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AT THE BALLOTING CEREMONY FOR FLATS IN JALAN HUNOS ESTATE
ON WEDNESDAY, 21 APRIL 1976 AT 2.30 PM.

This area, which was known as Alsagoff Estate, was taken over by the Government on 20th September 1971 and at the same time a re-development plan for the area was announced. This matter became an issue in the last general elections, and on 16th September 1972 the voters in the Kampung Ubi Constituency gave a fresh mandate to the Government and accepted the re-development plan for this area through a majority of votes. This proves that there is a great sense of awareness among our people. As a result of their sacrifice in the interest of national development, today we find ourselves in a housing estate which used to be a slum area.

Resettlement of the residents and the development work was started at the end of 1973, and in less than three years this area was transformed into this wonderful housing estate for the people.

Today the balloting for the first 308 units of 3-room flats will take place. The whole estate will have 741 units of 2-room flats, 1,229 units of 3-room flats, 600 units of 4-room flats and 390 units of 5-room flats. Balloting for these flats will be conducted in stages. The whole estate will be ready for occupation by early 1977 and about 15,000 people will be housed in it. The highest blocks will be 16 storeys high, compared with the 25-storey blocks in other estates.

A market containing 49 cooked food stalls and 132 other stalls will be ready in June this year. 48 shoppes with living quarters will be ready at the end of next month.

Like the other estates, this estate will be provided with facilities like car parks, playing fields and a community centre.

A special feature of this estate is that there will be a light industries complex which will provide employment to thousands of people, especially those who live in the vicinity. This light industries project is expected to be ready in 1980. However, the building of the first phase of the industrial project in which there will be 334 terrace workshops is expected to be completed by the end of 1977.

I sincerely hope that the flat owners in this estate will cooperate with us not only in keeping the estate clean but - even more important - in keeping anti-social influences from creeping into this area and destroying our children. I would also urge them to adopt a good-neighbour attitude and promote a spirit of friendship among themselves, irrespective of their race, religion and language. Let there be good neighbourliness which is our legacy as Orientals, for good neighbourliness will ensure peace and the creation of a happy society.

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