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SPEECH BY PUAN NOOR AISHAH AT THE OPENING OF "FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS AND DRESS MAKING COURSE" SPONSORED BY SINGAPORE MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION AT TELOK KURAU MALAY GIRLS' SCHOOL, JOO CHIAT PLACE, ON SATURDAY, 2ND MAY, 1964.

I feel very delighted to have been invited here this morning. As you know, I fully appreciate your activities, and I feel very happy to think that your Association has been able to launch this course.

There is no need for me to state here how useful and important such a course is. Flower arrangement is an art which should be studied. I believe that it gives you pleasure and that you will get benefits from it. This course is useful particularly to women who have home duties to perform.

Dress making is also a useful course, and I hope it will be carried out well. A knowledge of dress making will not only bring profit but will also enable you to save money for other purposes. It will also help those of you who are interested in it as a means of earning a living.

The Singapore Muslim Women's Association, under the chairmanship of Che Fatimah Karim, has been functioning very well in getting its members to get together by holding educational courses for progress. I would like to remind you that it would not do you any good to sit idle. On the contrary, you must move forward and meet your future responsibilities with courage. This can only be done by equipping yourselves with knowledge and experience in daily affairs.

I wish you all success in your efforts, and with pleasure I declare this course open.

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