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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome again to the First Plenary Session of this Workshop on the Asean Network of Parents' Movements against Drug Abuse.

2. I have great pleasure in introducing to you the first speaker whom you have met earlier this morning as the Chairperson of the Organising Committee. In just a moment, she will present her Keynote Address as the Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department.

3. Her scholastic achievements were mainly from Universities in the United States of America. Within five years she graduated

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with a B.A. (Hons) from the State University of New York, Albany, a Masters Degree in Education (Psychology) from the University of Hawaii and a Doctorate in Education (Administration and Organisation Studies) from Cornell University, New York.

4. With these achievements, she began her career as a Coordinator for Junior Science Colleges, MARA and then joined the Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka – an agency for language and literary works – from 1978 becoming the Director of Planning in 1980 until 1986. Putting her interest mainly on children and young people, our speaker has written text books for children and articles on psychological problems among children in

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women's magazines. She has also involved herself in the translation of the Al-Quran and was the Consultant/Coordinator for the translation of articles into the National Language for Reader's Digest International.

5. On the social and welfare activities, our speaker is an adviser to the Federation of Family Planning Associations and was the coordinator for the Federation of its workshop papers on Youth Development and Education in 1984-1985. She was the Rapporteur-General for the International Conference of Muslim Women in Development.

6. Politically, the speaker is currently a Member of Parliament and an Executive

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Committee member of the Women's Movement in the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO) Malaysia, Head of the UMNO Women's Division in her home state of Pahang and Chairperson of the Women's Welfare Bureau, UMNO Malaysia.

7. With the achievement she holds academically and politically, she has the distinction of being one of the two women Deputy Ministers in the Government. She is married and has a family of four young children. There is no doubt that as a parent, she is very much concerned with the future of her young children in a drug-free world of tomorrow.

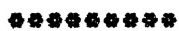
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8. Her keynote address entitled "The Need for Parents Involvement in Drug Abuse Prevention" will express her concern for all of us in ASEAN.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

9. Please welcome the Honourable Dr. Siti Zaharah Sulaiman, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department.

Thank you.



Points of Dr. Zaharah's Keynote Address

1. Changing patterns of the problems of drug abuse.
 - from the old to the young.
 - from opium to more potent drugs.
 - the growth of illicit drug trade.
 - from medicinal reasons to drug abuse leading to crime, violent deaths and miseries.
 - increasing incidence of inhalant abuse.

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2. Government control measures:

- Legislation and law enforcement
- treatment and rehabilitation
- preventive education
- community information
- drug abuse and trafficking and universal concern.

3. Community involvement - very essential.

4. Strategies to combat the drug menace:

- supply reduction:
 - anti-smuggling
 - anti-trafficking
- demand reduction:
 - primary prevention
 - parents role

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5. Parents' role:

- education of children
- voluntary organisation
- spirit of cooperation and care
- to help the ex-drug addicts return to society.

6. Need for Parents' Movement.

7. Conclusion:

- thank the speaker for well presented paper.
- invite the participants to remember the points as deliberations continue today and the next few days.

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- invite participants to applaud the speaker.

