

**SPEECH BY THE PRIME MINISTER AT THE RETURN
BANQUET FOR VICE PREMIER DENG XIAOPING AT
THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
CHINA ON 5TH MAY, 1979.**

Your Excellency,

The members of my delegation and I have been in your beautiful city of Peking for four days. Tomorrow we will be leaving this beautiful city to continue with our visit to Shanghai, Hangzhou (Hang Chow) and Guangzhou (Canton). Although we will be leaving you, your charming Madam Cho Lin and your other colleagues, we will nevertheless, bring home with us happy memories of our stay here. We are very touched by the kindness, warm-heartedness and friendliness with which we have been received by you all.

To His Excellency Chairman Hua Guo Feng and yourself, I would like to convey my personal thanks for the great honour you both have done me in giving me the opportunity to discuss and exchange views on a number of momentous matters concerning the international situation, the region of Southeast Asia and the bilateral relations between the People's Republic of China and Malaysia.

As I have said last Thursday at the dinner which you gave in my honour, the former leaders of our two countries had laid the foundation for a friendly and mutually beneficial relationship between our two countries. It is up to the present and future leaders of our countries to build upon and strengthen further the relationship. Malaysia on its part welcomes any country which wants to be its friends. I am confident that the friendly relations between Malaysia and China will grow. We must make every effort by words and deeds to dispel any fear, suspicion and distrust. We must be bold and courageous enough to face reality. All of us desire peace and stability.

I appreciate very much the discussions I have had with you. I value your personal friendship. China is a great country. It can play a very important role and contribute much in ensuring that peace and wisdom shall prevail in the affairs of the world.

My wife and other ladies in my delegation would like me to convey their sincere thanks to Madam Cho Lin and other ladies for the kindness, hospitality and understanding. They feel completely at home and enjoy their stay in Peking.



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May I now request you to join me in a toast to Their Excellencies Premier Hua Guo Feng, Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping and Madam Cho Lin for their continued good health and happiness and to the friendship between the peoples of the People's Republic of China and Malaysia.

Thanks.