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BAHARUDDIN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Baharuddin Vocational School, Queensway, Singapore 3, will be officially opened by the Prime Minister, Mr. Lee Kuan Yew, on Saturday 19th June 1965 at 8.15 p.m.

The school is named after the late Enche' Baharuddin bin Mohamed Ariff, Assemblyman for Anson from 30th May 1959 to 20th April 1961. Enche' Baharuddin was born in Kuala Lumpur in 1933. After completing his education in Victoria Institution, Kuala Lumpur, in 1951, he joined the staff of Utusan Melayu. Though by profession a journalist, he also served on several mosque committees and took an active interest in politics and trade union work. From 1956 to 1957 he was Hon. Secretary of the Singapore Printing Employees' Union. He was from 1957 to 1959 a Committee Member of the National Union of Journalists. From 1959 he was the Adviser to the Muslim Taxi-Drivers' Association.

In December 1957, he successfully contested the City Council elections as the P.A.P. candidate for Crawford. On 30th May 1959 he was elected as Assemblyman for Anson in the elections which ushered in internal self-government. He passed away on 20th April 1961.

In an obituary speech in the Legislative Assembly on 26th April 1961, the Deputy Prime Minister, Dr. Toh Chin Chye, described Enche' Baharuddin's service to the people of Crawford and Anson as follows:

"Inche Baharuddin had served the people in the City Council and in the Legislative Assembly. He was rare as a leader. He was broadminded and tolerant in accordance with the tenets of his Islamic faith. He was loyal to the people whom he represented, and on the very evening of his death he was with them in Anson listening to their complaints and trying to find an answer to their questions."

A member of the opposition party described Enche' Baharuddin's death as:

"And so we lost a very good friend, Inche Baharuddin, who was taken away much too young. He had many years of service before him, and therefore his death is indeed a loss to all of us and to the country."

The school is the 54th school to be officially opened by the P.A.P. government. It is an integrated vocational secondary school providing instruction in Malay and English.

media. Built at an approximate cost of \$800,000/-, the school has 24 classrooms, three special rooms, a teachers' common room and a tuckshop-cum-assembly hall with a stage. It has a workshop block for Metalwork and Woodwork and another block for Domestic Science, Art and Crafts and Science. These blocks are equipped with up-to-date equipment. The school can accommodate 1,920 pupils in two sessions.

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