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SPEECH BY THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH, MR. YONG NYUK LIN,
AND ASSEMBLYMAN FOR GEYLANG WEST AT 3RD ANNIVERSARY
DINNER OF GEYLANG WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE, LORONG 3 ON
SATURDAY, 9.1.65 AT 1930 HOURS

I am very pleased to be able to join you at this auspicious Dinner which has been organised by the Management Committee of our Geylang West Community Centre to celebrate its 3rd Anniversary.

You can all see the great difference and improvements made to our Community Centre after the People's Association decided to appoint a Management Committee in October last year, just three months ago. Our Community Centre has been given a new coat of paint too. Why is there new life in our Community Centre? Because we are fortunate to have real leaders of the Community who are prepared to help, serve on the Committee and to serve you. They are the same group of courageous people who, during the first racial riots in July, came forward to serve as members of the Goodwill Committee for Geylang West. It is during time of trouble, that real leaders emerge to look after the welfare of the people and to maintain peace and harmony in our villages and kampongs.

With such good leaders present in Geylang West, I ask you all to give them your fullest co-operation so that this Community Centre can become one of the best in Singapore.

As you all know, we are living in a State of Emergency and have to be on guard against two evils - Indonesian aggression and enemies within who want to destroy racial harmony. We must be united, help one another, and be one large family to defend our homes, our families and our country - Malaysia!

Finally, on behalf of the people of Geylang West, I want to express my highest appreciation and gratitude to the Management Committee and Staff of the People's Association for their good work in the past and wish them every success for the future.

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