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TEXT OF SPEECH BY MRS. GOH KENG SWEE, AT THE LAUNCHING OF THE VESSEL "TUTONG" BUILT BY THE JURONG SHIPYARD LTD. FOR STRAITS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD., ON SATURDAY, APRIL 17, AT 11 A.M.

It is a great honour to me to have been invited to launch this vessel.

This vessel is 950 gross tons and is built like a landing craft. I hasten to add that it is a vessel designed to transport construction equipment to Sabah and Sarawak and definitely not for war-like purposes. This ceremony therefore reflects our people's desire and will to progress.

The Jurong Shipyard is not completely developed but it has already constructed two vessels, this being the second. I am sure you would wish me to congratulate Jurong Shipyard Ltd. for their forward planning, co-ordination, and drive. We should also congratulate the Straits Steamship Co., Ltd., the owners of this vessel, for their foresight into our nation's development requirements.

I have great pleasure now in naming this goodship "Tutong" and I wish her and all who sail in her Godspeed.

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