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**UCAPAN YANG AMAT BERBAHAGIA  
DATO SERI DR SITI HASMAH BT HAJI MOHD ALI  
DI MAJLIS PEMBUKAAN  
PAMERAN LUKISAN PUAN NAELA CHOCHAN  
DI SURIA KLCC, KUALA LUMPUR  
PADA HARI RABU, 16 OGOS 2000  
JAM 3.30 PETANG**

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Saya gembira berada di Aseana pada had ini untuk merasmikan pembukaa Pameran Lukisan Puan Naela Chohan. Pameran ini adalah selaras dengan aktiviti-aktiviti Fiesta Wanita yang dianjurkan oleh Kerajaan untuk mengemukakan isu-isu berkaitan dengan wanita alafbaru Malaysia.

2. The Malaysian Government introduced the National Women's Policy as a basis for the integration and development of women in Malaysia. The main aim of this policy is to ensure that equality is achieved whereby men and women have equal access to resources, information and benefits. Equality must be made the main objective of the country's developmental policies so that women can contribute to Malaysia's success and are able to attain their full potential. The Government's strategy for the implementation of this policy is to develop interest, awareness and understanding among all parties concerned with the issues and position of women in Malaysia.

3. By having this "Tribute to Women" exhibition in Aseana, the management of Aseana shows its commitment towards this issue of equality. With this, I hope they will help contribute towards the education of the public on equality and to create increasing awareness of women's issues in Malaysia.

4. Mrs. Naela Chohan is a Pakistani diplomat and places great emphasis on the social and humanitarian aspects of development related to women today. In the course of her duties, Mrs. Chohan has worked with many organisations that focus on gender problems and the advancement of women. Her work experience

in numerous countries has enabled her to recognise the universality of women's issues regardless of their race, religion, ethnicity, nationality and culture. This "Tribute to Women" exhibition is Mrs. Chohan's first and highlights some of the major issues pertaining to women such as illiteracy, lack of economic empowerment, sexual discrimination and the like.

5. Dengan pameran ini, saya berharap ia dapat membantu usaha-usaha Kerajaan dan badan-badan bukan Kerajaan untuk meningkatkan lagi kesedaran tentang isu-isu kaum wanita di Malaysia.

6. Saya ucapkan tahniah kepada Puan Naela dan berharap beliau akan lebih berjaya di masa-masa hadapan dalam usahanya mengemukakan bukan sahaja isu-isu wanita di Malaysia bahkan kejayaan wanita amnya.

7. Dengan harapan ini saya dengan sukacitanya merasmikan pembukaan Pameran Lukisan Puan Naela Chohan.

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