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SPEECH BY THE ASSEMBLYWOMAN FOR MOULMEIN, MRS.
DEVAN NAIR, AT THE OPENING OF THE JOO AVENUE
INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 P.M., ON
FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH, 1964.

I am very happy to be with you this evening. This is the 39th School to be opened by the P.A.P. Government in less than five years.

I remember performing the opening ceremony of the Swiss Cottage Integrated Primary School on the 13th November, 1963. Only four months later, I am happy to be again invited to perform the opening ceremony of this new school. This is clear and positive evidence of the rapid expansion of education in our State.

Hand in hand with this rapid expansion of education must grow the sense of national identity and purpose. Education is our chief weapon in preparing our children for citizenship in a united multi-racial society. Parents and teachers, indeed all of us, must join together to instil in the younger generations the sense of belonging to one country. The battle for a happy and prosperous Malaysia must be won in our schools and our playing fields.

With this hope, and with all best wishes to the parents, staff and pupils of this school, I have great pleasure in declaring the Joo Avenue Integrated Primary School open.

MARCH 13th, 1964.

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