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SPEECH BY FIRST LADY AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE
SINGAPORE SOGETSU ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FLOWER EXHIBITION
ON FRIDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1972 AT 5.30 P.M. AT THE
SINGAPORE CONFERENCE HALL

Once again, I am pleased to be here to open the Annual Exhibition of Japanese Flower Arrangement of the Singapore Sogetsu Association. Since the last exhibition, the Association has made much progress which is evident from the increased membership of the Association.

When the British pulled out, the Association faced a temporary set-back but its activities since then show that it has more than recovered. This is largely due to the untiring efforts of the committee and the President, Mrs. Kim, of the Association. They have, by their activities, brought about wider appreciation of the Sogetsu style of Ikebana. The many exhibition flower arrangements organised by them have not only helped to raise large sums of money for charity, but also has resulted in the increasing appreciation by a wider section of the community of Ikebana.

From 1960 to date, the Association has helped to raise \$125,391 for local charity and the recipients are especially grateful for the contribution of the Association.

I wish the Association continued success in all its efforts and have much pleasure in now declaring the exhibition open.

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