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TEXT OF THE SPEECH GIVEN BY CHAIRMAN OF THE METRICATION BOARD,
 MR. BAEY LIAN PECK, AT THE CLOSING OF THE SEMINAR
 "METRICATION IN SINGAPORE"
 (13th November, 1971 at Victoria Theatre)

Speaking, as I do, at the close of a three-day seminar embracing ten addresses and discussions, I do not propose to take up your time unnecessarily. I must, however, on behalf of the Metrication Board, the University of Singapore's Engineering Faculty and — more important still — the audiences who have benefited from these sessions, thank the speakers, their chairmen and their panels. Direct personal contacts which have been made as a result of these meetings are of first importance in building up an awareness of the solid progress that is already being made in metrication in Singapore. They underline the need for the small trader as well as the larger industries to look to their future — to envisage their place in the emerging metric Singapore and to adapt themselves to it. We hope that this seminar marks only the beginning of a planned sequence of such exchanges. It will be the duty of the Metrication Board to encourage others to hold discussions within industry, within professional institutions and organisations, and between representatives of related industries whose interests will be best served by metricating in step with each other.

In this context, we are pleased that so many who attended these sessions were from the developing enterprises in Singapore. The Board is particularly concerned to help the smaller companies and I hope that what has been learned here will provide the incentive to enlisting the help and advice of the Board when the inevitable problems arise. Many of these problems will doubtless have been aired and answered over the last three days. Metrication, however, is a continuing process and I urge all who find themselves faced with the unexpected to remember that the Board exists to help them. Through our information programme we aim to keep everybody in the picture, for the widest possible knowledge of general progress is a requisite of good planning. Some of all this rubs off on the general public. Before very long there will have to be more intensive preparation of the ordinary citizen for the changes who are coming upon him and in this long-term aim such gatherings as these will also have played an important part. I thank you all for your attendance. I am certain that the time you have devoted to these sessions has been well spent.