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STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR LABOUR, MR. JEK YEUN THONG, AT A NATIONAL LANGUAGE WEEK CONCERT, ORGANISED BY COMMITTEES OF BUKIT MERAH, ALEXANDRA, AND QUEENSTOWN, AT THE TANGLIN INTEGRATED SECONDARY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON 26/8/64.

I wish to express my thanks for having been invited to this National Language Week event.

It is through efforts such as this that the National Language can be effectively propagated to the people. Mere exhortations, despite their intrinsic good sense, are less effective than the actual use of the National Language in some popular field of activity.

The urgent need to give practical effect to our acceptance of the National Language cannot be over-emphasised. Nothing less than our nation's survival depends upon it. We must be a united nation both as an end in itself and as a means to successfully combating external threats. The success of Malaysia is for all to ensure and a common language is an indispensable means to such success. Let us all, therefore, commencing from this National Language Week, step up our efforts to make the National Language, that touchstone of national unity, a reality.

It is with very great pleasure that I now present the prizes to the very deserving winners of the winners of the various competitions.

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