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UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, ON
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It is a great pleasure to be present at this happy occasion - the gathering of residents of Raffles Hall.

I am happy to note that Raffles Hall has provided opportunities for students of various disciplines, backgrounds and of various races, including those from our closest neighbour, Malaysia, to live together so that in the course of their social contacts they will cultivate qualities which are essential in a multi-racial, multi-lingual and multi-religious society. University education entails more than academic pursuits. It is the less tangible factors like tolerance and understanding which should be fostered particularly among our young men and women who one day will play an effective and responsible role in promoting the political, social and economic progress of the Nation.

It is my hope that as many students as possible of different races will take up residence in the Halls of Residence, so that they may receive opportunities to widen their views and benefit from interchange of ideas among their fellow-students by living together within the University precincts.

I am looking forward to the opportunity of another visit to Raffles Hall so that I may have the pleasure of knowing more about the Hall.

My wife & I would like to thank the Master and Fellows of Raffles Hall and the residents for their kind invitation this evening.

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