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Acc. Mo. NARC 77 0053 98 GM's Welcome Address at the Inauguration of the Ang Mo Kio Telephone Exchange Building 3 August 1977

Mr Minister, Mr Lim Kim San, Honoured Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

Telecoms today commissions into service its 21st telephone exchange. This telephone exchange is of particular significance in that it is the biggest telephone exchange specially designed for a HDB new town. It indicates the increasing demand for telephones, from HDB residents i.e. the ordinary citizens.

The demand growth in this telephone area is so large that for the first time three separate but simultaneous installations had been going on at this exchange. There was the installation of ten thousand lines of equipment which is being commissioned today. In progress are two installations of ten thousand lines each due for commissioning in December this year and June next year, respectively. All the three installations are ahead of original schedule by approximately two months. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff concerned for their special and concerted effort.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is now my great pleasure to invite the Minister for National Development and Communications, Mr Lim Kim San, to address us.

Mr Lim Kim San please.