such as this, which are vital, for the healthy growth of our youths.

I now have great pleasure in declaring this building officially opened.



Tun Abdul Razak b. Hussein sedang berucap di Upacara Perasmian Pembukaan Ibu Pejabat Baru Persatuan Pandu Puteri Cawangan Negeri Selangor, yang terletak di Jalan Sultan Abdul Samad, Kuala Lumpur paaa 30 Mei, 1965.