

SPEECH BY PUAN HOOR AISAH AT THE  
SALE OF WORKS AND THE OPENING OF THE  
COMMUNITY HALL OF THE CHESHIRE HOME  
ON TUESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1965  
AT 11.00 A.M.

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It gives me great pleasure to be with you here this morning for two events; the first is to open the Annual Sale of Works and the second to lay the Foundation Stone of the new Community Hall of the Cheshire Home.

Many of you are already acquainted with the aims and ideals of the Singapore Cheshire Home. Some of you have ungrudgingly given much of your time and effort to see that the lot of these unfortunate residents is made more pleasant. I would like to mention here the excellent services of Mrs. G. Fergusson, the Honorary Resident Matron, who, without any remuneration, has carried on the onerous duties of her appointment.

Here, in this Home, the residents live as one big happy family. They are of all ages, races and religions and they are encouraged to help each other and to take a personal pride in their Home.

The residents of this Home have need of a Community Hall where they can meet friends and relatives in privacy. In this Community Hall, too, they can join together for celebrations and entertainment and take part or receive special treatment. Through the goodwill and generosity of the Rotary Club West of Singapore such a Hall is about to be built. We are grateful to them for making this possible.

There are also immediate plans for expanding this Home so that more residents may be admitted. It is the aim of the Committee in addition to open a second Home in Singapore. For this, it is earnestly appealing for funds.

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I take this opportunity to thank all the Committee members and also all of you who have come here today. May I invite you to walk round and see for yourselves the splendid work that is being done. I am pleased to know that every encouragement is given to the residents to occupy themselves gainfully. Through patience and effort the residents have been encouraged and trained to do useful jobs. The goods that you see displayed have all been made by the residents themselves. They include baskets, toys, flowers, table mats and other articles. I hope you will help to encourage them by making as many purchases as you can. Every purchase that you make will help to swell the funds of the Home.

It now gives me great pleasure to lay the Foundation Stone of the new Community Hall, after which the Sale of Works will be open.

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