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2. Camping is an essential aspect of guiding but participating in a Jamboree such as this is usually a rare opportunity for many guides. To enable more guides and friends of the Movement to appreciate and understand what goes on in a Jamboree and in camp we provide this Visitors' Day.

3. Today the camp is open for all to see how girls of different backgrounds, languages and cultures strive to find common threads of universal understanding and sisterhood. It makes clear to us the joy of living together, under the open sky, cooperating, sharing and giving.

4. Simplicity is indeed enjoyable and educational. For those of us not lucky enough to be fully involved in this Jamboree, allow me to share this thought with you. As we leave this Jamboree site, let us not forget the peace and joy we see around us. They stem from what nature can provide, and particularly what the guiding movement can do for the girls.

5. Camp is an essential part of every child's experience because it helps to meet the healthy needs of the child. This jamboree has provided opportunities for guide members to utilize their skill in overcoming difficulties and dealing with the unexpected. Happiness depends on each person developing and using her capacity for initiative, commonsense and self-reliance. The participants have learned to take the rough with the smooth, profit by mistakes and to treat difficulties and hardship as challenges to be met and overcome cheerfully. There is satisfaction from work done well and gladly and with good teamwork of the Patrol System. All these help the Guides to become good citizens which is one of the aims of the Movement.

6. The Jamboree is in its fifth day today; I hope every- one is well. The guests we have today are going to see how you have managed in the past few days. The Campers have had two days of outing, one to see the sights of our capital city, Kuala Lumpur and the other to the sea resort, Port Dickson.

7. Let us hope and pray that the spirit of universal sisterhood attained here will always guide us in our daily lives. The hard and rough aspects of living under the open sky will make you appreciate even more the niceties of life which, because of modernization and development, you might have taken for granted.

8. We are guided by the principle laid down in the programme for the Guiding Movement that is the training of girls by trained guiders for the good of the Movement, society and the country. I am indeed very proud to be associated with the Guiding Movement which has shown its capacity to prepare its members for effective roles in society. I hope more adult leaders will come forward because we need you to train the ever-increasing number of young girls who are keen to join the Movement.

9. To our guests today, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to look, question and talk with the Jamboree participants so that you will truly feel the Guiding spirit and when you leave I hope you will depart with a desire that your young girls will join our Movement.

10. In conclusion let me once again thank all of you for coming to this Jamboree. We are indeed very honoured by your presence.