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Speech by Dr. Lee Chiaw Meng, Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of Education and President of the Volleyball
Association of Singapore, at the Opening Ceremony of
the International Invitation Volleyball Tournament at
the Gay World Stadium on Saturday, 8th August, 1970 at
3.00 p.m.

On behalf of the people of Singapore and the
Volleyball Association of Singapore, I wish to extend to
our visitors and players from abroad our warmest welcome
to this Volleyball Invitation Tournament of the Singapore
Festival of Sports.

We are happy that we have players from Malaysia,
Indonesia, Vietnam and Japan with us to participate in this
Tournament, although I regret that some have not responded
to our invitation.

Sports is one of the very few fields of human
endeavours which know no bound and it is our hope that
through sports, people of different countries, of diverse
cultures, social and economic backgrounds will be brought
closer together.

Throughout our short history, our prosperity and
stability have been closely related to that of our neigh-
bours. It is, therefore, befitting to have with us on this
occasion, teams from as far north as Japan to our immediate
neighbours, Malaysia and Indonesia, despite the fact that
volleyball has a relatively short history in Singapore and
only on its way to popularity.

Over the next few days, I am sure you will witness
the excellent display of skill, team work and most important
sportsmanship. I am also quite sure that we all will
benefit from this Tournament.

I hope that you will have an enjoyable and success-
ful stay in Singapore and that you will make new and lasting
friends during the next few days here.

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