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SPEECH BY THE FIRST LADY, MRS. B.H. SHEARES, AT THE
INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE CHRISTMAS FAIR 1972 ON
MONDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 1972 AT 5.00 P.M. AT THE ISTANA

It gives me much pleasure to welcome you here to the inaugural meeting of the Christmas Fair 1972.

It is heartening to know that we have many people amongst us who share the common interest in helping the less fortunate children in the Republic to lead a better life. Your work and dedication in this respect is much appreciated.

I also extend my appreciation to the wives of the Diplomatic Corps who are joining forces this year to set up a mammoth international stall at the Christmas Fair under the able joint leadership of Mrs. Wilairat, Mrs. Bhatia and Mrs. Soonarso. Their valuable assistance, coupled with the untiring efforts of our voluntary workers, have helped to ~~raise~~ the much needed funds for the under-privileged and the handicapped.

It is also my hope that there will be greater commitment from the public to support the functions organised by the children's charities, for in the final analysis their continued appreciation and support of the work of the charities are important for the progressive extension of the service and care provided by the charities.

I admire Mrs. Bu, the Chairman of the Christmas Fair, for her extreme dedication to this charitable cause and also all the many other voluntary workers who cannot be mentioned individually by name on account of the length of the list and the pressure of time.

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