SPEECH BY PRIME MINISTER, MR LEE KUAN YEW

AT A DINNER HOSTED BY

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM ON WEDNESDAY, 20 AUGUST 1986

Thank you, Your Royal Highness, for the warm welcome, to my delegation and me. Your Royal Highness' gracious hospitality and distinguished company make this a memorable evening.

I am honoured to be in Bandar Seri Begawan again as guest of His Majesty, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Negara Brunei Darussalam. Since I was last here for the independence celebrations in February 1984, Brunei has thrived and prospered under the wise leadership of His Majesty.

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Singapore and Brunei Darussalam have long enjoyed close relations. We share common interests and perceptions. Goodwill and confidence in each other are hallmarks of our relationship which has grown from strength to strength. Through interaction and cooperation at all levels between Singapore and Brunei, we have built strong and enduring bonds of friendship. It has become a long-standing and mature relationship.

Your Royal Highness has taken a keen and active interest in ASEAN cooperation. Brunei Darussalam has participated in all its major decision making and activities since she joined ASEAN. In the international community, Your Royal Highness has won many friends for Brunei Darussalam.

I thank Your Royal Highness for your warm works of friendship. I value the friendship of the Sultan of Brunei, the Royal Family, the Ministers, and advisers. I am confident the friendship will grow and endure between our two governments and our peoples.

My wife and I are grateful to His Majesty, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Negara Brunei Darussalam for inviting us to make this visit. We are honoured to be considered as old friends. Your Royal Highness, I would like to take this opportunity to express our warm appreciation to His Majesty's government for all the excellent arrangements that have made this visit a success.

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