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TEXT OF SPEECH BY HIS EXCELLENCY TUN YUSOF
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VELOPMENT STANDARDS, AT THE GOODWOOD PARK
HOTEL, ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, AT 9 A.M.

Looking around Singapore today it is apparent to all of us that the building industry has been having a busy period. We can also assume that the architects, who are responsible for directing the effort, have been fully occupied. On the other hand the sheer physical process of transmuting drawings into buildings should not prevent architects from giving serious evaluation to the problems as well as opportunities facing the architectural profession in Malaysia today.

It is very gratifying to see therefore that Malaysian architects and some of the Commonwealth counterparts have congregated here in Singapore and in the next few days will be engaged in discussing matters of current importance to the architectural profession. It is as well, however, to bear in mind that some of the ideas generated in this Conference will, in the course of time, shape the various regions and cities of Malaysia. The ramifications of progressive town planning and building legislation; the training of architects for the important role that they will play in the community, and most important of all, the practice of architecture in the Malaysian context, will be the subjects of discussion in this Conference.

This is a fine opportunity for architects to critically examine and propose resolutions for a host of matters which ultimately form the basis of the architect's contribution to the community.

We would like to see our Malaysian cities as well planned and as pleasing to the eye as our resources may command. Whether our hopes will be realised is dependent on how successful the architects are in their work. The Conference will, we hope, go some way towards ensuring this success.

I warmly congratulate the Singapore Institute of Architects and the Federation of Malaya Society of Architects as worthy hosts of this important Conference. To the overseas delegates and participants may I say how pleased we are to have you with us and hope that your stay in Singapore will be both enjoyable and profitable.

I now have great pleasure in declaring open this Malaysian Architectural Conference and to wish it every success.

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