

MAJLIS PERLANTIKAN DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAN AHLI-AHLI KABINET LIONS CLUB
HOTEL HILTON, KUALA LUMPUR

27 JULY 1984

Yang Mulia Dr. P.P. Shah, Dif-dif Kehormat, Tuan-tuan dan puan-puan sekalian.

Saya ingin mengucapkan berbanyak terima kasih kepada Kelab Lions Daerah 308B kerana sudi menjemput saya untuk hadir di majlis perlantikan Dr. P.P. Shah sebagai District Governor yang baru.

2. Dr. P.P. Shah bukanlah orang asing kepada diri saya. Saya mula mengenali beliau semasa saya bertugas sebagai seorang doktor menguruskan klinik saya. Dr. P.P. Shah telah menjadi rakan perkongsian saya di klinik itu. Dengan itu, saya berbangga kerana berkesempatan bagi mengucapkan tahniah kepada beliau dan semua ahli kabinetnya di atas perlantikan masing-masing. Saya yakin mereka akan membawa nafas baru kepada aktiviti-aktiviti yang dianjurkan oleh Kelab Lions di negara ini.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

3. Lions Club District 308B is very fortunate to have Dr. P.P. Shah as its Governor. With his dedication I am sure he will go a long way in promoting the cause of Lions not only of this district but also of the region.

4. I wish to express here the pride I feel to be amongst people who make service to individuals and society as a priority. In today's world when everything comes with a price tag, any assistance in whatever way you provide them to the needy is invaluable and more meaningful because it comes from the heart. This is what sets you and other voluntary organisations apart from the rest because the assistance you offer is due to your sincere desire to help.

5. The rapid urbanisation that we see today with its attendant detrimental consequences upon society, such as the increasing drug addiction among our youths, unemployment, poverty, etc., needs urgent redress. The government, through its numerous development programmes, has and will continue to strive to provide Malaysians with a better life. The assistance that Lions provide in whatever measure towards achieving this end is very welcome.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

6. Lions Club in Malaysia has come a long way since Lions Club of Kuala Lumpur received its charter in 1959. Since then the numerous projects carried out by Lions has helped to give new hope and a better future to its recipients. The Tun Hussein Onn Eye Hospital is one other worthy project supported by Lions. You have also been active in the campaign against drug abuse, the provision of scholarships, and anti-litter campaigns to keep the environment clean. These are all worthy deeds which benefit society directly and I am sure it receives its due measure of appreciation.

7. This is especially true today in an urban society where everybody is almost always preoccupied pursuing their careers and professions. So many hours are spent at work, so much so that there is not much time left for anything else, and the weekends have become sacred in that it is regarded as the only time that you can make up with the family. It is in this light that I regard Lions and other service-oriented organisations very highly. I say this because you are willing to sacrifice time and personal pursuits in order to serve and to serve without any thought for gain or reward. And this is an attribute that is becoming more and more difficult to come by these days. But in truth your reward is surely more satisfying.

8. Finally may I once again express my gratitude to the organisers for inviting me to this gathering tonight. It is my hope that this Club will grow from strength to strength.

Thank you.