

Speech by Y.A.B. Dr. Lim Chong Eu at the Dinner
given by Barisan Nasional in honour of Y.A.B.
Perdana Menteri on Sunday, 10th October, 1976
at 8.00 p.m.

Y.A.B. Datuk Hussein Onn dan Yang Berbahagia Datin Suhalia,
Members of the Barisan Nasional,
Ladies & Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Barisan Nasional, State of Penang,
I welcome Y.A.B. Perdana Menteri to our function tonight as
the National President of Barisan Nasional as well as our
national leader. The importance of this occasion is that by
his visiting us it has enabled the Barisan Nasional in Penang
to hold this function where all the major leaders of the
component parties of the Barisan could meet socially together.

2. In an organisation with so many component parties, it
is natural that many different points of view will be expressed
and, in the spirit of Parliamentary democracy, we have to take

note of all these points of view. However, we have to take this occasion to inform the Barisan Nasional, State of Penang, that one of the fundamental objectives of the organisation is to minimise politicking and to get on with the job of nation building. Therefore, within the Barisan all component parties are accorded equal status whose views should be resolved into a common line of action as expressed through common opinion.

3. The appointment of the Chairman, State Barisan Nasional, is approved by the National Chairman of the Organisation and so are all the Chairmen of the various Barisan Divisions which correspond to the electoral constituency in the country.

Fortunately for us throughout Malaysia and at State level, the Barisan form the Government in all States.

4. In the State of Penang, apart from one opposition in the State Assembly, all the Assemblymen are from Barisan Nasional Members, and all Members of Parliament are from this

same organisations.

5. I take this occasion to remind you that the Barisan Nasional received widespread support from the people for the width and depth of its policies. Our task is to ensure that the confidence of the people in the Barisan Nasional will grow so that cooperation between the people and the Government will at all times be close and thereby enabling us to achieve our objective of creating national unity and a fair and just society for all.

6. In Penang, I am sure I am speaking for all Barisan Nasional Members at all levels when I say that we are determined to give our support to Y.A.B. Datuk Hussein Onn as our National President of Barisan Nasional and as Prime Minister of our country. In particular, we are determined to fulfill the tasks that are defined for us by the Third Malaysia Plan which continue the great work initiated by the late Tun Haji Abdul

Razak to eradicate poverty and to restructure society by redressing economic imbalances; and the stress given by Y.A.B. Datuk Hussein Onn in calling upon all of us to be fully involved in maintaining and sustaining the peace of this nation will be given full support.

7. I have no doubt that from time to time, Sir, you will hear of complaints, grievances or otherwise from our Party Members. But the history of our Party Members in Penang is deeply rooted and which is something our politicians are proud of. In spite of all these, opinions are given freely and this is very much in line with our basic objectives of Parliamentary democracy. With goodwill we can overcome all these problems under your wise leadership.

8. It is not for me to give a lengthy speech tonight but for all of us to listen to Y.A.B. Datuk Hussein Onn.

Thank you.