

WELCOMING SPEECH BY
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WIFE OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA
AT THE LUNCHEON, AT THE HILTON HOTEL
KUALA LUMPUR
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AT 1.00 P.M.

Distinguished Ladies and Friends,

I take this opportunity to say "Selamat Datang" meaning welcome to you for coming from all parts of the world to accompany your distinguished husbands to the Meeting of the Summit Level Group for South-South Consultation and Cooperation or G-15 here in Kuala Lumpur, I thank you for responding positively to our invitation. Some of you may have been in this country October last year during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting or CHOGM, I wish to express my warm greetings and welcome you back to our shores. It is nice to see you again.

...Ladies/-

2. Ladies, while our husbands are busy with the meeting, the Spouse Programme Committee has worked out various activities for you, and we hope that you will participate in them. Unfortunately, your stay with us is rather short, and, it is therefore, not possible for us to show you the whole of our country as we love to. However, within the short time that you are with us, we want you to know Malaysia historically and culturally as much as possible here in Kuala Lumpur. We have also set aside some time for you to be free to shop and have your own programmes.

3. This is the first G-15 Summit. While we are honoured to be chosen as the first to host such a memorable occasion, we hope that

...you/-

you will excuse us for any shortcomings that you may come across during your stay with us.

4. With you at each table this afternoon are Malaysian ladies who will assist me in playing host to you. Please enjoy your lunch in their company.

5. Lastly, may I take this opportunity to wish you a very pleasant and memorable stay in Malaysia.

