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Ke Bawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Yang Di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Bainun; Ampun Tuanku, beribu-ribu ampun, sembah patik mohon diampun.

Patik menjunjung kasih di atas limpah kurnia Ke Bawah Duli Tuanku kerana telah berkenan mencemar Duli untuk merasmikan Persidangan Antarabangsa dan Pameran Orkid dan Tanaman Hiasan pada hari ini.

2. Malaysia diberi penghormatan untuk menjadi tuan rumah dan untuk menganjurkan Kongres Orkid ASEAN yang ke-8 buat kali kedua. Ramai perwakilan dari luar negeri termasuk negara-negara ASEAN yang turut menyertainya. Oleh itu patik memohon berucap dalam bahasa Inggeris kepada para hadirin sekalian.

Ampun Tuanku.

The Mayor of Kuala Lumpur, The Garden City of Lights, Chairman of the Organising Committee; Your Excellencies; Distinguished Guests; Representatives from Orchid Societies and Growers Associations, local and abroad; Ladies and Gentlemen.

3. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Malaysia and to thank all of you especially the foreign delegates who have agreed to take their time off and come all the way in order to participate in this conference and exhibition, without whom both events would not have been successful.

4. This Conference and Exhibition is held in conjunction with Visit Malaysia Year 1990 and the ASEAN Orchid Congress. The ASEAN Orchid Congress is a regular affair held every two years. The first congress was held in Bangkok and the host country has been rotated between the ASEAN countries namely Brunei, Philippines, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand and Malaysia. The Conference and Exhibition are integral parts of the congress which is being held to further cooperation between these countries in promoting the orchid industries.

5. Malaysia for the first time hosted the Third ASEAN Orchid Congress in 1980, which was held in a modest way at the Universiti Pertanian Malaysia. Since then ten years has passed. We are therefore honoured to be host again this year to the Eighth ASEAN Orchid Congress. This occasion is a timely event as we are also having our Visit Malaysia Year 1990 campaign. As such, the Conference and Exhibition is planned to be international and expanded to include ornamentals other than orchids. As this Conference and Exhibition is being held in conjunction with the Eighth ASEAN Orchid Congress, accordingly, the Delegate Meetings of the ASEAN countries will also be convened.

6. In the past, except for orchids in this region, other ornamentals have not been given much attention. However, from the world trade figures which amounted to more than M\$9 billion, the other ornamentals has dominated the world market. These ornamentals are mainly the temperate flowers of which carnation is the major flower, followed by roses and chrysanthemum. Orchid as a whole only made up 4.5% of the total cut flower trade, and this again includes both the temperate as well as tropical orchids. Temperate orchids still dominate the world market. Thus, it is most timely that we get together and share our experiences to strengthen our floriculture industry in this part of the world. It is our hope that the future of the ASEAN Orchid Congress will be strong and continue to give attention to other ornamentals besides orchids.

7. This Conference and Exhibition is planned to bring together researchers, growers and exporters as well as private and government personnel, so that experts in each area from ASEAN countries and also from other countries could exchange information for purposes of a more effective realisation of the rich

potential of tropical orchids and other ornamentals in the inter-national scene. It is also an avenue for fellowship, exchange of information and business contacts among those in the horticultural community.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

8. The International Conference and Exhibition on orchids and ornamental plants this year would include the conference itself which will be held at the Kuala Lumpur Hilton from 23 - 25th. August, and a grand exhibition comprising of competitions on tropical orchids, and ornamental plants, floral arrangements, display of temperate flowers, ASEAN and Malaysian inter-state pavillions and landscaping. The Exhibition will be held in Kuala Lumpur Orchid and Hibiscus Gardens between 22nd and 28th August 1990. Meanwhile, the ASEAN Delegates Meeting will be held in Kuala Lumpur Hilton on the 27th. and 28th. August.

9. It is my sincere hope that the whole program would provide a forum for orchid and ornamental enthusiasts to exchange and share information, help advance knowledge among the participants on the various aspects in the orchids and ornamental plant industry. It should generate a close cooperation among ASEAN and non-ASEAN countries, exploring the vast potential of trade on orchids and ornamentals, promote the ASEAN good will spirit through the orchid and ornamental trade without ruthless exploitation of native habitat and species.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

10. Malaysia though a small country, is blessed with an abundance of orchids and ornamental beauties in its natural setting. What is being exhibited at our show do not fully reflect those that are existing in the wild. Thus, it would indeed be both an educational and fascinating trip for you if time permits, to visit some of those locations such as Taman Negara, Taman Kinabalu to see them in the wild and to explore the flora of Malaysia during Visit Malaysia Year 1990.

Tuan-tuan dan Puan-puan,

11. Saya ingin mengucapkan tahniah kepada pihak penganjur dan terima kasih kepada semua pihak yang telah berusaha untuk menjayakan Persidangan dan Pameran Antarabangsa ini hingga ke acara kemuncaknya pada pagi ini.

Ampun Tuanku,

12. Sekali lagi patik menyembah junjung kasih yang tidak terhingga ke bawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Raja Permaisuri Agong kerana sudi mencemar Duli dan merasmikan Persidangan dan Pameran Antarabangsa Bunga Orkid dan Bunga Hiasan.

Ampun Tuanku, beribu-ribu ampun sembah patik harap diampun.