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Speech by Dr. Lee Chiaw Hong, Parliamentary Secretary,  
Ministry of Education, at the Opening of the National  
Athletic Championships on Monday, 20th July, 1970 at  
1.45 p.m. at Farrer Park Athletic Centre

May I say how pleased I am to be present at the opening of to-day's National Athletic Championships of the Singapore Secondary Schools. What I see before me is an impressive sight of the cream of Singapore Schools Athletes, showing evidence of discipline, well-being and pride. It is because of the qualities that we try to inculcate in our students there is no wonder that you march and stand with pride, proud of being a pupil of your particular school, proud of being one of the top athletes among the students in Singapore, and most of all proud of being a Singaporean, proud of participating in this dynamism of nation building which demands not only an alert brain but also an agile body.

To-day's Meet is one of the biggest meets of the year involving thousands of athletes and many days of competition. This must have taken much efforts in preparation. I would like to congratulate the Combined Secondary Schools' Sport Council for so successfully organising this mammoth meet. I would also like to wish all athletes success in their particular events and hope that they will do well enough to be selected to represent the Singapore Schools in the forthcoming international events.

I now have great pleasure in declaring the 11th Annual National Athletic Championships open.

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