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Yang Amat Berhormat Dato Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, Perdana Menteri Malaysia, merangkap  
Penaung BAKTI;

Yang Amat Berhormat En. Ghafar Baba, Timbalan Perdana Menteri;

Yang Berhormat Menteri-Menteri dan Timbalan-Timbalan Menteri;

Yang Amat Berbahagia, Tun Hussien Onn dan Toh Puan Suhaila;

Tuan Yang Terutama En. Kuriyama dan isteri;

Para dermawan yang budiman, Tuan-tuan dan Puan-puan yang dihormati sekalian.

Saya bersyukur ke hadrat Allah Subhanahu Wataala di atas limpah kurniaNya dapat kita semua bersama-sama mengambil bahagian dalam berjalan kaki dengan selamat pada pagi ini. Inilah kali yang ketiga Ahli-Ahli BAKTI sekeluarga bersama-sama berbuat bakti dengan secara berjalan beramai-ramai untuk mengutip wang bagi Tabung Kebajikan BAKTI.

2. Pada mulanya Jawatankuasa Induk berasa amat risau dengan sambutan yang dingin daripada orang ramai dan ahli-ahli BAKTI sendiri belum mula bergerak dengan cergas setelah tamatnya pilihanraya umum lalu, tetapi atas kesedaran bahawa tahun ini adalah tahun projek mengutip derma dan tabung pun semakin kurang isinya, ahli-ahli BAKTI telah bersemangat semula dan berusaha bersungguh-sungguh dalam empat minggu lepas sehinggalah pada hari ini. Saya amat bersyukur kerana bahagian pertama Majlis Walkathon ini telahpun selamat disempurnakan.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

3. On behalf of BAKTI, I wish to express our appreciation and gratitude to all our guests for turning up this Sunday morning when you could easily be resting and enjoying yourselves with your family at home. Your presence here is an indication of your sincere willingness to support and endorse BAKTI's work and objectives. We cannot continue without your assistance as in the previous years, to help those in need. As life gets harder and while funds are harder to come by, BAKTI receives more and more applications from the needy. As you can see from our Souvenir Programme, we spend nearly a million ringgit since the last Walkathon in 1984 to help various individuals and institutions.

4. BAKTI is nine years old now and have established certain funds towards education and a permanent commitment towards the Warrior's Fund which we have to honour.

Therefore, we are doubly grateful, that inspite of the economic slow down, you have all responded so willingly and warmly.

5. I would very much like to read all the names of our donors but due to time constraints, we have listed them in our Souvenir Programme instead. BAKTI is very grateful for you donations and would specially give thanks to the Japanese Women Association of the Japan Club for their spontaneous donation of \$10,000. We are very much encouraged by this gesture as it comes from a woman's association which organises charity functions to help the local people. Mrs. Kuriyama, the wife of His Excellency the Japanese Ambassador and also the Honorable Chairman, is here with us this morning together with other donors to present the cheque to BAKTI's Patron, the Prime Minister.

6. Having obtained the pledges through our appeal letters, we encouraged our walkers to get their own sponsors. The Jawatankuasa Tadbir BAKTI takes this opportunity to welcome new members of BAKTI

with their husbands and families and are grateful for their participation in this Walkathon. Apart from doing charity by walking, we deemed this activity as an opportunity for children of politicians to see the sporting and human side of their own parents. I should have put a clause in the regulations for walking this morning that adult walkers should not talk politics or business while walking, but since BAKTI do not have many enforcement officers because of the recent retrenchment, the clause was vetoed. From past experiences, both parents and families found this Walkathon very beneficial as a family activity, creating opportunities for our young people to also socialise with other families.

7. This, and walking together for charity, are BAKTI's objectives which, sadly, could not be implemented often enough. Nevertheless, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all Yang Berhormat and their families for their cooperation and participation.

8. As an incentive to walking, we approached several firms to contribute prizes and the response was so overwhelming that there are now more prizes than walkers. I thank all the generous contributors listed in our Souvenir Programme especially Phillips, Raleigh and Regnis Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.

for contributing to our big prizes, as you will see later on. Every child and young people who walk will receive a parcel, through the generous contribution of firms dealing with toiletries, pharmaceuticals, T shirts and shoes.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

9. I am deliberately talking at length just so that you will feel hungry. We have been extremely fortunate to receive for the third time running the contribution of food and drinks from MacDonalds, Yeoh Hiap Seng and Nutritional Products. In addition are many firms and companies who supply tonic drinks enroute and nasi lemak at the end.

BAKTI, and I am sure all of you, wish to say a big 'thank you' to all these caring firms and companies.

10. As mentioned earlier, we would like to see young people participate in our function this morning. They have therefore, put up a little show for all of us and I hope you will enjoy it. I would like to thank the Orkestra Tentera Darat for providing good music and accompaniment and also to Yusni Hamid our wellknown singer for helping us entertain you. This is the time to relax and enjoy the musical show.

I would like to assure the Minister of Home Affairs and the Minister of Culture, Youths and Sports that the OTD is not of 'heavy metal' and the children will not 'rock'. My only fear would be that you, parents, will rock with laughter when you see our young people perform. We have also special items from our guests and participants which should be competitive with those of Sudirman and Sharifah Aini Shows!

Tuan-tuan dan Puan-puan,

11. Hari ini juga bersamaan dengan 10 Muharam yang lebih dikenali di kalangan orang-orang Islam 'Hari Asyura'.

Mengikut ajaran agama Islam pada hari ini orang-orang Islam digalakan berbuat ibadat, dan digalakkan mengeluarkan bantuan kepada orang-orang yang susah dan yang berhajat atau berusaha untuk meringankan kesusahan orang lain. Maka melalui usaha yang dijalankan pada pagi ini, BAKTI sedikit sebanyak telah menepati Hari Asyura dan tuntutan-tuntutan terhadap umat Islam untuk melakukannya. Ini adalah kerana BAKTI berusaha mengumpul wang daripada semua pihak untuk disalurkan kepada pihak-pihak yang memerlukannya sama ada kerana kemiskinan atau penyakit dan sebagainya. Semoga Allah Subhanahu Wataala merestui usaha murni BAKTI ini.

12. Saya mengakhiri ucapan ini dengan mengucapkan berbilang-bilang terima kasih sekali lagi kepada semua yang mengambil bahagian dalam Majlis ini, baik sebagai peserta Walkathon atau pelepas, penderma wang dan barang-barang hadiah atau khidmat nasihat, juruacara dan sebagainya. Saya meminta maaf sekiranya terdapat nama-nama penderma baik secara perseorangan atau kumpulan atau

penasihat-penasihat yang tertinggal dalam senarai 'sekalung budi' dalam Souvenir Programme. Ini tidaklah disengajakan.

13. Saya tidak lupa untuk mengucapkan tahniah kepada Yang Berbahagia Puan Sri Chong Eu Ngoh, Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Induk Walkathon 1986 yang telah bersama-sama dengan pengerusi-pengerusi Jawatankuasa Kecilnya yang tidak mengenal penat lelah bertugas siang dan malam bagi menguruskan segala urusan yang berkenaan dengan Walkathon ini. Saya berterima kasih juga kepada ahli-ahli BAKTI yang baru yang telah turut sama menyumbangkan tenaga menolong ahli-ahli lama dalam persediaan Majlis ini. Saya percaya, kejayaan Walkathon BAKTI 1986 adalah hasil kerjasama dan perpaduan tenaga semua Ahli BAKTI dan Ahli-Ahli Bersekutu BAKTI dengan masyarakat amnya. Saya mengucapkan syabas dan terima kasih.

Sekian, terima kasih.