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Tuan-tuan dan Puan-puan, Saya mengucapkan selamat datang dan terima kasih kepada hadirin sekalian atas kesudian melapangkan masa untuk menghadiri Mesyuarat Tahunan PPOC pada petang ini. Inilah tanggungjawab setiap ahli Persatuan setahun sekali untuk mengetahui pergerakan Persatuan dan bersama-sama mengaturkan aktiviti-aktivitinya. Lapuran yang lengkap telahpun disediakan untuk para hadirin.

Ladies and Gentlemen, 2. 1984 has not been a year of much achievement for our Society. Nevertheless, the Executive Co. and Sub. Co.'s did their level best to perform their responsibilities despite a few setbacks.

3. I wish to mention just a few. The Hon. Secretary's report was compiled by Puan Annie Merican who ably took over Mrs. Shirly Tan's duties as Hon. Secretary. Mrs. Tan resigned quite suddenly and departed for overseas a few months after being elected Hon. Secretary in the last AGM.

Thus, some matters left undone had to be hurriedly executed by Puan Annie before this AGM. I would like to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to Puan Annie, the Assistant Hon. Secretary, for taking over the task of preparing the Annual reports and for sending the amended Constitution to the Registrar. For one who is involved in a voluntary arganisation for only a year, she has done remarkably well and I hope she will continue to be with us for many more years.

4. I would also like to express my disappointment in our unsuccessful efforts to have a joint venture with Matsushita Co. The initial enthusiasm over the project leading to the formation of a company last year - PERMUCAS - fell through in July 1984 when we would not accept their estimated loss of earnings for the first two years of operation amounting to about $2 million. MAICO proposed that the Government should subsidize for the loss. The Project Co. and Executive Co. after much discussion with MAICO finally decided to dissolve the Company and to go ahead on our own to build a sheltered workshop as originally planned. Dr.Mahmud, the Chairman of the Project Co. will brief you further.

5. I would like to express my gratitute to Dr. Mahmud and his Com. for their untiring efforts in the Project, facing numerous obstacles and difficulties, especially when meeting with MAICO.

6. We have done well financially through the generous and kind donations from donors and friends of the Society like Shell Company and Rotary Club which named our Society as beneficiary to their charity proceeds. We thank them all and many more to come later in the year.

7. To Mrs. Tan, Chairman of the Fund Raising Com., and her team who organised a successful Charity Dinner last year, we'd say "thank you".

8. It was 5 years since I held the post of President and 2 years since I gave notice to retire. For a Society to move and initiate new ideas, there should be changes and I feel it is time that a new President be elected this year.

9. I have enjoyed being associated closely with this Society and with all of you and will certainly give my support in other ways. The Executive Cos. the past 5 years have helped me to preside and I thank the members for their dedication to make this Society a success. You have volunteered time, energy, expertise and even your own money, for which I sincerely appreciate. Let the materialisation of the Society's workshop be the ultimate goal for then only can we have the satisfaction of seeing that our objectives of rehabilitating the disabled fulfilled.

Thank you.