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SPEECH BY MR HARUN A GHANI , POLITICAL SECRETARY

TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS

REVIEWING OFFICER FOR THE SINGAPORE POLICE FORCE

GRADUATION PARADE ON FRIDAY, 3 DECEMBER 1999

AT 5.30 PM AT THE POLICE ACADEMY

Commissioner Khoo Boon Hui ,

Distinguished Guests,  
Graduating Officers,  
Ladies and Gentlemen.

Good afternoon.

I am pleased to be here for this graduation parade. For the 460 officers who will be graduating today, this is indeed an occasion to celebrate and to remember. I congratulate all of you. I am sure your families and friends who are here are also proud of you.

2 This graduation marks the end of your basic training. It is also the beginning of your service to the nation as police officers. As members of the Home Team, you will play a vital role in maintaining the safety and security of our nation.

3 The Police Academy has provided you with the necessary skills and knowledge to help you serve well in the roles you will be taking on. The core values of the Singapore Police Force that you have learnt here will guide you in making good decisions. You must serve the nation with courage, loyalty and integrity.

4 Your learning does not stop at this graduation. You will learn new skills throughout your career with the Police. The SPF is dedicated to developing the potential of its officers through various programmes such as Learning Organisation and Continuous Education. Make full use of these opportunities to improve upon your knowledge and performance.

5 While you serve with pride in the postings you take up, do not forget the importance of maintaining good relationship with the community you serve. Community support is critical for the success of the police. The Community-Police bond has strengthened over the years. The success of the Neighbourhood Police Centre concept and the Community Safety and Security Programme show that the community is committed to playing a more active role so as to bring about a safe and secure best home for all of us. This trust and close working relationship is something officers like you must cherish and be dedicated to build upon.

6 Once again, my congratulations to all the graduands. I wish you success in your service to the nation. Thank you.

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