

Welcoming Remarks

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for Wisma Putra International Charity Bazaar

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Your Excellencies,

Members of the Diplomatic Corps,

Tan Sri, Puan Sri,

Dato', Datin,

Ladies and Gentleman,

It is a pleasure to be with all of you today at the opening of the Wisma Putra International Charity Bazaar. I would like to thank everyone for your attendance. On that note, I would like to express my gratitude to IDFR for hosting the Bazaar this year. I trust this event will mark the beginning of many more bazaars and other similar activities under the auspices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and its agencies. I am confident we will have more opportunities to work together in the future to organise other activities which would allow us to create the opportunity for closer interaction between the local public and the diplomatic community in Malaysia.

2. I am particularly pleased to note that the proceeds from this Bazaar will be donated to selected paediatric wards around Kuala Lumpur. In this regard, I would like to thank and commend all those involved especially members of PERWAKILAN and IDFR for their tireless effort in organising this Bazaar that undoubtedly provided us an opportunity to contribute to the society. I am indeed glad that at least we could do our part to help the children in need to ensure that they will receive proper care and treatment that they need.

3. The idea of this Charity Bazaar was first mooted by Y.Bhg. Datin Sri Siti Rubiah Datuk Abdul Samad, the Patron for PERWAKILAN/the Ladies Association of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as the patron for the Wisma Putra International Charity Bazaar. Today we are glad to see that this idea of the Bazaar has become a reality and has provided the platform for people from different walks of life and different parts of the world to come together for a noble cause.

YBhg. Datin Sri,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

4. I must thank all of you who have given your wholehearted support in putting things together: the vendors, the publishers, the Royal Malaysia Police, the Fire and Rescue Department, Department of Works and the KL City Hall who have contributed in one way or another to make today's event possible. I hope that the spirit of giving, caring and sharing will not end here but will continue to be the driving force for us to come together and contribute towards any humanitarian cause. This initiative has laid a new foundation through relationship building for future community events and where support, I am sure, will be forthcoming in the future.

Last but not least, I wish to take this opportunity once again to express my heartfelt appreciation to Y.Bhg. Datin Sri Rubiah Datuk Abdul Samad, Patron of PERWAKILAN, Y.Bhg. Datin Jazliza Jalaludin, President of PERWAKILAN, Y.Bhg. Dato' Ku Jaafar Ku Shaari, Director General of IDFR, guests and friends and hope that there will be future endeavours of a similar nature where our resources, our spirit and our enthusiasm to contribute to the society could be pooled together.

Thank you.