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PASSING-OUT PARADE TO BE HELD AT THE POLICE TRAINING
SCHOOL AT 5.15 P.M. ON THURSDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 1968

ADDRESS BY THE INSPECTING OFFICER, MR. CHEAM KIM SEANG,
ACTING COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

The Parade this evening marks the conclusion of yet another basic training course for recruits to strengthen the ranks of the Police Force. I congratulate the 197 trainees on Parade who have successfully completed the course. During the last six months the Commandant and his staff have endeavoured to equip you with the knowledge necessary for the performance of general Police duties in the various divisions or units to which you are being assigned. You will find that it is not always easy to put into practice what you have been taught and you will also discover that there is yet more to learn especially where practical Police work is concerned. When you are in doubt do not hesitate to seek the assistance of your supervisory officers who will be there to help you along.

You have embarked upon a worthwhile career of service to the community. By enlisting as members of the Police Force you are at once the servant and guardian of the general public. Bearing this in mind you should always exercise the authority vested in you firmly and fairly without any fear or favour. Whilst you should be resolute and relentless in dealing with those who violate the law, you must treat all law-abiding citizens irrespective of race, colour, religion or social standing with unfailing patience and courtesy. The success of the Force depends very largely on the co-operation and support it gets from members of the public and it is your bounden duty to enhance the esteem and confidence of the community in their Police Force. Public respect for the Police depends on many factors, not least on your smartness and bearing in the streets, the pride you take in your personal appearance and in your uniform, and in maintaining an exemplary conduct at all times.

Our Nation is going through a challenging period and the rapid and immense changes which will inevitably take place during the next several years will no doubt in turn impose greater demands and burdens on the Force. You have an important role to play in the task of nation-building and to successfully meet the challenges ahead it is imperative that you do not slacken but instead seek to improve and maintain a high sense of discipline and dedication to duty at all times.

I commend all of you on Parade on your smart bearing and excellent turn-out. I also congratulate the prize winners on their achievements and wish you all a bright future in the Force.

Finally I thank all the guests for their presence this evening.
