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SPEECH BY MR HON SUI SEN, MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND  
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR HAVELOCK, AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF  
HAVELOCK RESIDENTS' COMMITTEES AT THE AUDITORIUM OF HAVELOCK  
COMMUNITY CENTRE AT MERCHANT ROAD ON 27 SEPTEMBER '80 AT 8.00 PM

The setting up of the Havelock Residents' Committees is to promote good neighbourliness and the spirit of mutual help among the residents. We hope that the residents of the constituency will come forward voluntarily and spontaneously to give of their best, each in his own way, in the service of the neighbourhood.

The environment of the high-rise housing estates is different from that of the residential estates of the past. The high-rise housing estates are densely populated and the residents comprise people of all walks of life and communities. Without an organization to co-ordinate the various services for the residents in their day-to-day life and to promote inter-personal relationship and rapport among them, they will be found lacking in the sense of belonging, making it impossible to establish the esprit de corps in the neighbourhood. Hence the important role Residents' Committees have to play in this respect.

Residents' Committees should guide the residents in maintaining the cleanliness of the physical environment and ensuring security in the neighbourhood, promote mass participation in neighbourhood activities and enhance the spirit of mutual concern and links among the residents.

As members of the Residents' Committees, you must give due consideration to views and suggestions from the residents, safeguard their interests and frequently liaise and co-operate with the authorities concerned and civic organizations in the constituency. In rendering your service, you must be sincere

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and frank, pragmatic and dedicated, making public service your foremost consideration, instead of seeking to further your self-interests and personal prestige.

I hope everyone will adopt an earnest and down-to-earth approach and tackle the task ahead dynamically for the continuous improvement of the quality of life of all the residents in the Havelock constituency.

May I now wish everyone all the best and good health.

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