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I wish to extend a very warm welcome to all the participants including one who comes all the way from Hong Kong. Your presence to-day is testimony of your keen interest and enthusiasm for the sport of cycling. I wish to thank the Singapore National Olympic Council and the Singapore Sports Council whose encouragement and assistance has made possible this Course in Cycling.

Mr Oscar Plattner who hails from Switzerland is here to direct a national course in cycling intended for trainers, coaches and instructors in cycling, for doctors dealing with this sport and for physical educational teachers concerned with cycling. With his background as a world renown cyclist and experiences as a trainer I am sure we shall benefit greatly from his lectures.

The syllabus embraces four large aspects namely:- techniques of cycling, organisation, physical preparation and sports medicine. Competitive cycling, like any other sport, can be performed scientifically. The general principles and mechanics of organisation and the physical preparation of a cyclist in accordance to his age, stature and area of specialisation are all too important to be overlooked.

I am glad to say that his arrival is most opportune as our cyclists will benefit greatly from his experience and expertise in their preapration for the coming 8th SEAP Games at Bangkok in December. This Course is also essential in that it will help to upgrade the skills of our cyclings and our organisers in their sports management.

With this, I now have great pleasure in declaring the International Olympic Committee Course in cycling open.
