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SPEECH BY MR HARUN A GHANI, POLITICAL SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND MP FOR HONG KAH GRC GUEST OF HONOUR FOR THE GRADUATION CEREMONY AT THE POLICE ACADEMY ON 8 JUNE 2000 (THURSDAY) AT 6.00 PM

Commissioner Khoo Boon Hui,
Distinguished Guests,
Graduating Officers,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

This evening's ceremony marks the graduation of 41 officer cadets and 102 full-time police national servicemen. I congratulate you all on your successful completion of the rigorous training.

2 The Home Team forms an important pillar in Total Defence. Each and everyone of you, regardless of whether you are a full-time regular officer, a national serviceman, a civilian staff or a volunteer, plays an equally vital role in keeping Singapore safe and secure for all. In the discharge of your duties, you will come under public scrutiny. Their expectations of you are high. You must thus always remember to be positive in attitude, exemplary in conduct and professional in service.

Core values of a Police officer

3 Core values such as professionalism, courage, fairness, impartiality, quality service, loyalty and integrity form the foundation of the police service of which you are a part. Bear in mind that these core values that you have learnt in the Police Academy will guide you in your daily actions and decisions.

Keeping up with changing times - the need for continuous training

4 Though you will be leaving the Police Academy, this will not be the end of your training. You will continue to receive training throughout your service in the force to ensure the currency of your skills and that you remain relevant to the force. A spirit of continuous learning and a desire to upgrade oneself must be adopted for you to keep up with the changing demands of the job.

Fostering a close partnership with the community

5 Much of the success of the Singapore Police Force depends on the close partnership we have with the community. I urge you to continue to maintain and build upon this partnership by providing professional and quality service to the community. Only then can you help ensure that Singapore remains a safe place to live.

6 Once again, let me congratulate you on your graduation and wish each one of you success in your service to the nation.

Thank you.

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