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SPEECH BY MRS. TOH CHIN CHYE AT THE LAUNCHING OF
TUGBOAT AT KALLANG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE ON 13.6.1964AT 1.30 P.M.

I am very pleased to have the honour of performing the tug-boat launching ceremony to-day. Recently, the Minister for Finance, Dr. Goh Keng Swee, performed a number of foundation ceremonies for shipyards. One possible result of this, I think, is that the ship launching ceremony which is a rather rare occasion in Singapore will become an increasingly frequent event before long.

Since the acquisition of this site, Kall Teck Ltd. has constructed two steel pontoons and a motor-tug. Four other vessels are at different stages of construction. The largest of these is a 130 ton oil tanker which, when completed, will ply along the Borneo coasts of Malaysia. The Company has indeed achieved a very creditable rate of construction and progress.

Credit also goes to the owners of this tugboat, namely, Jurong Shipyard Ltd. This Company has given guidance and assistance to the builders of this tug-boat. If such a spirit of co-operation prevails over our industries it will strengthen their competitiveness against their rivals abroad.

I am sure that I am speaking on behalf of all the distinguished guests present on this occasion when I say "well done!" to both the builders and owners of this tug-boat. I name this goodship "Bunga Chalong" and wish her and all who sail her Godspeed.

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