

Speech by Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Alfred Jabu Anak Numpang on the occasion of Launch of Documentary Film on Gawai Antu by Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Premier of Sarawak on Tuesday, 10.30 am, 20th September 2022 at Borneo Cultures Museum, Kuching.

Salutation and Greetings

Salam Hormat dan Salam Sarawak Ku Sayang. Selamat menyambut Hari Malaysia.

It is with great honour and respect for me this morning to welcome the gracious presence of our Guest of Honour Yang Amat Berhormat Sarawak Premier Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg and Yang Berbahagia Datin Patinggi Puan Sri Datuk Amar Hajah Juma'ani Binti Tun Tuanku Haji Bujang to this very auspicious event at this beautiful Auditorium of our newly completed Iconic Building Borneo Cultures Museum in Kuching.

Saya bersama keluarga dengan hormat merakamkan banyak terima kasih penghargaan kami kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Premier Negeri Sarawak kerana sudi melapangkan masa bersetuju menerima undangan untuk merestui Perasmian Pelancaran

Tayangan Filem Documentary Gawai Antu yang direkod semasa Temasya Gawai Antu di Rumah Panjang kami di Gensurai Layar Bahagian Betong Sarawak pada bulan Disember 2018.

Menggunakan kesempatan ini saya juga dengan sukacita mengalu-alukan kehadiran Yang Berhormat Timbalan Premier Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas serta Yang Berbahagia Dato Doreen Mayang; Yang Berhormat Speaker Dewan Undangan Negeri Tan Sri Datuk Amar Haji Awang Asfia Awang Nasar bersama Yang Berbahagia Dato Hajah Fatimah Binti Haji Iskandar.

Kepada Yang Berhormat Menteri Pelancongan, Belia dan Sukan Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah saya mengucapkan terima kasih kerana di bawah jagaan beliau membenarkan Borneo Cultures Museum diguna pakai untuk upacara pagi ini, serta kehadiran YBhg Datin Sri Hajah Zuraini binti Abdul Jabbar.

Begitu juga saya menyampaikan salam selamat datang kepada Yang Berhormat - Yang Berhormat Menteri - Menteri Kerajaan Negeri dan Menteri - Menteri Kerajaan Persekutuan di mana saya melihat dan mengucapkan terima kasih kepada YB Dato Sri Hajah Nancy Shukri,

Menteri Pelancongan Malaysia, yang juga menjaga Seni dan Budaya hadir bersama kita.

Terima kasih juga kepada Yang Berbahagia - Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri - Tan Sri, Puan Sri - Puan Sri, Datuk - Datuk, Datin - Datin serta pegawai-pegawai kerajaan dan dif-dif kenamaan yang dapat hadir bersama untuk memeriahkan suasana pada pagi ini.

Saya dengan bangga menyampaikan salam terima kasih kepada Yang Berbahagia/Yang Berusaha Encik Tazudin Mohtar, Pengarah Muzium serta pegawai-pegawai di Jabatan Muzium atas urusan kerjasama yang rapi dengan pihak Jawatankuasa Pengelola mengenai segala persiapan Upacara Pelancaran.

This Borneo Cultures Museum which is iconically and strategically located in Kuching is the most appropriate venue for Launching this Documentary Film on Gawai Antu because as the name implies this Museum caters to display the materials and artefacts of many diversities concerning cultures of many races in Borneo, where Sarawak is prominently pioneering such initiatives.

I must acknowledge with thanks to the Producer/Director of Image Farm Sdn Bhd, Miss Loo Shun Ming, the Executive Producer Puan Barbara Dubah Jabu and the Director of Photography and Videographer Mr Tang Kheng Hong, and to each and everyone of Image Farm Sdn Bhd and all the working committee members of this Documentary Film Team I thank them for all their illustrious endeavour to produce this high quality Documentary Film with high Resolution Format, achieving their aspired objective to document and record the Proceedings of Gawai Antu to be kept and preserved for educational and anthropological reference in the future.

