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1. I feel privileged and happy to be present here today and to officiate at such a unique function.

2. I understand that this event is the first of its kind to be organised in Malaysia and I am heartened to know that a record of 18 countries and 545 participants will be competing in friendly and healthy rivalry over the next seven days in four events, namely Athletics, Soccer, Badminton and Table Tennis. I am also pleased to know of the tremendous response by volunteers in the various NGOs to administer and ensure that the event is a success. This in many ways reflects the spirit of Wawasan 2020 and the Caring Society which Wawasan 2020 promotes.

3. I sincerely hope that our friends from overseas will enjoy their stay in Malaysia and make as many friends as possible whilst they are here.

4. To all participants, organisers, the media, donors and well wishers and the general public, congratulations on your exemplary efforts.

5. With this sense of gratitude and pride, it gives me great pleasure to declare Open the 5th Asia/Pacific Games for the Deaf 1996 in Kuala Lumpur.