

SPEECH BY TOH PUAN NOOR AISHAH AT THE  
OPENING OF THE SALE OF WORK OF THE  
HOSPITAL DIVERSIONAL THERAPY UNIT AT  
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I am very happy to be here again at the invitation of the Hospital Diversional Therapy Unit. This Unit is run by volunteers who realise the needs of the patients for distraction from their long terms in hospital. If they wish, the patient are taught knitting, sewing and toy-making in order to help them in their cure and to pass the time, and also to be of use to them when they leave the hospital.

New ideas are constantly being thought up for felt toys, patterns are cut out and the toys made which serve as models for the patients. All toys are sterilized before leaving the hospital, and the patients may sell their articles to whom they wish, which affords them a small income.

You will also see here to-day, the wonderful basket work and sewing which is being produced by the Occupational Therapy Department and Trafalgar Homes. This work helps many of the patients to find employment when they leave the Hospital, and many more return to the Occupational Therapy Department for several days each week to work on these beautiful articles, or spend their time doing the work in their own homes.

The Majority of the volunteers in the Unit are wives of British servicemen, to whom I would like to pay a tribute for the invaluable service they are rendering. I would like to say "Thank you!" for their help and to express my appreciation of it to all of them. Our warm thanks are also due to our local women who are doing such excellent work in the Unit. As the Servicemen's wives are in the State for short periods only, we earnestly appeal for more Asian women to fill the void caused by their departure. Diversional Therapy is a very worthwhile and necessary work which I hope and wish more of our local women will volunteer to do.

It is our hope that you will all spend a lot of money here to-day to help the Unit carry on its work for the next year.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I now declare this Sale of Work open and wish it all the success it deserves.

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