

THE CAPPING OFF CEREMONY

FABER HOTEL, HANOI, 8 MARCH 1996

It gives me great pleasure to be here today to officiate this capping off ceremony of the Faber Hotel, Hanoi. I would like to congratulate Faber Group Berhad and its Vietnamese partner, VIMAS Joint Venture Co. Ltd. on this very special occasion. The joint efforts taken by Faber and VIMAS is beginning to show results.

2. To build an international class hotel in Hanoi, the capital city of Socialist Republic of Vietnam, is a smart business move. Rapid development has taken place in Vietnam over the past few years and as the capital city, Hanoi is the hub of all business and leisure activities in this country. As such there is an intense demand for international class hotels here in Hanoi.

3. With the grandeur of the scenic Ho Tay and its beautiful surroundings, I am confident this hotel will be a rewarding business venture for Faber and VIMAS as well as an important landmark for the people in Hanoi. I am most impressed by the beauty of this site and its surroundings.

4. This site also provides a pristine setting for a comfortable stay as well as being in close proximity to Hanoi city.

5. I am sure this soon-to-be international class 5- star hotel will not only meet the demands of the business and foreign official visitors to Vietnam but will also meet the demands of the leisure travellers from all over the world.

6. I now have the pleasure to officiate the commencement of superstructure works for an international class 5-star hotel here in Hanoi.