

SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT PRESS STATEMENT

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SPETCH OF MR. YONG NYUK LIN, MINISTER FOR HEALTH,  
AT THE ANNUAL SALE OF WORK BY THE HOSPITAL DIVER-  
SIONAL THERAPY UNIT OF TAN TOCK SENG HOSPITAL AT  
SCHOOL OF NURSING, MANDALAY ROAD ON WEDNESDAY, 7TH  
OCTOBER, 1964 AT 1000 HOURS

It is with utmost pleasure that I express my deepest gratitude and appreciation, to you Madam President and your devoted team of voluntary workers, of the Hospital Diversional Therapy Unit, for sacrificing so much of your valuable time and energy in order to bolster up the morale and to relieve the boredom of our long-stay patients in Tan Tock Seng Hospital, and to make this Annual Sale of Work an event of the year for Singapore.

I have had the advantage of actually witnessing your Unit at work, in March this year and I can assure you that our patients are indeed most indebted to you for your deep concern regarding their well-being and welfare. I gather from the minutes of your monthly Committee meetings that you are in need of more volunteers for Ward work and it is my hope that with more publicity and propaganda your appeal will meet with success in due course.

It may not be generally known that your Unit does excellent work with only a token annual Government grant of \$3,500 and that the proceeds of the Annual Sale of Work are ploughed back for purchase of yet more materials for the use of our patients. Every care is being taken by us to ensure that all voluntary workers receive regular medical check-ups and that all finished products are properly ~~checked~~ before they are put up for sale to the public.

Let me, once again, thank you for your inspiring high civic consciousness in giving a helping hand to our sick and hope that many more of our ladies, from all walks of life, will be prepared to sacrifice a little of their time from their homes and families to join your noble ranks in the spirit of voluntary service, which is both satisfying and rewarding as only those who serve will know.

In conclusion, I now have great pleasure in calling upon our gracious First Lady, Toh Puan Noor Aishah, to declare open once again, the Annual Sale of Work by our Hospital Diversional Therapy Unit.

OCTOBER 7, 1964.

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