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Speech by Prof. Wong Lin Ken, Minister for Home Affairs,
at A.E.B. Photographic Exhibition 1971 at National
Library Lecture Hall on Friday, 30th April 1971, at 5 p.m.

It gives me great pleasure to be here, today, to open the Photographic Exhibition organized by the Adult Education Board.

My pleasure is so much the greater because the Adult Education Board Photographic courses were first organized when I was associated with the Board. To-date, over 3,500 persons have gone through these courses. The courses have improved over the years to include even colour photography.

The large number of people taking to photography is an index of the changing pattern of the way in which people are spending their leisure. We are likely to develop into a scullery people in a concrete jungle, if we do not develop creative ways of spending our leisure. Photography is one of these creative hobbies. Its development as a social pastime is to be encouraged. Indeed, some of the graduates of the Adult Education Board classes have turned their skill into profitable ventures.

It is my pleasure now to declare this exhibition open.

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