

**SPEECH BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF
MALAYSIA AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF
THE THIRD ASIAN SHOOTING CHAMPION-
SHIPS AT SUBANG, SELANGOR ON 17TH
AUGUST, 1975**

Y.A.B. Tun Tan Siew Sin¹, Distinguished guests, Participants,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

It gives me great pleasure to be here this afternoon to perform the official Opening Ceremony for the Third Asian Shooting Championships.

We are indeed honoured to be hosts to this Meet considering that this is the third to be held so far. The first one was held in Tokyo in 1967 and the second in Seoul in 1971.

Right now we are also hosts to the Soccer Tournament held annually preceding our National Day at the end of August. This is a rare occasion when we have so many sporting personalities from all over Asia in our Capital City.

As Prime Minister, I wish to welcome you all on behalf of our Government and our people, and I do hope that you will take the opportunity while you are here to see something of our country when the Championships are over.

I am told that fourteen countries are taking part in this competition, coming from every corner of Asia. This is most encouraging because shooting as a form of sports is just making its mark especially among Asian nations. It was at the request of your President that I agreed to classify this Meet as a national event, and I am happy to hear from him that as a result, Government Ministries and Departments, especially the Armed Forces and the Police are giving all co-operation to make this event a success.

There is no doubt that through sporting event such as this, sportsmen of various countries are brought together in healthy competition and thus helps to promote friendship, goodwill and

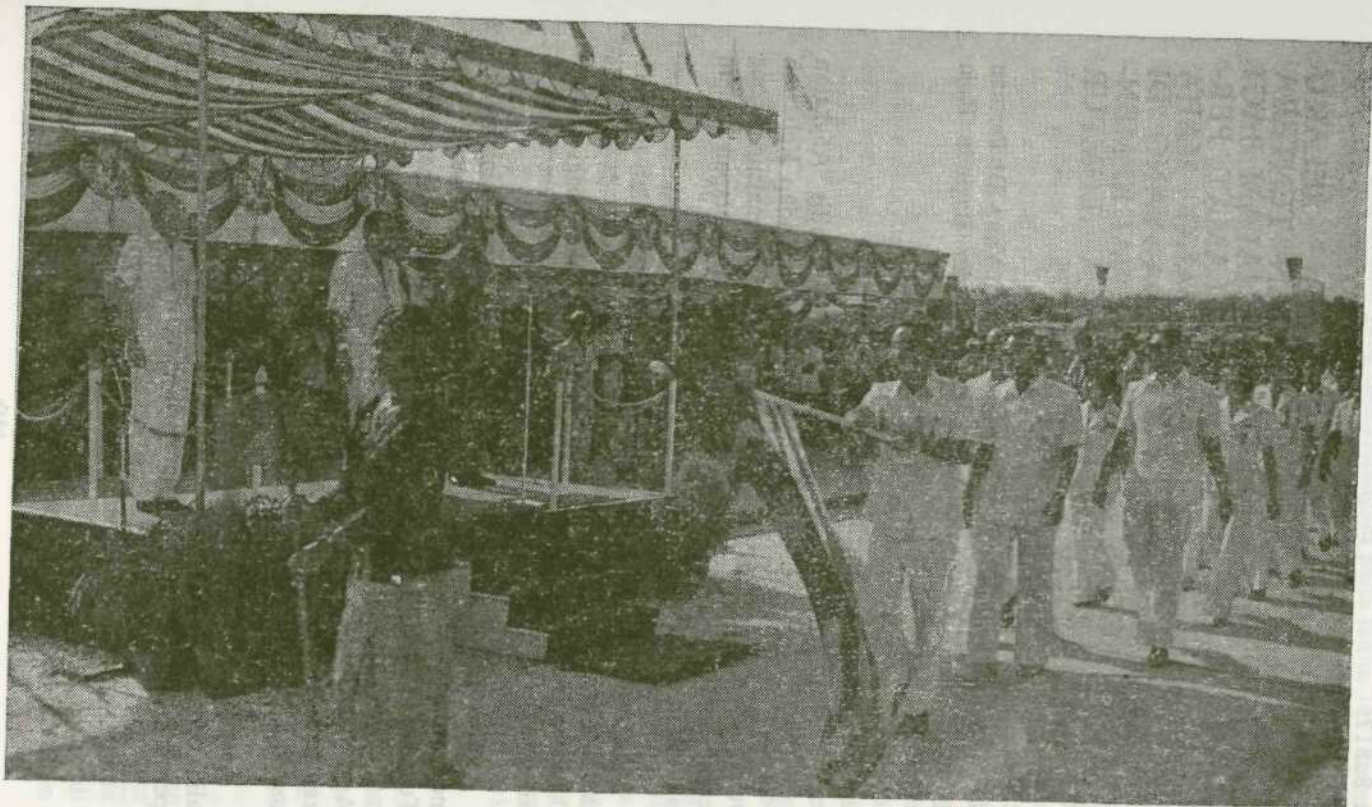
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understanding among peoples of the world. Malaysia has always been in the forefront in these efforts and ample testimony to this is the fact that this year alone we have been hosts to many international as well as regional sporting events.

As I said earlier, I hope you will find time to visit other parts of our country, meet our people and see the way our people of various races live together in harmony and peace. Also by this means you will understand the various things we are carrying out in the field of development and our efforts to weld together our people of various races.

Coming back to the Shooting Competition, I am also told that about 350 competitors will be taking part in these Championships. It is just as well that this Meet was not held ten days earlier when we very nearly had another kind of shooting! Fortunately, all this is over, and all of you can therefore settle down to safer targets and score a bull's eye for your team.

I now have much pleasure to declare these Championships open and wish all of you the best of luck.



Y.A.B. Tun Haji Abdul Razak bin Hussein di upacara pembukaan Kejohanan Menembak Asia Ketiga di Subang, Selangor pada 17hb Ogos, 1975