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Terlebih dahulu saya bersyukur kepada Allah SWT. kerana dapat bersama hadirin sekalian pada petang ini.

2. Saya juga ingin mengucapkan ribuan terima kasih kepada pihak Institut Diplomasi dan Hubungan Luar Negeri (IDFR) kerana memberi penghormatan kepada saya untuk menyampaikan sepatah dua kata dan seterusnya merasmikan kursus "Liaison Officers Course for NAM Summit".

3. Dalam hal ini sukacita sekali saya mengucapkan tahniah kepada pihak Kementerian Luar Negeri di atas inisiatif yang diambil termasuk penyediaan peruntukan yang mencukupi bagi membolehkan pihak IDFR menjayakan kursus ini.

4. Kepada peserta-peserta kursus sekalian, saya mengucapkan tahniah kerana dipilih untuk melaksanakan tugas-tugas protokol dan liaison semasa Persidangan Kemuncak ke-13, Ketua-Ketua Negara Pertubuhan NAM, dari 20 - 23 Februari 2003.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

5. To host an international conference of this stature is not a new thing for our country. We have organised many of these - such as the OIC in February this year, APEC and many others. It reflects our country's leadership among the Third World countries. Malaysia's role in taking the lead on Third World issues affecting our common interest is something which every Malaysia citizen especially government officers like yourselves should take pride in.

6. The 13th NAM Summit, consisting of 114 countries, forms about two-thirds the membership of the United Nations. It is an important conference which provides a platform to discuss important issues common to Third World countries in order to enhance cooperation and solidarity.

7. As you know, the September 11 incident, a year ago, has changed the nature of international relations and world security. In this context, the NAM Summit next year in Kuala Lumpur will be the arena where discussions will be held to discuss the future direction of NAM, which has lost its fervour since the end of the Cold War. The importance of this Summit is therefore evident especially the need to move forward towards establishing peace and harmony in the world.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

8. It is very clear that your commitment and responsibility will assist in making this Summit a success. Probably, there are some of you here who have already had experience in doing liaison duties. Your experience should be shared with the others, to help and guide new members in this field. Even if you feel that your past experience will suffice, we must always remember that learning is an on-going process. As such, this course has to be taken seriously. Good preparation will ensure the success of the Summit.

9. Your task is not only to assist the VVIPs, but it has to be much more than that. You are the front liners of the Malaysian government. It is not wrong for me to say that our country's reputation is in your hands throughout the Summit. It does not only involve protocol matters, but also the way you dress, your communication skills and the way you carry yourselves, which will be scrutinised by our guests. It is imbued in our culture to provide good hospitality to our guests. This is the part of our culture that should be projected in order to promote the country's goodwill and image.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

10. Even though the Institute has already prepared a very comprehensive programme, there are times when you might be faced with unforeseen problems.

11. At that point in time, your experience and creative thinking will help you solve problems. Take the problems you face as a challenge and opportunity for you to give excellent service to our guests.

12. Lastly, I wish to stress here that the Malaysian government places high expectation in you in ensuring the success of this NAM Summit in February 2003. As such, I hope full dedication will be given by you during this course to expand your knowledge and skills in the protocol and liaison field. I hope, with the service that you will render, you can further enhance our goodwill in the international arena.

Tuan-tuan dan Puan-puan,

13. Dengan harapan ini dan lafaz "Bismillah Hirrahmanirrahim" saya dengan sukacitanya merasmikan "Liaison Officers Course for NAM Summit" yang ke tiga belas.

Sekian, terima kasih, Wabillahi Taufik Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.