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REPORT BY PUAN HOOR ALIYAH AT THE OPENING OF THE
1965 COMBINED WELFARE SERVICES EXHIBITION AT THE
CONFERENCE HALL, SUTTON WAY, ON SATURDAY, 30TH
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I am very glad to be here to officiate at the opening ceremony of the Combined Exhibition and Sale of Works organised by the Singapore Council of Social Service and fittingly held at the Conference Hall of the new Trade Union House.

Events in recent months have made us a new, sovereign nation. The challenge that faces us is that of achieving a healthy, viable and prosperous Society.

It is essential for all social workers and members of the public to take up this challenge as individuals or as members of social service organisations to help bring about a better Singapore - one that is free from social strife, from want and hunger, from illness and pain, from ignorance and illiteracy. Let the world know that small though our state be, our people are determined that theirs will be a model society wherein the social and other needs of the people can be adequately met.

But this is really not something entirely new. We have already embarked on such programmes in various ways, although in the context of an independent Singapore, extra momentum is necessary. It is gratifying to note that workers and all voluntary bodies of social service such as the Singapore Council of Social Service and its affiliates are just doing that.

The public will, I am sure, join me to thank the Singapore Council of Social Service, other voluntary organisations and all those who have worked very hard to make this Exhibition possible today.

I am sure you will continue giving your unfailing support to this worthy task of lightening the burdens of the less fortunate in our society by giving them hope and a better life.

It is my pleasure now to declare the 1965 Combined Welfare Services Exhibition and Sale of Works open.

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