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THE REDHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE.

I feel very happy in giving away the certificates to those students who have passed in the subjects conducted by the Adult Education Board in four centres in this area.

The students come from Bukit Ho Swee, Bukit Merah, Kim Seng West and Tiong Bahru centres. The Adult Education Board has been striving very hard in successfully conducting evening classes so as to enhance the literacy of the people living in this area. Not only ought the Adult Education Board to be congratulated, but also we, the people living in this area should give our moral support to the Adult Education Board and also make use of the opportunity afforded to us by the Government and send our children to these classes.

I am told that the students to whom I am giving away these certificates comprise of 200 who studied in eight Malay classes, 260 who studied in 12 Chinese classes and 550 who studied English in 23 classes. I am further informed that there has been an increase in the enrolment to Malay classes this year.

I wish to say a few more words about these classes conducted by the Adult Education Board. There are literacy classes purported to be conducted by certain political parties; but these classes are no more than imparting party political propaganda. I wish to warn those parents who send their children to these classes conducted by the political parties that their children are not taught anything useful except politics, hatred against the Government and Communist doctrines. On the contrary, the instructions given by the Adult Education Board are purely of educational value and benefit to our children as well as ourselves. Therefore, I would like to urge the people living in this area to think carefully and send their children to these Adult Education classes and make use of the Government's facilities.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you for having been kind enough to come to this ceremony and grace this occasion with your presence. I also wish to thank the Adult Education Board for having afforded me the opportunity to give away these certificates and address you,

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