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SPEECH OF TOH PUAN NOOR AISHAH AT THE
MEETING OF HELPERS FOR THE SINGAPORE
STALL OF THE INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR FOR
THE BLIND ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 TH
AT ISTANA NEGARA, AT 5 P.M.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all here this afternoon. Today's meeting is a meeting of our Singapore ladies. It is my hope that they will continue to serve our community under the Malaysian flag. Over the last few years, we have lost a good many helpers, some of whom have gone away. I trust, however, that you ladies present here will do your best to take their places, in whatever way you can help.

As the International Bazaar is organised by many of our local ladies we must continue to make it as successful as we have done in the past.

As things are at present it is possible that we may expect to lose some large donations from some business people. We must, therefore double our efforts to earn \$53,000 again as we did last year.

This year the Singapore Association for the Blind has decided to donate 10% of the nett proceeds to the following organisations:

1. The Cheshire Home
2. The Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital
3. The Leng Lay Hwa Swa Temple
4. The Little Sisters of the Poor
5. The St. John's Home for the Aged.

We are fortunate indeed to have Mrs. Yung again with us this year as the Organiser of the International Bazaar. Having been transferred to Kuala Lumpur, she still finds the time to carry on with the work of organising which she has done for many years. We are grateful to her and very appreciative of her sacrifice of time and leisure towards this worthy case. She will give you more detailed information in the course of her talk with you this evening.

Before I ask her to take over the meeting, I should like to take this opportunity to say how much I appreciate your kind presence here. It assures me of your willingness to undertake work for a worthy cause, and I thank you very much for your kind co-operation.

I will now call upon Mrs. Yung to carry on with the meeting.

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