

TEXT OF SPEECH BY THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO  
THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, INCHE SE'ALARI TADIN, ON  
THE OCCASION OF PRESENTING ACCREDITATION CARDS TO  
MEMBERS OF THE CITIZENS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF  
KAMPONG CHAI CHEE AND THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF "KEEP  
SINGAPORE CLEAN" CAMPAIGN AT THE SENNETT SECONDARY  
SCHOOL ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1969, AT 3 P.M.

I am pleased to be able to be with you this afternoon on the occasion of presenting accreditation cards to the members of the Citizens Consultative Committee and also to mark the closing ceremony of "Keep Singapore Clean" campaign. The fact that you have been selected to serve in the committee proves that the residents of Kampong Chai Chee not only have confidence in your leadership, but also regard you as the means by which the people and the Government could be brought into closer contact. It is important to bear in mind that those of you who have been privileged to serve in the Citizens Consultative Committee should carry out your tasks and duties conscientiously and to the best of your ability, as you have done in the past.

Singapore owes its success to the tight discipline and strong determination of its people: discipline at all levels - administrative, party and community. The Government leaders are dedicated to the cause for the improvement of the economic condition and social well-being of its people. In every field of human endeavour, Singapore believes in hard work, forward planning and always conscious of providing efficient services and getting good value for every dollar spent. The Port of Singapore, for example, has earned the reputation of being "the port that never sleeps!"

Singapore's primary assets are human talent and resources and capable and honest leadership. Within a short span of time as an industrialised nation, Singapore has already made a name despite fierce competition in the world markets. And not only does Singapore export its commodities, it has of late also been in a position to export experts to help other countries, for instance, housing experts to the Christmas Island and doctors to Hongkong.

To come to more specific terms, as members of the Citizens Consultative Committee, among other things, you are required to promote good citizenship and goodwill among the people of Singapore; to transmit information about Government policies and actions; and to look into and recommend to the Government the various needs of the people living in this area. In short, you are the "eyes and ears" of the .....2/-

of the community. As responsible leaders of an organisation, you must understand and view the problems of the community against the background of the problems of Singapore as a whole. As a small State faced with difficult tasks ahead, especially after the British withdrawal in 1971, but determined not to cave in under challenges and pressures, the two million Singaporeans must remain united and determined to succeed. This is the bigger responsibility entrusted to and expected of members of the Citizens Consultative Committee. By keeping the community informed, disciplined and always hard working, I am confident Singapore will succeed.

Before I end my speech, I would like to thank the members of the Kampong Chai Chee Keep Singapore Clean Working Committee for the excellent work put up during the campaign. However, I am sure our work does not end there. I am happy to announce that Kampong Chai Chee has formed a Health Promotion Association with these objects: to promote public health matters and activities and to encourage and instil the spirit of health consciousness among the constituents. We hope that every one of you present this evening will enrol as a member when we launch our membership campaign shortly.

We believe that public health is of paramount importance and the problems are great and varied and the task to tackle the problem is gigantic. Only clean and healthy surroundings are a reflection of the discipline, the social consciousness and civic responsibility of the people. We know we can achieve this if all of you do your part and continue giving your service to the community.

Finally, I wish to congratulate members on your appointments and I hope you will continue to exercise vigilance in your efforts to maintain cohesiveness and unity in the community for which task you have been selected to perform without favour or fear.

May I wish all my Chinese friends a Happy "Kong Hee Fatt Choy" in advance.

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