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I am indeed deeply honoured for the privilege of inspecting this evening the Combined Cadet Corps parade comprising of 35 officers and 990 cadets drawn from 11 units of the Army Cadet Corps, 4 units of the Air Training Corps and 18 units of the Police Cadet Corps. The occasion today is yet another milestone in the growth of the Cadet Corps in Singapore. I understand that this is the first time that Combined Cadet Corps parades have been organised at District levels. Besides publicising the activities of each of the Cadet Corps and providing an opportunity for parents and public alike to witness your progress, the object of these combined parades is to bring together members of the various corps and to establish rapport with each other.

Fully cognisant of the paramount role of the youth of today in nation building, the Cadet Corps Units of the four streams are being rapidly expanded in every Secondary School in the Republic. For it is by participation in the activities of these Cadet Corps Units that the youth in our schools can develop their character, initiative, self-reliance, powers of organisation and leadership. These qualities are essential when you are called upon to shoulder duties and responsibilities as dedicated and loyal citizens of the Republic. What is more, the training received by you in the various Cadet Corps Units will enable you to personally acquaint yourselves with the work done by the Forces that maintain order and security in the Republic.

To those of you who will eventually enlist as National Servicemen, this training, besides standing you in good stead, will aid you in your decision as to the kind of service in which you may wish to carve out a career for yourselves. To those others who, after their term of National Service as well as to those members of

the girl Cadet Corps, would go on to become the technocrats, entrepreneurs, professional men and women in the various vocations or as civil servants in the service of Government or Business Houses, the training and knowledge you have acquired in the Corps will equip you in no small measure for your new responsibilities.

I am told, that today, there are 80 Army Units, 25 Sea Units, 24 Air Units and 101 Police Units in the Secondary Schools in our Republic. To the Officers who are entrusted with the training of our youth in the various Corps, I say that their performance and standards of achievement as cadets depend immeasurably on your dedication and leadership. These qualities are vital if you are to impart, imbue and inculcate a high degree of enthusiasm, efficiency and purpose in those under your charge.

The splendid parade, the smart bearing and turnout this evening, bear testimony to your untiring efforts and, I am confident that you will, as always, aim to achieve greater heights in the years ahead. I thank each and every one of the officers for giving so much of your spare time to the training of the Cadets as well as preparing them for this parade.

I wish also to thank all the guests for their kind presence here this evening.