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TEXT OF SPEECH BY THE ASSEMBLYMAN FOR TELOK
BLANGAH, MR. BERNARD RODRIGUES, AT THE OPEN-
ING OF THE KAMPONG JAGOH COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON SATURDAY, MAY 30, AT 7 P.M.

It gives me great pleasure to officiate the opening of the Kampong Jagoh Community Centre.

The opening of this community centre reflects the Government's desire to look after the welfare of the people in providing suitable recreation facilities for the public. This is important in the present context of Malaysia where people are becoming more and more conscious of the needs of recreation and are always on the look out for better standards of living. In the world today, it is difficult to find adequate places for the people to occupy their leisure usefully and happily. The Government is conscious of this fact and to this end, has opened more than 150 community centres. They are venues for the peoples of all races to meet and to befriend each other in a most amiable and informal atmosphere. It is only in this way that an exchange of ideas can take place and better understanding be developed. This community centre also serves as a bridge between the people and the Government and it is in the community centre where the Government's objective and policy can be brought home to the minds of the people.

The staff of this community centre has been trained to help you to exploit the amenities provided by this community centre in every possible way so that you may lead a better and fuller life. I am to call upon each and every one of you in this area to lend a helping hand in the management of the day-to-day activities of this community centre and you will surely agree with me that whether or not this centre can serve its entire purpose will depend on the extent of this community centre being made used of.

May I wish this community centre every success.

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