

EMBARGOED UNTIL AFTER DELIVERY
PLEASE CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

Acc. No.

NARC

711	0024	669
-----	------	-----

SPEECH BY DR. AUGUSTINE H.H. TAN (陳志興)
M.P. FOR WHAMPOA AT THE MOON CAKE FESTIVAL
ORGANIZED BY THE YOUTH CLUB OF JALAN TENTERAM
COMMUNITY CENTRE AT JALAN TENTERAM COMMUNITY
CENTRE ON SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER 1971 AT 7.30 P.M.

YOUTH AND THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR SOCIETY

I am pleased to attend this first function by the newly-formed Youth Club of Jalan Tenteram Community Centre. It is good to see our youth responding to the call for leadership.

No society is built in a day nor does it achieve cohesiveness, durability and economic viability without a lot of hard work. It is the job of leaders to help build the permanent foundations of our nation.

Economically, we need to instill the proper work ethos, application and diligence in our citizens if we are to aspire to ever higher standards of living.

Socially we must cultivate the proper sense of social responsibility. We must learn to avoid the extremes of communalism. We must strive to reduce tensions arising from inequalities in income and wealth by providing opportunities for poorer people in getting better jobs, skills, education and therefore higher wages on the one hand, and on the other, by discouraging the flaunting of wealth in luxury-type consumption by the well-to-do.

Politically, we must continue to have clean and purposeful leadership. Our youth must lead the way towards greater patriotism for our country. If you want to be respected as leaders you should always show good example. Nobody should abuse their positions of leadership. You cannot expect people to obey the law if you make exceptions for yourselves.

If you can live up to these standards then the foundations for our young nation will be truly secure.

May I wish you a pleasant evening.

Date: 2nd October, 1971

Time Issued: 1300 Hours