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ADDRESS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER, ADMIRAL TEIJIRO TOYOSA,
AT THE LUNCHEON IN COMMEMORATION OF THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY
OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE THREE POWER PACT.

September 27, 1941

Excellencies and Gentlemen.

As the first anniversary of the conclusion of the Three Power Pact falls on today, I invited you to join me in celebrating this auspicious occasion. I feel greatly honoured to have the presence of Their Excellencies, the Ambassadors of Germany and Italy, the Minister of Rumania and Charge'd' Affaires of Hungary.

During the year following the conclusion of the Three Power Pact the situation of the whole world has undergone a great change. When we recall the mission performed by the Pact in this period, we think it is of great significance that the Pact has been further strengthened through the successive participation of those countries which, sharing the same ideals with Japan, Germany and Italy, are willing to co-operate for the construction of the new order, such as Hungary and Rumania.

The next point is that Japan, Germany and Italy are steadily making great strides toward the construction of the new world order respectively in Europe and East Asia. The constructive efforts of Germany and Italy in Europe and those of Japan in East Asia will still be confronted by many difficulties, and, therefore, increased efforts will be required. However, I am firmly convinced that the accomplishment which the three Powers, making the Pact the basis of their respective diplomacies, have

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made in co-operation in the brief period since the conclusion of the Pact will play a great role in the history of the world.

Thirdly, the Three Power Pact has a lofty mission of preventing the extension of the dispute as well as the spread of hostilities as far as possible. I have no doubt that in the past year the Pact has also accomplished a great deal in this respect.

The ideal as enunciated by the Three Power Pact is the accomplishment of the noble mission of mankind and needless to say, the mutual co-operation, trust and patience as well as complete preparations to cope with the emergency are essential in order to achieve this ideal. On this day of commemorating the first anniversary of the conclusion of the Pact, each signatory Power should renew its attitude with regard to this point and its determination to surmount whatever difficulties there may be in its path.

Let us rise and drink to the health of Their Excellencies.

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