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Dif-Dif Kehormat, Puan-puan dan Tuan-tuan.

Saya mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Jawatankuasa Penasihat Kebangsaan bagi projek 'Global Cooperation for a Better World' dan juga kepada Persatuan Bangsa-Bangsa Bersatu Malaysia penganjur projek tersebut kerana menjemput saya menjadi penaung utama dan seterusnya untuk merasmikan projek ini.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

2. This project with its worthy objectives is both timely and appropriate. We live in a world of turmoil and suffering as a result of wars and threats of war, abject poverty, starvation, grave malnutrition, a high incidence of disease and drug abuse in both developed and developing countries. The present world order and its socio-economic system based on intense competition, antagonism and opposition create disunity and generate an atmosphere of tension, widening the areas of conflict, poverty, hunger, disease and drug abuse.

3. There is fortunately for us, a clearly visible sign of hope for mankind in that there is a growing awareness among people of all countries that mankind is one, and that a way must be found for mutual co-operation to usher in a better world. We should strive for a society in which there is love, unity, peace, integrity, freedom, prosperity and dignity of the individual, and all segments of society.

4. In this endeavour, scientists and technologists, religious leaders, educationists, jurists, media persons, politicians, diplomats, doctors, businessmen and industrialists, administrators and executives, people devoted to arts and culture, members of unions, associations and social service institutions, workers, youth, women and children can offer their cooperation in what ever way they can, to build a better world. Each and every one of us have some talent, ability or speciality to contribute to make the world a better place. In working together we may be able to acquire some new special qualities so as to be better and to create a better society.

There is no dearth of natural resources, raw materials, skills, technological know how and money. and money. Only goodwill and cooperation between various countries communities, institutions and individuals is needed to bring about a better world.

5. In this interdependent world, made smaller as a result of technological skills in the field of instant communications and contact, a national problem soon takes on the aspect of an international problem. Take for example the problem of drug abuse fast becoming the scourge of society with its attendant evils especially for the youth of the world. We have had to adopt drastic measures at national level in an effort to stamp out this dehumanising and degrading practice. Through our efforts it is now recognised that this is a global problem and that problems can be solved only with the cooperation of all.

6. Let us then take another major step in this direction which is to create our vision of a better world and then to take whatever appropriate or positive action towards making our vision a reality. "Global Cooperation for a Better World" provides us with this opportunity to lay a valuable foundation for the creation of a new and better world. For example, a poet can write poem to inspire people to build up goodwill, an artist can make a painting to inspire people to give up violence, a doctor can devote his time to give free consultation or treatment to economically weaker sections of society and so on.

7. Everybody can determine what under-taking they wish to make. At schools, children could be asked to prepare paintings which depict what they would do to help make this a better world; a painting about helping the older and infirm would result in their doing projects to achieve this.

Since drug abuse is a serious problem in Malaysia and prevention being better than cure, school children should be asked to contribute their ideas for drug prevention in schools whether by way of painting, ideas or actions.

Neighbourhoods too can write and pledge to achieve greater unity, harmony and a sense of caring about one's neighbours. The opportunities are many.

8. We can do much to enhance the quality of life, emphasise human values and keep alive the motto of "Service above Self-interest". I have no doubt at all that all Malaysians from every walk of life will enthusiastically participate in this international venture towards a noble objective of creating a better world for all of us.

Puan-puan dan Tuan-tuan,

9. Saya merasa gembira bahawa individu-individu dan pertubuhan-pertubuhan telah memberi kemahiran dan kemudahan-kemudahan mereka untuk memajukan projek ini.

Terdapat juga mereka yang telah menganjurkan berbagai-bagai kegiatan dan program berasaskan kepada tema projek ini iaitu 'Global Cooperation for a Better World' dan berusaha sedaya upaya untuk menentukan bahawa rakyat Malaysia mempunyai peluang untuk menyertai projek ini.

10. Dengan ini saya dengan sukacitanya melancarkan projek 'Global Cooperation for a Better World' di Malaysia. Terima kasih.