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SPEECH BY MR. HO CHENG CHOON, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY  
(NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT), FOR THE GOTONG ROYONG PROJECT  
ON SUNDAY, 12 NOVEMBER '78 AT 8.30 A.M.  
AT CHUA CHU KANG (RESETTLEMENT AREA 118)

This morning's project is the second gotong royong in Chua Chu Kang this year and shows once more the Government's emphasis on upgrading essential services in the rural areas. This year alone, 18 projects costing over \$700,000 have been approved by the Urban and Rural Services Committee for this constituency, so that residents here can enjoy more roads, street lights, bridges as well as other public amenities.

We must not underrate the value of the gotong royong. For the past two years, 14,000 volunteers have taken part in such self-help projects to lay and metal over 20 kilometres of tracks and roads in the rural constituencies, while the Government has supplied over \$1 million worth of construction materials.

As we help ourselves and each other, we will gradually make our rural areas a better place to live in.

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