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Speech by Mr. Ho Cheng Choon, Parliamentary Secretary,  
Ministry of National Development and MP for Geylang  
East Constituency, at the inauguration ceremony of  
Geylang East Constituency Sports Club and Prize  
Presentation for Inter-Constituency Tournament at the  
new Sims Avenue CC on May 1, 1977 at 7.30 p.m.

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It is my pleasure to be here today to officiate at the  
inauguration ceremony of the Geylang East Constituency Sports Club  
and the prize presentation of the inter-constituency table tennis  
and badminton tournaments organised by the Sports Club.

The success in organising these two ball games for the  
constituency this year has shown the keen enthusiasm and high  
organising ability of the organisers and the good service rendered  
by the referees, scorers and all those involved in the organisation  
works. I wish to congratulate them on their good work.

With higher standard of living, each and every one of us may  
have more leisure time and money to purchase various sports equipment.  
This is therefore natural that sports are getting more popular in  
our Republic. Hence, this constituency has set up a sports club  
to provide various sports facilities and trainings for the  
constituents.

The sports club is an organisation affiliated to the Singapore  
Sports Council. I would like to emphasize that one of the major  
objectives of organising the sports club is to train the people in  
good health and to strengthen the country. As we all know, a nation  
must have healthy people before it can become affluent and powerful.  
If the people are healthy expenses on medical service will be reduced  
substantially. Furthermore, a healthy person is energetic and efficient.  
Naturally, he will help raise productivity.

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Under the abovementioned major premise, the activities to be carried out by the constituency sports club will meet the needs of people of all ages and from all strata. Table tennis, basket-ball and volley-ball courts have been built in the Sims Avenue Community Centre in this constituency. Moreover, we have also proposed to provide more gymnasium there. Besides, under the development project for the Geylang East Constituency, a swimming pool of Olympic standard will also be constructed there. I hope all constituents will join the sports club enthusiastically. Your precious suggestions and necessary support are needed to make the sports club every success.

MAY 1, 1977.

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