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( PRIME MINISTER )

EVENT: CEREMONY CONFERING THE KEY TO THE CITY OF SANTIAGO

VENUE: CHILE

DATE: 21 JUN 1991

TIME:

His Excellency Jaime Ravenet,  
Mayor of Santiago;  
Distinguished Guests;  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I thank you for the great honour you bestow upon me with this presentation of the key to the city of Santiago. It is with great pleasure that I accept this honour not only for myself but for Malaysia as well.

2. Since the establishment of formal diplomatic ties between Malaysia and Chile, our relations have grown steadily. I am confident that my visit will lead to even closer ties between our two countries and generate a broad range of economic activities between our respective peoples.

3. As the capital city of Chile, Santiago will become an increasingly important destination for Malaysian Businessmen and tourists. I am hopeful that Malaysian Airlines will also forge a link with Lan Chile that would facilitate this exchange, and perhaps shorten the flying time between Santiago and Malaysia's capital city of Kuala Lumpur. I hope that the people of Santiago will also consider Kuala Lumpur as their gateway to Southeast and East Asia. I cordially invite you Mr. Mayor to visit Kuala Lumpur as well. I can assure you of a very warm welcome in Kuala Lumpur.

4. Thank you once again for this special honour which I will always treasure.