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The Government has today released CHIA THYE POH to Sentosa on a Suspension Direction.

CHIA THYE POH was arrested on 29 October 1966 under the Internal Security Act for his involvement with the Communist Party of Malaya (CPM). The Government has consistently required that detainees associated with the CPM should renounce the CPM and disavow the use of force before releasing them. CHIA THYE POH has refused to do so. Nevertheless, the Internal Security Department is satisfied that the CPM organisation in Singapore to which CHIA was linked has now been weakened and disrupted enough that his release on a Suspension Direction will not be a security problem. He will be released to Sentosa and not onto the main island. When the Government is satisfied that he poses no security risk, he will be released to the main island.

In order to ensure that CHIA THYE POH does not get involved again with the CPM and the Communist United Front, it is necessary to keep a strict check on his activities. Four restrictive conditions are therefore imposed on CHIA (See Appendix). CHIA will be prosecuted in court if he violates any of the conditions. One of the conditions requires CHIA THYE POH not to leave Sentosa without the prior approval of the Director, Internal Security Department. But CHIA can work, move freely, and live with his family on Sentosa.

CHIA THYE POH has been offered the job of an Assistant Curator with a starting basic salary of \$900 per month by the Sentosa Development Corporation. This is part of the Government's rehabilitation efforts to help long-term detainees adjust to post-detention life.

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Appendix

- (i) That he shall reside at Block 11, Fort Siloso Sentosa, 1 Garden Avenue #03-00, Sentosa, Singapore 0409 and not change his residence at the said address without the prior written approval of the Director, Internal Security Department, Singapore.
- (ii) That he shall not travel beyond the limits of Sentosa without the prior written approval of the Director, Internal Security Department, Singapore.
- (iii) That he shall not knowingly associate or be in communication with any person who currently is or has previously been detained under the Emergency Regulations of the Federation of Malaya or of the Colony of Singapore, the Preservation of Public Security Ordinance, 1955 of Singapore or under the Internal Security Acts of the Federation of Malaya, Malaysia or Singapore, except with members of the Singapore Ex-Political Detainees' Association, provided he is also a member of that Association.
- (iv) That he shall not address public meetings or hold office in, or take part or in any way assist in the activities of or act as advisor to, or be a member of any organisation or association, or take part in any political activity without the prior written approval of the Director, Internal Security Department, Singapore.

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