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Speech by Inche Buang bin Omar Junid,
Parliamentary Secretary (Social Affairs)
at the Presentation of cheques to Voluntary
Social Organisations from People's Association
Kindergarten Classes on Saturday, 22.11.69 at
10.30 a.m. at the Conference Room of the Minister
for Social Affairs.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasant duty today to receive a donation of \$4,500 on behalf of three charitable organisations, the Kwong Wai Siu Free Hospital, the Spastics Association, and the Association for Retarded Children.

This donation is remarkable because it is part of the proceeds of a Variety Concert put up by children of the Kindergarten classes run by the People's Association. It is important that our children are brought up with the right values in life. A charitable spirit must be inculcated in our young so that they will grow up not as hard-hearted, selfish individuals but as generous and sensitive men and women who are mindful of the misfortune of others. They should not be taught to merely sit back and contemplate their own good fortunes and lament over others' misfortunes but to discover how best they can assist to alleviate the sufferings of others.

The kindergarten children who have made this donation possible are inculcated and encouraged in the right direction. While it will be of great assistance to the receiving organisations, I am sure that the children will be justly proud of their good deed.

It is my hope that this good example will be emulated by the adults who have not yet done their share for the less fortunate in society. There is a lot to be done if only one is keen to assist.

May I once again say thank you to the children who have made this donation of \$4,500 possible.