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CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE MUSIC AND DANCE WEEK OF THE SINGAPORE
YOUTH FESTIVAL BY DR. LEE CHIAW MENG, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY,
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, ON FRIDAY, 2ND AUGUST, 1968 AT 8.00 p.m.
AT THE NATIONAL THEATRE

It gives me great pleasure to be with you to-night, the final night of the Music and Dance Week, which brings to a close what has been a memorable Festival of Youth.

2. As with the first of its kind last year, this Festival successfully reflects the fruits of educational change since 1959, wherein children from the different language streams work and play together, share common interests and pursuits, a sense of common identity and an awareness of a common future.
3. Our school-children have responded well to these changes and have entered enthusiastically into the varied activities of school-life. I am proud to say that they have accepted the necessary discipline required of them in youth organisations and have undertaken duties which inculcate a sense of civic responsibility, and are revealing their potentialities as responsible and useful citizens of to-morrow.
4. I wish to pay tribute to all our teachers who have worked hard towards the success of this Festival. Their good example, not only in the classroom, but also in all extra-mural activities, will inspire our students to even higher standards of achievement. Our teachers constitute one of the largest groups of professional workers, and their efforts cannot fail to achieve far-reaching results. To them I wish to express my appreciation and the appreciation of all who have witnessed this Festival.
5. I am convinced that the fine balance and harmonious blending of the efforts of our youth point the way to a positive and fruitful co-ordination of all our efforts and activities aimed at building a society which will bring forth the best in us.
6. I now have pleasure in declaring the Singapore Youth Festival closed at the end of to-night's performance.

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