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Speech by Enche Buang bin Omar Junid,  
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of  
Social Affairs, at the Conference  
Room, Ministry of Social Affairs, on  
Friday, 18th July, 1969, at 11.00 a.m.  
on the receipt of two cheques ((i)  
\$15,066.00 for Miss Sing Song Lang and  
(ii) \$6,224.55 for the 9 Tay orphans)  
being donations from readers of Sin  
Chew Jit Poh

I am happy to receive from readers of Sin Chew Jit Poh, this morning, two donations, one amounting to \$15,066.00 for Miss Sing Song Lang, a girl worker who lost her left arm in an industrial accident on 7th of last month, and the other donation amounting to \$6,224.55 for the 9 Tay orphans whose father died on 22nd October last year and the mother, on 23rd of last month.

2. I am pleased to note that people from all walks of life have responded generously to the unfortunate plight of this young girl of 17 years and the tragic loss of both parents suffered by the 9 Tay children.

3. The splendid manner in which the readers of Sin Chew Jit Poh have responded to the plight of Miss Sing Song Lang and the 9 Tay orphans, is indeed heart-warming and will no doubt give much encouragement to her and the 9 Tay orphans and make them feel that there are people in Singapore who are interested in their welfare and wish them well. Furthermore, this is a demonstration of the magnanimous spirit of the people of Singapore who spare more than a thought for those who are placed in unfortunate circumstances through no fault of their own. There is always room for sympathy and it becomes meaningful only when we are willing to come forward to assist.

4. The donations will be administered by the Social Welfare Department to the best interests of Miss Sing and the 9 Tay orphans. The Department will also be arranging with the medical authorities to see in what manner Miss Sing can best be fitted with an artificial arm so that she can continue to work and live a normal life.

5. I would like to take this opportunity of appealing to newspaper readers to continue to support and respond to such cases of human suffering and hardship which occur from time to time. I have no doubt that the response will not be lacking.