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TEXT OF SPEECH BY THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD, MR. LEE SIOW MONG, AT  
THE OPENING OF THE WATERWORKS AT SCUDAI, JOHORE,  
ON SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1965, AT 4 P.M.

On behalf of the Public Utilities Board, it is my privilege and great pleasure to welcome and thank you all for coming here this afternoon to witness the official opening of the Sultan Ismail Waterworks by His Highness, the Sultan of Johore.

The opening of this Waterworks marks another milestone in the development of water supply for Singapore to meet the increasing demands of the people and of industry on the island. The development of water supply in Singapore has kept pace with the development of the country for over one century. In 1911, a mere 7½ million gallons of water per day was more than enough for Singapore. Today, it is just a little over 80 million gallons a day - more than 10 times in the space of just over half a century, and in fact more than double within the last 15 years.

The credit for developing the water supply in Singapore to meet this phenomenal increase in the demand for water must go to the Water Department of the Singapore Municipality originally, which became the Singapore City Council in 1952, now succeeded by the Public Utilities Board. It is therefore very appropriate that the first major works to be completed by the Board since its establishment in May 1963 is this Waterworks to provide the necessary water to meet the increasing demands in Singapore. It is also very appropriate that this is the last major works to be completed by the Chief Water Engineer of the Board, Mr. P.C. Lim, who goes on retirement shortly, after serving the Singapore Municipality, the City Council and the Board for a total of 34 years. This Waterworks stands as a permanent monument of Mr. Lim's public service and the service of his officers whose names appear in the brochure in your possession.

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Before I call upon the Chairman of the Board to speak, I would like to thank Brigadier Commander Syed Mohd. bin Syed Ahmad Alsagoff for making available to us this afternoon the Band of the Second Battalion of the Singapore Infantry Brigade. The presence of the Band certainly enlivens the atmosphere this afternoon.

I now have pleasure to call upon the Chairman of the Board to speak.

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