

SPEECH BY TUAN HAJI SHA'ARI TADIN, SR PARLIAMENTARY
SECRETARY (CULTURE) AND MP FOR KG CHAI CHEE ON THE
OCCASION OF THE HOON SUN SPORTS CLUB 6TH ANNIVERSARY
ON SATURDAY, 5.7.75, AT 7.30 PM AT 30 PENG ANN ROAD,
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I am very pleased to officiate on the occasion of the sixth anniversary of the Hoon Sun Sports Club. The Hoon Sun Sports Club is a concrete manifestation of what a spontaneous love for sports and outdoor activities can lead to. From all accounts, the Club was formed out of the interest of a few villagers in pugilistic sports and the art of self-defence. From this humble but promising beginning, the Club got itself registered and proceeded to devise ways and means of enlarging its activities.

Today its programmes cover not only the area of sports but also include cultural activities. Besides, a team of lion dancers and stilt walkers, the Club has also organised a group of Chinese instrumentalists. The cultural and sporting activities of the Club are of an acceptable if not laudable standard. So much so that time and again its participation in the National Day celebrations organised by the Constituency has become a much looked forward event. The Club's lion dancers and stilt walkers will be taking part in this year's first Decentralised National Day Parade and Route March to be held at the Jalan Besar Stadium.

The blend of sports and culture within the Club makes for a gratifying combination. There is an appropriate emphasis on both the body and the spirit. The importance of physical fitness and body building is recognised in the Club's devotion to pugilistic sports and the arts of self defence. Happily, the emphasis on the physical aspects has not thrown into oblivion matters of the spirit. This is amply demonstrated by the Club's encouragement of lion dancing, Chinese instrumental music, etc. The Club's activities form a macroscopic vision of the concerns of the ideal man. There should be an appropriate blend of the physical and the spiritual.

The Hoon Sun Sports Club through its diverse activities has played an educational role in this Constituency. It is hoped that it will continue to have a formative influence on the youths of this Constituency. I take this opportunity to wish the Club all the best for the future.
