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MASA:

Yang Berusaha Puan Seri Datin Athi Nahappan,
Pengerusi Jambori Kebangsaan Pandu Puteri
Malaysia;

Yang Amat Berbahagia

Datin Seri Dr. Siti Hasmah bte. Hj. Mohd. Ali,
Yang Di Pertua, Persatuan Pandu Puteri Malaysia;

Yang Berbahagia Puan Hajjah Hendon bte. Hj. Din,
Ketua Pesuruhjaya, Persatuan Pandu Puteri Malaysia;
Dif-dif Kehormat;

Ahli-ahli dan Pemimpin-pemimpin Pandu Puteri;

Tuan-tuan dan Puan-puan sekalian.

Saya mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Persatuan Pandu Puteri Malaysia kerana menjemput saya dan memberi penghormatan kepada saya untuk berucap dan seterusnya merasmikan Hari Pelawat Jambori Pandu Puteri pada hari ini. Saya merasa sungguh gembira kerana dapat bersama-sama dengan tuan-tuan dan puan-puan di majlis ini. Persatuan Pandu Puteri bersama dengan lain-lain golongan masyarakat turut menyumbangkan tenaga mereka ke arah perpaduan dan kesejahteraan hidup di samping membantu di dalam kerja-kerja amal kepada masyarakat.

2. Saya percaya Jambori ini akan memberi peluang kepada peserta-peserta sekalian untuk bertukar-tukar fikiran dan pendapat sambil mempelajari dan mendalami cara hidup masing-masing yang berlatarbelakangkan cara hidup dan kebudayaan yang berlainan. Perhimpunan ini bukan sahaja dapat memupuk disiplin dan semangat toleransi serta persefahaman di kalangan pandu puteri sekalian tetapi juga dapat memberi sumbangan ke arah mengerat dan meningkatkan lagi perhubungan dan jalinan persaudaraan di kalangan masyarakat antara bangsa.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

3. It is an honour for me to be invited to address this gathering on the occasion of the Jamboree's Visitors' Day.

4. I take this opportunity to congratulate the Girl Guides Association of Malaysia for its initiative and effort in organising this Jamboree. Though a little bit late to all the campers, especially those from overseas, I extend a very

warm and hearty "selamat datang" to Malaysia. I hope your stay at this Camp as well as your visits are pleasant and enjoyable. At the same time, I hope the week-long activities at the camp will be a rewarding one. To the local campers who have come from the various states of Malaysia, this Jamboree does not only offer an opportunity for you to broaden your circle of friends but also to extend the bond of international friendship.

5. The fact that this Jamboree is held at "Kem Indah" gives a special significance. Your decision to name this camp the "Camp of Beauty" is very appropriate indeed. It is indeed a camp of beauties. At the same time the experience at this camp with its natural beautiful environment should give rise to a beautiful feeling as a result of a combined mental and spiritual enlightenment and a true sense of understanding and sisterhood.

6. This Jamboree held at this beautiful camp gives a special sense of close intimacy with nature. We are very much part of nature and there is very much to learn from nature. Camping which is a normal activity in guiding is a useful activity in bringing members closer to nature. The natural setting with its open space, fresh air, and a lot of green everywhere gives us the feeling of peace and harmony for us to appreciate our place in the total system.

7. Activities in this type of setting can give a special meaning and impact to our well-being especially as most of us live in artificially created concrete jungles and are too busy to be able to commune with nature. I am sure your week-long stay in this camp will enrich you with new experiences and help you to understand better your role as members of the guide movement and of your society. An important stage of our development would inevitably determine the type of adults we are going to be. It is, therefore, important that this critical period should be filled with useful and beautiful experience and memories. Guiding is a movement which caters for the needs of the young and prepares them for adulthood. Guiding in this respect has focused rightly by providing a well-balanced training programme for young girls.

8. Today we are living in a world where social ills are becoming quite an epidemic. The present generation is witnessing moral decay and drug abuse. Young boys and girls are becoming the targets of irresponsible "moral brokers" who push them into immoral activities. Misuse and abuse of drugs is socially destructive. Governments are burdened with a heavy task of ensuring that drug abuse will not plague our societies and reduce our young ones into irresponsible citizens and social misfits. It is equally the responsibility of adults as well as the young ones to ensure that drug culture is rejected and repulsed.

9. To the guides, may I say that you are young and you have the facilities and amenities to prepare yourselves for

the World of Tomorrow. It is important that you learn to face the adult world and fulfil your duties and shoulder your responsibilities as good citizens. Your united efforts towards this end will contribute greatly to the progress of your community and nation.

10. I understand that the cultural show which you are about to present is the highlight of the camp activities. Our culture is a manifestation of our way of life, our belief and our activities. Your show will not only add colour to the total camp activities but will also allow the participants from different backgrounds to have some glimpses of each other's heritage. In the process you will learn to appreciate the similarities and the differences in your varied way of life and learn to respect each other and see the beauty of each others culture.

11. I am glad the various ministries and departments, including the Tourist Development Corporation and the army as well as private individuals have contributed to the setting up of this "Kem Indah." I always believe that grit and cooperation are the main ingredients of success. I am confident that with the right spirit this Jamboree will be a success.

12. I am looking forward to visiting the sub-camps and I am sure that it will prove to be as exciting to me, as it must have been to you with your preparations for the Visitors' Day programme.

13. I wish this Jamboree every success.
Thank you.