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**SPEECH BY MR MOHAMAD MAIDIN BIN PACKER MOHD,
PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION,
AT THE 21ST NATIONAL POLICE CADET CORPS (NPCC)
INTER-UNIT QUIZ COMPETITION
AT THE INSTITUTE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION,
ANG MO KIO AVENUE 5
ON SATURDAY, 5 APRIL 97 AT 9.00 AM**

I am pleased to be with you this morning at the Finals of your 21st Inter-Unit Quiz Competition.

2 Since its inception in 1959, the NPCC has come a long way and has accomplished much since then. Today, it is the largest uniformed youth organisation in our schools with a strength of 600 officers and 20,500 cadets in 139 secondary schools. Through its varied and challenging activities, the Corps has inculcated in its members important traits such as self-discipline, teamwork and esprit-de-corps. Being affiliated to the Police Force, it has also been participating actively in various programmes of the Police Force.

3 From what I understand of this competition, its objectives are laudable indeed. It enables the cadets to exercise their ingenuity, creativity and skills related to research, thereby complementing their general education and promoting in them an awareness of their surroundings. It also tests their knowledge on matters connected with the Singapore Police Force, the NPCC and increases their general knowledge and promotes their awareness in the affairs of the world around them. I can see that this competition will ensure much enthusiasm and excitement among both participants and spectators. I also understand that the participants have put in a lot of effort researching and imbibing information on various subjects. This is commendable and I hope that this spirit of enquiry will continue with them as they get along in life.

4 The Corps should continue to organise meaningful, relevant and enriching activities to attract students to join and sustain their interest in NPCC. The focus on academic excellence in schools also means that NPCC should strive towards organising activities which complement the cadets' education so as to produce all-rounded and civic-conscious

citizens. In this regard, the NPCC has done well by organising this competition as well as the Project-Based Competition on a regular basis. Besides enabling cadets to have a sound understanding of the role of the Police it also deepened their insight into the workings of law enforcement.

5 I commend the Corps for adopting a positive and pro-active outlook to meet the changes and challenges of the 21st century. The Corp's adoption of a Mission Statement as well a set of core values last year and the recent Workplan Seminar to work out its goals are significant milestones. The NPCC's Mission to develop its cadets into caring and responsible citizens with its core values such as respect, courtesy and commitment to duty and service will help to provide all NPCC cadets with a sense of purpose and moral compassion in a time of rapid changes.

6 In spite of all the constraints you may face in the organisation of your activities, I am glad to note that the teacher-officers and cadets are still rising to the occasion by giving off their best and doing the utmost to keep the Corps vibrant and meaningful in schools.

7 In conclusion, may I congratulate the Organising Committee for successfully organising this challenging competition and wish all the finalists the very best of luck. My heartiest congratulations to the eventual winner. Thank you.
