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TEXT OF SPEECH BY THE WIFE OF THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, MRS. TOH CHIN CHYE, ON THE COMMISSIONING OF THE SHIP "PESEK" ON OCTOBER 28, 1964 AT TANJONG RHU.

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I am most honoured to have been asked to perform the pleasant duty of naming and commissioning this ship which will play such an important role in guarding the safety of navigation in the waters of this great port of Singapore.

The design as we can see is somewhat different from the conventional lines of a ship, but as we have been told her task is a specialised one. The name that has been chosen is, I think, most apt, for not only is it the name of one of our Southern Islands, but it also means "pug-like" or "pug-nosed".

I now have great pleasure in commissioning this ship and name her "PESEK" -- I wish her and her crew every success in their important work.

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