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SPEECH BY DR AHMAD MATTAR, MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT,
AT THE SIXTH MOSTE-ENV GAMES DINNER
HELD IN THE ENVIRONMENT BUILDING
ON SATURDAY, 14 DECEMBER 1991 AT 7.30 PM

First let me extend a very warm welcome to the sportsmen and women from the Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment of Malaysia (MOSTE). I am glad that you have taken time off from your busy schedule to come to Singapore for the 6th MOSTE-ENV Games. I hope that all of you had enjoyed your games today as much as I did mine.

Since we last met in Singapore two years ago, important changes have taken place. Datuk Amar Stephen Yong is no longer Minister of Science, Technology and the Environment. During his tenure as Minister, Datuk Amar Stephen Yong had contributed tirelessly towards making the MOSTE-ENV Games a successful and significant annual event. We owe a lot to Datuk Amar Stephen Yong for the cordiality and co-operation that now exist between our two Ministries. On behalf of ENV and myself, I would like to place on record our appreciation to Datuk Amar Yong. At the same time, we would like to wish him and Datin Greta Yong good luck and good health.

We are very fortunate that Datuk Amar Stephen Yong is succeeded by the Honourable Mr Law Hieng Ding. Mr Law has known us for many years. Under his leadership, Mr Law has further strengthened ties between MOSTE and ENV. The establishment of the Malaysia-Singapore Joint Committee on the Environment (MSJCE) is a testimony to Mr Law's effort at forging closer co-operation between Singapore and Malaysia on environmental matters. My Ministry and I look forward to more years of excellent working relationship with Mr Law and MOSTE.

Tonight, it is also my privilege to welcome Mr V Dhanabalan and to congratulate him on his appointment as

Secretary-General of MOSTE. We look forward to establishing the same close links that we have enjoyed with Datuk Noordin, who is now posted to a different Ministry. We would like to wish Datuk Noordin every success in his future endeavours.

The MOSTE-ENV Games has proven to be an effective platform for officials and staff from both our Ministries to get to know each other better. Although competition in the field today was keen, I am sure it was friendship that eventually prevailed. I would like to congratulate all the participants. Just by your participation in the MOSTE-ENV Games alone, you are a winner - the results of your matches today do not matter.

I understand that most of you will be leaving for Kuala Lumpur tonight after the dinner. I hope that you have enjoyed your short stay in Singapore. May your return journey be a safe and pleasant one. See you again next year.

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