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SPEECH BY THE ACTING PRESIDENT, DR YEOH CHIH SENG, AT THE  
PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE 1981 PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP  
AWARDS AT THE ISTANA ON FRIDAY, JULY 10, 1981, AT 8 P.M.

This year, six boys and three girls are awarded the President's scholarships.

The nine scholars have been selected on the basis of their academic excellence, extra curricular performances, good character and leadership potential. All are bilingual. Seven of them are bilingual in English and Chinese, and two are bilingual in English and Malay.

Three of the scholars, Chew Sung Hook, Miss Ruth Kam Ming Li and Euan Murugasu have been chosen for a course in Medicine while one scholar, Keson Tan Beng Choon, will be studying Dentistry at the National University of Singapore. The remaining five scholars will be going to Oxbridge for their studies.

Of the five scholars going to Oxbridge, Lum Hon Eye has been provisionally nominated for the Singapore Police Force scholarship. The four other scholars, Ang Eng Seng, Miss Chang Ewee Nee, Miss Joyce Huen Suling and Luke Ong Chih Hao, have been provisionally nominated for the overseas merit scholarships. They will all have the prospect of a challenging and gratifying career in the Singapore Police Force and the Civil Service on graduation.

The task of nurturing the talents of our youths in academic pursuits and in other fields such as fine arts and sports is an important one. I am therefore grateful to all donor countries, organisations and well-wishers who have not only provided scholarships and training awards to Singapore but have also opened the doors of their most prestigious institutions of learning to our students. Singapore has indeed derived considerable benefits from the technical assistance offered to us and we have, in turn, made our contributions to other developing countries by way of training awards under the Colombo Plan and the Asean scholarship and fellowship schemes.

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I am also grateful to local organisations, donor foundations and philanthropists for their financial assistance which have contributed in no small measure to the development of Singapore's manpower resources.

Finally I congratulate the nine President's scholars and wish them success in their endeavours.

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