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SPEECH BY THE AG. PRESIDENT, MR. P. COOMARASWAMY,
FOR THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 19TH SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL
SALON OF PHOTOGRAPHY, 6TH FOTO FAIR AND THE TOURISTIC
SINGAPORE EXHIBITION ON FRIDAY, 3RD MAY 1968 AT THE
VICTORIA MEMORIAL HALL AT 5.30 P.M.

It gives me great pleasure to be here this evening to open the 19th Singapore International Salon of Photography, the 6th Foto Fair and the Touristic Singapore Exhibition.

Over the years, the tremendous advancement and development in cameras and accessories have helped to induce considerable interest in photography. More and more people all over the world are taking keen interest in this art, both as a hobby and professionally. Singaporeans too are pursuing their efforts in this direction with much vigour and enthusiasm.

It is therefore most commendable on the part of the Photographic Society of Singapore to provide the facilities for our people to further their interests and improve their standards. This International Salon the Foto Fair and the Exhibition are only a few of the means adopted to promote and sustain interest, which the Society provides each year. I am informed that the Society also provides a wide range of other activities for its members, to assist them in gaining expertise in producing works of Salon standard.

I wish therefore to congratulate the Photographic Society of Singapore for the many successes it has attained in the field of photography, both nationally and internationally. I must also congratulate all the prize winners, whose works will certainly be much admired by all enthusiasts and serve as landmarks to inspire greater efforts.

And now, it is with much pleasure that I declare open the 19th Singapore International Salon of Photography, the 6th Foto Fair and the Touristic Singapore Exhibition.

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