

EMBARGOED UNTIL 11.00 a.m. ON 22.7.69

Speech by Inche Buang bin Omar Junid,
Parliamentary Secretary to Ministry
of Social Affairs at the presentation
ceremony of a Refrigerator by the Pan
Electric Co. to the Ministry of Social
Affairs in the Conference Room on
Tuesday, 22nd July, 1969 at 11.00 a.m.

To build a more just and equal society it calls upon those who have the means to assist those in need. There are many social projects which require the help of those who are able to contribute in cash or kind. The Government alone cannot cater to all the social needs of the country and therefore many projects must be undertaken by the more advantageous sections of our community for the less advantages if we are to build a better society for all.

2. The commercial sector have seldom been found lacking in their support of worthwhile community projects judging from the generous donations they have made from time to time. The magnanimous spirit on their part should not peter out but be sustained. At the same time, there are many business enterprises who have not, as yet, come forward to assist in community projects. It is my hope that those who have not been able to do their share in community development in the past should endeavour to assist wherever and whenever they can.

3. The gift of a refrigerator to the Ministry of Social Affairs for use of a Welfare Home is one which is most welcomed. This is the kind of spirit I have been referring to. There are many industries established in Singapore and many more are going into production. Not all business enterprises can afford to dole out much needed money continuously. But gifts of some of their products to needy causes are always welcomed. The Pan Electric Company is doing its part in this direction and I hope that this trend in donating gifts in kind to worthy causes will continue.

4. On behalf of this Ministry, I thank you for this handsome gift and assure you that it will be put to good use.