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SPEECH BY MR HON SUI SEN, MINISTER FOR FINANCE
AND M.P. FOR HAVELOCK CONSTITUENCY, AT THE
HAVELOCK CONSTITUENCY NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION
DINNER AT HAVELOCK COMMUNITY CENTRE NEW BUILDING
IN MERCHANT STREET ON 19 AUGUST 1978 AT 7.30 PM

Tonight, the people of Havelock Constituency are celebrating the 13th anniversary of our Republic's independence. All of us take pride in the achievements attained over the past 13 years in our efforts at nation-building. However, we cannot afford to be complacent. We must be realistic and continue to work hard to seek further progress.

Owing to the concerted efforts of our entire population who have calmly made adjustments to meet changes and given full play to our potentials in carrying out our diversified economic development and strengthened regional co-operation, we have managed to achieve an 8% growth. However, in order to achieve long-term economic growth, it is necessary for us to establish high-technology industry and make good use of our human resources.

In the process of modern social development in our Republic, it is necessary for our people to acquire modern knowledge and skills in production in order to join the rank of industrial countries. As such, our education policy needs to keep pace with our economic development in order to ensure that every citizen contributes to our economic construction, thereby turns our Republic into a stable, prosperous and progressive society.

Our gathering here tonight is mainly to reiterate that, we, as a multi-racial society, will unite to use our wisdom and strength to create a better Singapore.

I wish all of you good health and happiness.
