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Ladies and Gentlemen,

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We are here tonight on an auspicious occasion, the pre-opening of Kowloon's newest restaurant. Its name, "GADDI'S", may be taken as the hallmark of good food and service.

The Directors have felt, that no more fitting honour could be given to their respected Manager, than for this restaurant to bear his name. He has assured us, that within its four walls, one may expect the best, and it will be his endeavour and determination to see that customers may justly feel the food served therein is equal to the finest anywhere in the world.

The residents of Kowloon have, for a long time past, felt the need for a really good restaurant. They have the finest hotel in the Colony (modesty alone prevents me from naming it) and they now have an equally good restaurant. As in the past, the Hongkong & Shanghai Hotel Company have catered to the public's wants and I hope they will succeed in their far-sighted endeavour.

This pre-opening dinner, is given as a small token of appreciation to one and all present here tonight, for their most kind and wholehearted help, in making "GADDI'S" a success. To you all, may I extend, the Company's sincere thanks.

There are two others who are not with us tonight but who have done much to help us, and I should like them



to feel, that our thoughts are also with them, on this occasion. I refer to Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Kadoorie. The beautiful red and gold brocades, the plates (not yet arrived from England) and even some of the personnel have been selected personally by them.

Ladies and gentlemen, may I request you to raise your glasses and drink, to the long and successful career of the Hongkong & Shanghai Hotel Company's new venture, coupled with that of its conscientious, hardworking manager, Mr. Gaddi. *7 his charming wife.*