

## **THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE LANGKAWI INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SHOW 1996**

MAHSURI INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE, 1 DISEMBER 1996

Saya merasa amat gembira kerana dijemput untuk merasmikan the Second Langkawi International Motorshow 1996, sekarang dikenali sebagai LIMOS `96. I would like to welcome all participants to these islands of many legends.

2. Malaysians love cars or automobiles as some call them. On a per capita basis we buy the most number of cars per year by comparison with our neighbours. Still when we decided to build our own national car, many thought we were quite silly. Even now some think that we did the wrong thing. We should just assemble foreign cars and export them. We would make more money that way. Perhaps. But then we would be just skilled labourers and not automotive engineers able to design, engineer and build our own cars ourselves. We may not be making so much money this way, but we made enough to buy a great automotive engineering company like Lotus Cars of the United Kingdom whose products are on display at this exhibition. This acquisition will enable us to learn more about automotive engineering. We are not tired of learning. Engineering is not a static science. It advances and we want to advance with it. The great economic analysts who know better of course believe that we should know our station. But we are of the view that the worst thing to do is to take the advice of advisers who have never done anything but advise.

3. Anyway Malaysians have developed a greater interest in automobiles since we began to produce our own cars. This exhibition, the Langkawi International Motor Show or LIMOS 1996 is an expression of that keenness. We are sure that our guests from abroad will enjoy the show as much as we do.

4. LIMOS 1996 is bigger and hopefully better than LIMOS 1995, the first such show to be held in Langkawi. The number of participants has increased. And of course the stars of the show are the Lotus Cars, the unique and limited cars which should draw much attention. They were not readily available in the East before but I expect Proton will want to market them in this region now.

5. Saya berbangga dengan sokongan yang diberikan kepada Ekspo ini oleh ramai yang terlibat dengan pengeluaran dan pemasaran kereta bermotor termasuk Persatuan Pengimport dan Peniaga Kenderaan Melayu Malaysia (PEKEMA) dan Malaysian Motor Traders Association yang menghantar lapan ahli masing-masing ke LIMOS 1996 ini. Sokongan seperti ini bukan sahaja akan menjayakan LIMOS tetapi membantu mempopularkan Langkawi sebagai destinasi pelancong.

6. Saya harap semua yang datang akan gembira melihat kereta-kereta bermotor jenis yang terkini bersama dengan peristiwa-peristiwa sampingan yang diadakan oleh Le Proton Exhibition Services selama sembilan hari Ekspo ini diadakan.

7. Dengan ini saya dengan sukacitanya merasmikan Langkawi International Motorshow 1996.