I wish to acknowledge the assistance and support rendered by the Managing Director of Epson Malaysia Sdn Bhd.

Our Iban people has high respect for harmony and co-operation and for peaceful mutual co-existence with our fellow Sarawakians while at the same time as conveyed within many stories/episodes of Oral Tradition has always described their harmony with Nature.

I have always enjoyed and cherished the many pleasantries of good comradeship and admirable strong cohesion of mutual respect and tolerance amongst our multiracial and multi religious communities in

Sarawak which receive high praise and admiration from visitors from overseas.

Our family believes that it is very important and relevant that we should always maintain harmonious socio-cultural and spiritual ties with our ancestors otherwise we will not be able to trace our ancestral root and will lose all the important linkage to trace our civilisation, while at the same time we must always nurture harmonious co-existence with our fellow human beings.

The launching of this Documentary Film on Gawai Antu by Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Premier is a very important landmark especially to the Iban community and to Sarawak as a whole.

It symbolises the very genuine appreciation from Sarawak GPS State Government of the socio cultural contribution of each community and significantly it is the manifestation of the open mindedness and respect from Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Premier who is always caring for the rakyat.

Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Premier Sir, please permit me to express my confidence of affirmative remarks of support to your

GPS State Government and comments at the conclusion of my Welcoming Speech this morning.

I have for the past 48 years (60% of my life) been nurtured and guided to work together with your goodself and with many friends and colleagues of PBB members and PBB leaders and through our PBB culture of deep rooted synergistic teamwork encapsulated within the Hallmark of “BERKORBAN BERSATU”.

Throughout our joint political struggle to develop Sarawak to become a very politically stable, harmonious and peaceful and well developed state to give the Rakyat prosperity and progress we have been confronted with many shapes and forms of challenges, social, economic, political in nature.

Through our deep commitment nurtured by PBB culture, we have steadfastly and loyally synergised our collective and collaborative strength and henceforth survived and emerged Triumphant and Victorious over these many challenges of trials and tribulations.

As a result of continuing visionary policy of dedicated leadership spearheaded by PBB which now becoming a very strong Sarawak GPS

State Government, we are now witnessing many unprecedented success.

Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Abang Jo's GPS Cabinet now comprised of very capable members with strong backing from the Administration, Legislature and Judiciary has consistently been highly rated by International Rating Moodys for good Financial Prudence A minus with Positive and Stable Outlook.

Under Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Abang Jo's Premiership Sarawak has achieved many Praise Worthy Performance which are responsible for the ever increasing Healthy State of Financial Reserve thus enabling Sarawak to undertake various implementation of many Development Transformation Project and this very stable environment gives strong confidence resulting in voluminous interest from overseas to bring in funds to invest in Sarawak.

Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Premier – your goodself and your entrusted hard working Team in Sarawak State GPS Government deserves many congratulation.

Now Sarawak under its own constitutional rights has full control for Oil and Gas which is a major source of revenue for Sarawak.

Sarawak has its own development bank, its own organisation to develop oil and gas, its centre for Education Excellence Universities, Multimedia Authority, Integrated Regional Development Agencies to develop rural areas and to eradicate poverty, sustainable energy using hydro and hydrogen, and the forthcoming creation of sovereign fund.

Congratulations for the very successful programmes to control and contain Covid 19 pandemics.

I pray that I will still live and stay healthy to witness and enjoy together with fellow Sarawakians the fruits of many future success – and to rejoice when by the Year 2030 Sarawak will become the most developed and digitally advanced Wilayah in Malaysia.

With these strong confidence I once again on behalf of our family wish to thank Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Premier for your consent to graciously launch this Documentary Film of our Gawai Antu this morning.

Salam Hormat.

Selamat Gayu Guru Gerai Nyamai Lantang Senang.

Terima kasih.