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Bersyukur kita ke hadrat Ilahi kerana dengan limpah kurniaNya sahaja dapat kita berkumpul di sini bagi mengakhiri perkhemahan Komanwel 1998 Persatuan Pandu Puteri Malaysia.

2. Saya juga mengucapkan berbilang terima kasih kerana diberi penghormatan untuk merasmikan penutupan perkhemahan ini, yang dianjurkan oleh Persatuan Pandu Puteri Malaysia (PPPM) bersama dengan pihak Kerajaan negeri. Kerjasama yang terhasil dari gabungan beberapa pihak dengan PPPM menjayakan perkhemahan ini setelah beberapa bulan bersiap sedia dan bekerja keras oleh semua pihak.

3. I wish to first welcome all of you to Malaysia for this very historic event. It has been a tradition for Girl Guides from Commonwealth countries to organise a camp in the country where Commonwealth games are being hosted. It has always been a big event for guiders, for not only does it bring groups of young people of diverse origins and cultures together but it also helped to educate the foreign participants to understand the host country much better.

4. Malaysia welcomes this important event and I am certain that you will learn much from the various programmes of common interests, common values and common goals to serve the community. These activities can unite people from various races, cultures and backgrounds.

5. The Organising Committee at Federal and State levels have arranged for campers to sharpen their skills in many outdoor activities such as scaling the Mount Angsi and appreciating the flora and fauna in which this camp is suitably located. We also took the opportunity of instilling awareness and care of the rivers in this area in the campaign "Cintailah Sungai Kita" i.e. "Love Your Rivers" launched by the Minister of Agriculture yesterday.

6. The Commonwealth Girl Guides camp '98 is not only significant because Malaysia is hosting it but also because for the very first time ever, Malaysia was directed to design an official flag of the Commonwealth Camp which will be flown in future Commonwealth Camps. Malaysia has the distinct honour of being the first Commonwealth country to proudly fly this Commonwealth camp flag while you are with us.

7. I wish to congratulate Encik Mohd. Azli bin Mohd. Yusoff, the winning designer for this flag. Kepada Encik Mohd. Azli pencipta bendera perkhemahan ini, saya ucapkan tahniah dan yakinlah, bahawa setiap kali bendera ini dikibarkan pada perkhemahan-perkhemahan Commonwealth yang akan datang, bendera ini akan melambangkan juga kebolehan dan kemegahan Malaysia.

8. Tomorrow evening will see the climax of your stay in Malaysia, for you will witness the official opening of the 16th Commonwealth games at the new sports stadium in Bukit Jalil. Just as you gather here in Ulu Bendol to learn various skills of guiding and comradeship, the biggest contingent of sportsmen and women from 70 countries of the Commonwealth will gather at the stadium for the 16th time. This is a record number of Commonwealth participating countries so far and we are very proud to be hosting the last Commonwealth games for the century. It can be said also for the Commonwealth Girl Guides camp. We have wonderful facilities for each event to make sure that these historical events achieve success.

9. In closing, as President of the GGA Malaysia, I wish to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to our honoured guests, H.E. Chief Anyaoku, the Secretary General of the Commonwealth Secretariat and Mrs Anyaoku for their presence here this evening.

10. I wish to record my deepest appreciation to YAB Tan Sri Hj. Mohd. Isa, the Menteri Besar of Negeri Sembilan for his personal full support and cooperation to solve and expedite preparations through many of his Government Departments at State and District level. The officials have worked tremendously hard.

11. My sincere thanks and congratulations to YABhg Puan Sri Hajjah Hazizah, the Vice Chairperson of

the main Organising Committee for chairing and monitoring the progress of all other sub-committees that worked with her.

12. Setinggi-tinggi tahniah dan penghargaan saya kepada PPPM peringkat Kebangsaan dan negeri atas kecekapan dan kecergasan bekerja keras untuk menentukan perkhemahan ini berjaya dengan cemerlang. Kejayaan anda adalah kejayaan negara kerana kejayaan perkhemahan ini akan dibawa pulang oleh para peserta ke negara masing-masing dengan kenangan yang manis. You have truly exhibited your dedication in guiding in the success you achieved in this Commonwealth Camp '98.

13. Your presence here from various regions of the world contributed to the smooth and successful achievement of our objectives. I thank you for coming and I hope and pray that you will forever keep good and fond memories of your stay with us. I wish you good luck, good health and God bless you and May He speed you safely home.

14. Dengan kata-kata ini dan dengan lafaz Bismillahir rahmanir rahim, saya menutup Perkhemahan Komanwel '98 dengan rasminya.