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Tajuk : MAJLIS MALAM AMAL PERSATUAN PEMULIHAN ORANG-ORANG CACAT NEGERI  
SELANGOR DAN WILAYAH PERSEKUTUAN  
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Yang Berbahagia Dr. Mahmood Merican, Presiden PPOC Negeri Selangor dan Wilayah Persekutuan dan isteri;

Yang Berhormat Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, Menteri Pengangkutan dan isteri;

Dif-Dif Kehormat;

Tuan-tuan dan Puan-puan sekalian.

Saya bersyukur ke hadrat Allah Subhanahu Wataala kerana dapat sama-sama hadir di Majlis Malam Amal ini. Selaku Penaung PPOC Negeri Selangor dan Wilayah Persekutuan, saya ingin juga mengalu-alukan kehadiran tuan-tuan dan puan-puan dan mengucapkan berbilang terima kasih kerana kehadiran tuan-tuan dan puan-puan amatlah penting untuk meyakinkan bahawa PPOC ini dan ahli-ahlinya masih mempunyai rakan-rakan dan penyokong-penyokong dalam masyarakat.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

2. During times when the economy is low and people are hard pressed with their own financial problems, your presence in a charity dinner such as this becomes an encouragement and hope for the people who organised it and for those who will benefit from it. As Patron of this Society, I the refore, wish to express my personal appreciation and gratefulness for your presence tonight.

3. Few weeks ago, in a National Seminar on the Role of Voluntary Organisation in Welfare Work, I spelt out the problems that confront voluntary organisations and that which hampered them from attaining most of their objectives.

The recruiting of members and support were some of them but the biggest problem was finance. This does not deter dedicated voluntary organisations from determining their priorities and to achieve their objectives. Fund raising through various means is part of their activities. With hundreds of voluntary organisations organising fund raising almost every other month, even the generous and the charitable find it hard to extend the help required.

Before, I used to send appeal letters to friends with a covering note with just one word on it in capital letters and they could imagine my voice saying loud and clear 'HELP' when reading it. Nowadays, it is my turn to imagine recipients of my appeal letter screaming 'not again! I need help myself!'

4. Yes, ladies and gentlemen, we need to help one another and the art of giving is always being blessed with more rewards than one can imagine. Your presence here tonight contribute to the well-being of this Society which has dedicated itself into building a working place for the disabled in Selangor and Wilayah Persekutuan. Five years ago we started begging for funds and was encouraged by the support given by friends and sympathisers in the Government as well as in the private sector. We were truly ambitious to see the disabled given a chance to live normal lives, working with maximum efficiency despite their disabilities, be it physical, mental or sensory. We would like to emulate the more established institutions for training of disabled persons in the country as well as outside the country. And our aim is to ensure that the working disabled person in our workshop is encouraged to be on his or her own as useful citizens of this country, blessed by the Almighty with people as warm, generous and understanding as all of you present here tonight. The success of this workshop will reflect the sincerity of your generosity.

5. Once the workshop starts to operate, we hope government agencies and private establishments will give their full support by giving the residents of this workshop enough orders to make items they are

capable of doing there. This would generate income for the residents as well as for the society, and we hope its progress will eventually make the workshop self-supporting, from the income it will generate from sales and orders.

Tuan-tuan dan Puan-puan,

6. Bangunan Bengkel dan Asrama PPOC Negeri Selangor dan Wilayah Persekutuan hampir siap, dengan pertolongan dan bantuan masyarakat yang menderma. Ia akan melambangkan kemurahan hati rakyat di tanah air yang bertuah ini.

Marilah kita berdoa dan berharap semoga penghuni-penghuni Asrama PPOC Negeri Selangor dan Wilayah Persekutuan akan hidup dengan sempurna di dalamnya dan bekerja dengan baik untuk mendapat rezeki supaya dapat berdikari.

7. Kepada semua ahli jawatankuasa yang mengelolakan Majlis Malam Amal PPOC ini saya mengucapkan tahniah dan berbilang terima kasih kerana sudi menjemput saya dan memberi peluang untuk saya berucap.

Sekian, terima kasih.