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Bismillahirrahmanirrahim.

Assalamu 'alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Raja Permaisuri Agong, Penaung Di Raja Persatuan Pandu Puteri Malaysia.

Ampun Tuanku.

2. Patek, bagi pihak Persatuan Pandu Puteri Malaysia yang mengelolakan seminar ini, serta bagi pihak para hadirin di Majlis ini merafak sembah dan menjunjung kasih di atas limpah perkenan Kebawah Duli Tuanku Permaisuri mencemar Duli berangkat ke Majlis yang tidak sepertinya ini.

Keberangkatan Kebawah Duli Tuanku Permaisuri menambah lagi seri Majlis ini.

3. Ampun Tuanku, izinkan patek menyampaikan ucapan alu-aluan kepada para hadirin dan seterusnya berucap dalam Bahasa Inggeris. Ampun Tuanku.

Dif-Dif Kehormat; Para pemimpin dan ahli Persatuan Pandu Puteri Malaysia; Tuan-tuan dan Puan-puan sekalian.

4. Terlebih dahulu saya, selaku Yang Di-Pertua Persatuan Pandu Puteri Malaysia, mengalu-alukan kehadiran tetamu-tetamu kehormat serta tuan-tuan dan puan-puan di majlis perasmian seminar ini. Kehadiran tuan-tuan dan puan-puan amat menggalakkan, khasnya kepada ahli-ahli Jawatankuasa Pengelola serta ahli-ahli Persatuan Pandu Puteri yang telah datang dari jauh dan dekat. Izinkan saya meneruskan ucapan ini dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

Ladies and Gentlemen, and seminar participants.

5. On behalf of the Girl Guides Association of Malaysia, I take this opportunity to welcome you to the opening ceremony of the Asia Pacific Seminar for Young Leaders. We are especially honoured by the gracious presence of Her Majesty the Queen, our Royal Patron who will declare open this seminar.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all participants, especially those who have come from abroad. I hope you will find your stay here very enjoyable and comfortable.

6. The main objective of this seminar is to enable young participants whose ages range from 18 to 24 to become aware of their future roles and responsibilities, and to develop in them a spirit of independence, self-discipline, dedication, responsibility, motivation and personal integrity. This is not a management seminar per se but an attempt to prepare the young for future leadership roles in the movement.

7. This seminar brings together young leaders from countries within the Asia Pacific Region, such as Australia, Bangladesh, Fiji, India, Japan, Korea, Maldives, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, The Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, and of course Malaysia. We are also honoured to have with us Miss Mary Hill, the Chairman of the Asia Pacific Committee, a sub-committee of the World Committee of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, usually referred to as WAGGGS.

8. I sincerely hope that the young leaders present here will take this opportunity to get to know one another, learn about the ways of life of others, and particularly to try and understand the underlying styles of leadership latent in each and everyone of us. I hope you will absorb a number of fresh and new ideas as well as the understanding of others and respect them for whatever similarities and differences that you

find.

9. This is the time for each of you to show the region, and the world, that the young leaders of today will grow and mature to become prepared and willing leaders of tomorrow.

10. At the same time I believe that, while this seminar is a serious gathering, you would also be able to enjoy the company of new-found friends. This is part of your growing-up process and making new friends is particularly easy in this world-wide sisterhood of guiding. The Girl Guides Association of Malaysia is very happy to have you here. We will try to make your stay here as pleasant and comfortable as possible. Please feel free to let us know your needs, likes and dislikes, so that we can serve you better.

11. I hope you will have a beneficial seminar, a pleasant stay in Kuala Lumpur, and perhaps we will meet again in an- other guiding event somewhere in the Region if not here again in Malaysia.

12. Finally, it is my pleasant duty to say thank you to those who have helped to make this occasion possible. I would like to thank the World Committee and the Asia Pacific Committee of WAGGGS for giving Malaysia the honour to host this event.

13. I would also like to thank the generous donors who have given moral and financial support to the Association. We are very grateful to them for making it possible for the Malaysian Girl Guides Association to hold this seminar in such a tranquil setting. We are also grateful to member countries in the region who have responded to our invitation by sending the delegates, inspite of the usual difficulties that only we in voluntary, non-profit making organizations are fully aware of, namely finance and committed membership.

14. I would also like to thank the members of the Organizing Committee for their determination to make this seminar possible and all those who I may have inadvertently left out. A big "thank you" and sincere appreciation to all of you. Ampun Tuanku, sekianlah ucapan patek. Ampun Tuanku.