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SPEECH BY MR. WEE TOON BOON, MINISTER OF STATE
(DEFENCE) AT THE PRESENTATION OF PRIZES FOR THE
DONATION DRAW OF THE NATIONAL SAFETY FIRST COUNCIL
AT 5.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 6.3.68. AT A.A.
ASSOCIATION, 336 RIVER VALLEY ROAD.

I am extremely pleased to be here today at the presentation of prizes for the Donation Draw of the Safety First Council. By its activities the Council has made and will continue to make invaluable contributions of great social and civic value to our people. The responsibility of a citizen covers many facets of his life, one of the most important of which is the need for safety consciousness. Accidents happen everywhere, at home, in the school, in the factory, in the office and on our streets and roads. The incidence of accidents can be appreciably lessened and the degree of damage to life and limb can be considerably reduced. It is of the utmost importance, therefore, to promote the concept of safety in all aspects of life for the well-being of our society. Indeed, citizens with social conscience have come together and formed the National Safety First Council which campaigns with the utmost vigour to stimulate the need for safety at all times and in all spheres of human activity. The activities of the Council are designed to benefit all of us and therefore it is necessary for individuals as well as organisations like firms, institutions and schools to support the Council by participating in the drive by the Council to stimulate safety consciousness. There is already ample evidence of this support as indicated by the enthusiasm shown not only by the National Safety First Council itself but by the committee which has organised this Donation Draw and the several donors of prizes and of course the purchasers of the tickets. There is, however, a need for more and more citizens to actively support the laudable work that is being carried out to ensure safety in our every day life.

The proceeds from this Donation Draw will no doubt contribute much needed funds for the implementation of the Council's programmes and I am sure that the general public will respond even more enthusiastically as the time goes on, because in the ultimate it is they who will reap the rewards by way of a better and safer life.

I must congratulate all concerned with the Donation Draw for their outstanding work in the cause of safety and I wish the Council every success in their great and noble task of promoting safety consciousness amongst our citizens. There is no doubt that in this most rewarding task the Council will attract and receive from the public the support that it richly deserves.

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