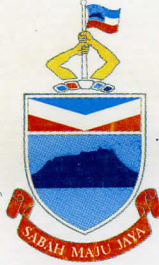


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Mr. Shane L. Stone,
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Dear Mr. Stone,

Thank you very much for your letter dated 7 February, 1999 which informs me of your retirement as Northern Territory's Chief Minister. I am saddened to learn of this.

Recalling the close relation between Northern Territory and Sabah Malaysia, I wish to recognise you as one of the pioneers and major builders of our states' bilateral relation and co-operation.

We are indeed fortunate to have you at the helm of NT's government that facilitates the recent upsurge in bilateral trade and exchange.

Finally, looking forward to see you in action in this regional business sector and wishing you the best in all your undertaking.

(THAM NYIP SHEN)
Deputy Chief Minister cum
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