

Speech by the Honourable Chief Minister, Penang, at the  
Closing of Baby Show Finals at the Dewan Sri Pinang on  
Sunday, 19th September, 1976 at 9.30 a.m.

The Chairman and Members of the Organising Committee,  
The President and Members of the Penang Jaycees,  
The Officials of Dutch Baby Milk Industries (M) Berhad,  
Parents of the Babies participating in the Baby Shows,  
Ladies and Gentlemen:

It gives me great pleasure to be present at the Baby Show Finals sponsored by the Penang Jaycees and Dutch Baby Milk Industries (M) Berhad. I would like to thank the President of the Penang Jaycees for his kind invitation to me to officiate at the Closing of the Baby Show Finals.

2. I am happy to note that the Penang Jaycees have taken the initiative to organise these baby shows as part of their project based on the 1976 major theme 'Man and His Environment' which has as its objective the creation of an awareness and understanding of the nutritive, clinical and emotional needs of babies.

3. Certainly, the future of our nation rests on the healthy younger generations represented by our children. We must ensure that our babies will grow up physically and mentally strong and healthy so that they will become loyal and useful citizens in the future.

4. The preliminary and semi-finals of this competition which have taken up all the Saturdays since 24th July, must have given the Organisers, Sponsors, the parents of babies taking part an interesting time. I would like to congratulate all of you for your keen interest and involvement and your devotion to the welfare of our children. I am sure you must have put in a great deal of time and effort in selecting the finalists from among the many healthy and bouncing babies in the preliminary rounds.

5. As a voluntary service organisation, the Penang Jaycees have accomplished much in the field of community development and in the training of our youths in healthy pursuits and providing them with recreational facilities so that they will grow up to be



physically fit and to provide the manpower for the socio-economic development in Malaysia.

6. This Baby Show is another demonstration of the keen interest shown by the Penang Jaycees in the welfare of our citizens. Not only the handicapped and underprivileged in our society have benefitted from their voluntary services and donations in cash and kind but your members are showing interest in the very young ones in our midst and to focus attention on their care and upbringing so that our babies will have a firm foundation in life. I therefore commend the public spiritedness of members of the Penang Jaycees for their contribution to the community and national development of the country.

7. To the parents, I would like to say that your participation has demonstrated the fact that you care for the health and welfare of your children. I hope many more parents throughout the country will follow your fine example of bringing up such healthy babies

and also avail themselves of the facilities provided by the medical authorities for child welfare and seek guidance or treatment for any ailments affecting their babies.

8. I take this opportunity to congratulate the parents of babies taking part in this competition for their keen interest in these baby shows. I understand that the semi-final rounds have been held in various schools, clubs and community halls in the Island and have drawn much interest from officials, parents and spectators alike. To those who have not been successful in getting to the final rounds, I would like to say 'Better luck next time and thank you for your participation'. I congratulate the parents of the winners and runners-up in the various sections. I also appreciate the fact that the judges must have had a difficult time in picking the winners from so many healthy and beautiful babies taking part in this Baby Show.



9.           Once again, I would like to thank the President and Members of the Organising Committee of the Penang Jaycees and the Sponsors, Dutch Baby Milk Industries (M) Berhad for their zeal and initiative in organising and sponsoring this competition.

10.           I now take great pleasure in declaring close the Baby Show Finals in the State of Penang.

Thank you.