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On behalf of the Harvard Club of Malaysia I have great pleasure in welcoming all of you to the Fourth Prime Ministerial Address entitled "The Management Philosophy for Malaysia". In particular, I would like to express my grateful thanks to YAB Dato' Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister, who for the fourth time has accepted the invitation of the Harvard Club of Malaysia to deliver this now well-known "Harvard Club of Malaysia Prime Ministerial Address". The first Prime Ministerial Address was entitled "Post 1990 - Economic Policy of Malaysia", the second was entitled "A United Malaysian Nation by the Year 2020", and the third was entitled "Towards a Fully Moral and Ethical Society". In addition, on various other occasions, the Prime Minister also spoke to the Harvard Club of Malaysia on the following subjects: "Banking and Risk Management" and "Business Ethics" in seminars and workshops organised by the Club. All the speeches of the Prime Minister, including a few other landmark speeches by others invited speakers of the Club have been compiled into a book entitled: "Best of Harvard Club of Malaysia Speeches". This book is available to you on request.

2. The topic for tonight's address is especially chosen to know us to learn the views of the Prime Minister on the preferred philosophy of management both in the public and corporate sectors. As the country strives towards achieving the status of a fully industrialized nation by the year 2020, it is vital for us to develop and practise sound management principles that can sustain this nation throughout the 21st Century.

3. The subject of tonight's address has great relevance for all managers. The quality of life enjoyed by the citizens of a country is a direct outcome of the way in which her organisations, both in the public and private sectors, are managed. This again is dependent on the calibre of her managers. Employers in Government, non-profit, public and private organizations frequently face a critical challenge: finding people with leadership ability, creative problem-solving capabilities, and management and public policy skills and to fill key positions in the organizations.

4. If a country and the individual companies are not well managed, disruptive forces will emerge and adversely affect the growth of the economy and lead to major problems for the nation, and consequently lead to instability. Thus, the need for effective management. Currently, there are 301,708 registered companies in Malaysia. On the Government side, there are about 170 agencies at the Federal level.

Increasingly, Government agencies are being privatised on grounds of higher efficiency and cost-effectiveness. The Government has also allowed mergers and takeovers to take place. The success of these organizations depend on the availability of good managers, united by an invisible but acknowledged framework of a sound and effective management philosophy. We look forward to the Prime Minister's views on "the management philosophy for Malaysia".

5. Allow me to touch on some of our Club activities. In previous years, we have organised, in addition to the various talks and addresses by the Prime Minister, Senior Executive Programme on Project Appraisal and Risk Analysis Management, Entrepreneurial Development Programme for Managers and dialogues with Harvard Professors on national issues. In 1994, the Harvard club of Malaysia as part of its continuing efforts to sponsor culture programmes for the nation, organised Malam Irama P. Ramlee on February 2nd 1994 as our tribute to the legendary actor, singer, producer and director. A book "Irama Lagu P. Ramlee - Lagu-lagu Filem 1948- 60" containing lyrics and scores of songs featured in the late Tan Sri P. Ramlee's early films was launched during the occasion. On April 16, 1994 The Harvard Club of Malaysia hosted a Royal Command Performance entitled "P. Ramlee in Classics" which was attended by over 700 people at the PWTC. This concert was beamed live to the nation. There are plans to take this concert to Penang and Kuching.

6. In the second half of 1994 the former Prime Minister of Singapore Mr. Lee Kuan Yew is expected to deliver a talk at a function to be organised by the Club. To round up the year, the Club is planning a short

course on "The Development of Entrepreneurs" with the cooperation of Harvard Business School.

7. Finally, I hope you continue to support our activities. May I now have the pleasure to invite YAB Dato' Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad to deliver his address. Thank you.