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SPEECH BY PUAN NOOR AISHAH AT THE OPENING OF THE SALE OF WORKS OF THE HOSPITAL DIVERSTONAL THERAPY UNIT AT VICTORIA REMORIAL HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER AT 10 A.M.



It is my very pleasure duty, once again, to declare open the Exhibition and Sales of Handicrafts organised by the Diversional Therapy Unit of Tan Tock Seng Hospital.

This annual Exhibition and Sales of Handicraft is an event of great significance not only to the patients of Tan Tock Seng Hospital and Trafalgar Home who have contributed most of the items exhibited here, but also to those of us who are interested and concerned with the welfare of the patients themselves. To the patients these exhibits you see here today represent the net results of supreme efforts by them to overcome boredom during their long spells in the hospitals. They also reflect the training that is being given to equip them for normal living after they are discharged from the hospitals.

To those of us who are more fortunate I hope you will be more liberal with your spending today, for whatever money that is collected you can rest assured that it will be profitable used in the rehabilitation of the patients.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the Hospital Diversional Therapy Unit for its magnificent efforts in putting up this Exhibition. The Unit is run entirely, with the services of voluntary lady workers who are mainly wives of services' personnel to whom we owe a debt of gratitude. However, it is indeed very encouraging to note that an increasing number of local ladies have come forward to share the responsibilities of rehabilitating these patients. The Unit needs more volunteers and I commend to those who are able to help to come forward and render whatever services they can. They will find their efforts very worthwills and satisfying.

I have great pleasure now in declaring this Exhibition open.

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