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Speech by Mr. Lim Guan Hoo, Political Secretary
to the Minister for Communications at the Prize
Presentation Ceremony of STB Big Walk on Sunday,
16th July 1972 at 11.30 a.m. at the STB'S Orchard
Engineering Centre, Exeter Road.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

It is my privilege and honour to be called upon to address
you this morning. For those of you who have walked to-day, I
do not propose to keep you standing any longer than is necessary
as your limbs must surely feel the strains of the 13 km. walk.
I have, of course, the advantage of freshness, at least in the
limbs.

I am very happy to know that this is the first time a "Big
Walk" is organised in S.T.B. and also the first time that the
Senior Officers' Association and the S.T.B. Workers' Union have
come together to organise this event for the noble cause of
charity. Yours is a fine example for others to emulate and I
feel confident that the same spirit of comradeship, teamwork and civic
consciousness would continue to prevail in your daily working
relationships.

The Board has grown $2\frac{1}{2}$ times in terms of employees since the
days of the Oriental Telephone Electric Co., It was 990 in 1955
when the Board took over from the Oriental Telephone Electric Co.
and the present staff strength is nearly 2,500. With such a sizeable
workforce, it is essential that there are enough facilities for
recreation. It is common knowledge that both a healthy body and mind
is essential for creative thinking, and in the S.T.B. context, a well
maintained physical equilibrium of body and mind would also ensure
an economic, adequate and well maintained telephone service. I am,
therefore, glad to know that there would be many more organised,
recreational activities to follow this "Big Walk".

I am aware that both S.T.B. and T.A.S. Sports Clubs have decided to come together to form a joint recreational association, with membership open to employees from both S.T.B. and T.A.S., totalling 4,300. I also understand that the S.T.B. and T.A.S. Boards agreed to give a subsidy and also to provide a Clubhouse. The recreational needs of both the Board and the Authority would therefore be better catered for, in the near future, following the formation of the recreational association, which I understand would be named the "Telerec Association". One can, therefore, look forward to taking part in many more organised functions such as today's "Big Walk".

Ladies & Gentlemen, it is my pleasure to congratulate the winners of the day. I would also wish to congratulate the organisers for the success of this event, and also to thank them for inviting my wife and myself to this function.

Thank you.