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At the invitation of the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau, the Prime Minister of Malaysia, the Honourable Tun Haji Abdul Razak bin Dato Hussein, and his wife. Toh Puan Rahah, paid an official visit to Canada from 6 to 10 October, 1971. The Prime Minister was accompanied by senior officials of the Government of Malaysia.

During their stay in Ottawa, the Prime Minister and Toh Puan Rahah stayed at Government House in Ottawa as guests of Their Excellencies the Governor General and Mrs. Michener.

The Prime Minister of Malaysia held discussions with the Prime Minister of Canada and other Ministers of the Canadian Government. In the course of the meetings, which were held in the friendly and informal atmosphere characteristic of members of the Commonwealth, they discussed both bilateral and international issues of mutual interest and common concern.

The two Prime Ministers noted with gratification the existing close relations between Malaysia and Canada and expressed their confidence that the visit of the Prime Minister of Malaysia to Canada would further strengthen the ties of friendship between the two countries. They expressed satisfaction at the continued growth of co-operation between Canada and Malaysia in the political, cultural and economic fields and particularly in that of economic development. It was agreed that such co-operation should be continued and developed through regular exchanges of views at various levels between the two governments.

The Prime Minister of Malaysia expressed his appreciation for Canadian technical and financial assistance extended to Malaysia. He explained the goals and objectives of the Second Malaysia Plan on which his Government had just embarked and invited both continued Canadian interest and participation in the implementation of the Plan.

The Prime Minister of Canada expressed his sympathy with the goals and implementation of the Second Malaysia Plan and confirmed Canada's continuing interest and participation in the development programmes of Malaysia. It is in this context of close co-operation that on October 7 the two Heads of Government signed the Loan Agreement of the West Malaysia Power System Extension. They also noted with satisfaction the recent conclusion of an agreement relating to the insurance of Canadian investments in Malaysia and expressed confidence that it would serve to encourage such investments to the benefit of both countries.

During their exchange of views on the international situation, they confirmed their desire to continue efforts to strengthen international peace and security. They welcomed the developing contacts between the United States of America and the People's Republic of China as progress towards reducing tension and furthering international peace and security, particularly in Asia. They considered that the increased participation of the People's Republic of China in world affairs which had been evident of late could help in the achievement of a more peaceful and harmonious world order. They believed that membership of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations would contribute to that end and would add a new element of realism to international deliberations affecting world peace and security.

The two leaders expressed their common support for the United Nations and its efforts to achieve international peace and security and to ensure economic and social progress in larger freedom everywhere. They reiterated their conviction that questions at issue between nations should be solved by peaceful means in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

The two leaders expressed serious concern over the situation in Indo China and stressed the right of the peoples there to live in peace and security, which they had not known for over two decades. They expressed the hope that a viable peace would be established in the area, consistent with the aspirations and wishes of the peoples of the countries concerned.

Towards ensuring the future peace, stability and security of Southeast Asia, the Prime Minister of Malaysia explained his Government's proposal concerning the guaranteed neutralization of the region. The Prime Minister of Canada expressed his interest and understanding concerning the proposal and wished the Prime Minister of Malaysia well in his efforts in that direction.

The Prime Minister of Malaysia expressed his sincere gratitude and appreciation for the kindness and warm hospitality extended to him, his wife and members of his delegation during their visit, by the Government and people of Canada.