

SPEECH BY TUAN HJ SHA'ARI TADIN, SR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY (CULTURE) AND MP FOR KG CHAI CHEE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TUAN HAJI SHA'ARI FIRST INTRA-CONSTITUENCY BASKETBALL (YOUTH) CHAMPIONSHIP CUP ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE KG CHAI CHEE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 25 DEC 75 AT BLK 21 BASKETBALL COURTS OFF CHAI CHEE ROAD AT 7.30 PM

I am very happy to be here this evening to officiate the Opening Ceremony of the 1st Intra-Constituency Basketball (Youth) Championship Cup organised jointly by the Youth Executive Committee and the Management Committee of the Kampong Chai Chee Community Centre.

The aim of this tournament is to select the best players to represent the constituency in the Basketball Inter-constituency tournament next year.

The importance of sports cannot be over-emphasised. Besides providing a good pastime for the people to spend their leisure hours, sports help to make their bodies fit and healthy. Sports also help the participants to acquire proper values and attitudes including team spirit, cooperation, courtesy, discipline and many others. I cannot think of any harm for taking part in sports activities, except for those who are medically unfit.

With the encouragement and support given by the Government and many private organisations, sports activities are now very popular in Singapore. This is a very good sign. Besides the schools, a network of constituency sports associations and clubs has been developed in the past few years for organising, in conjunction with community centres in most cases, intra-and inter-constituency sports tournaments. Such sports tournaments which bring sports to the people go a long way to popularise the various types of sports among the masses and at the same time improve the physical fitness of our people through their involvement and participation in such tournaments.



It is gratifying to note that many of our community centres are very responsive in giving generous donations to such worthy activities. This enables the community centres to achieve their objective of popularising community sport activities. In this regard, our community leaders must be congratulated for the splendid job they have done in the past ten years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Kg Chai Chee Community Centre Management Committee and the Youth Executive Committee for their contribution both in terms of finance and manpower in organising this tournament. I would also like to congratulate all the participating teams for their contribution in this tournament.

I now have the pleasure to declare the 1st Intra-Constituency Basketball (Youth) Championship open.