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SPEECH BY THE ACTING PRESIDENT, DR YEOH GHIM SENG AT THE
PRESENTATION CEREMONY ON THE 1985 PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARD AT THE ISTANA ON WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY 85 AT 8.00 PM

This year, two boys and three girls are awarded the President's Scholarships. It gives me great pleasure to congratulate them.

The five scholars are selected on the basis of their outstanding performance in academic studies and extra curricula activities, their balanced character and their leadership qualities.

Both male scholars have been provisionally nominated for the Overseas SAF Scholarships. Mr Tan Kai Hoe will read Physics at Downing College, Cambridge and Mr Bernard Richard Tan Kok Kiang will read Economics and Political Science at the University of Birmingham. Miss Judith Cheang Ai Geok will read Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Balliol College, Oxford University and Miss Charmaine Lye Kit Mei will read Law at Pembroke College, Cambridge. The third scholar among the girls, Miss Ang Bee Leng, will study Medicine at the National University of Singapore.

After completing their studies, the five scholars can look forward to enriching and challenging careers in the civil service or the SAF. It is my hope that they will strive to excel in their careers and join the rung of past President's scholars who are now holding important appointments as SAF officers, administrators, academicians, doctors, diplomats, engineers and managers and contributing towards the security, stability and prosperity of Singapore.

Since the inception of the President's Scholarships Scheme in 1966, 134 President's Scholarships have been awarded. 110 scholars have completed their studies and are in many careers. The majority of them are in Government service - the largest number of President's scholars are in the SAP and Ministry of Defence, followed by the Administrative Service, the Medical Service, the Singapore Police Force, the Foreign Service, the Education Service and the Legal Service. Twenty-four scholars are serving in seven Statutory Authorities with 15 pursuing academic careers at the National University of Singapore. Twenty-two President's scholars are in the private sector. Two are in politics. They have shown great promise in the organisations they serve. The prestige of the President's Scholarships will be upheld only if the scholars distinguish themselves and serve the nation.

I also thank all those who have contributed to the development of our manpower resources: the foreign governments and organisations. Singapore benefited from their contributions.

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