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SPEECH BY THE FIRST LADY, MRS. B.H. SHEARES, AT
THE OPENING OF THE ALL SINGAPORE PATROL LEADERS'
TRAINING CAMP OF THE SINGAPORE GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION
AT SARILABUN BOY SCOUTS' CAMPSITE ON TUESDAY, 5TH
DECEMBER 1972 AT 2.30 P.M.

I am happy to be present among you here on this historic occasion of the Singapore Girl Guide movement. I know that in its 55 years of guiding, this is the first time a Patrol Leaders' Training Camp has been formed to enable patrol leaders to acquire practical training and experience.

In our urban environment, in-camp training such as this one, takes the Guides away from the humdrum of their daily routine, and is most welcome. For here they work, live and play in an atmosphere of good comradeship and therefore learn the importance of team effort.

Living out in the open needs planning in every detail and a conscious effort on the part of all participants to work together for a common goal. It is service to the group first and self second. Above all, it inculcates discipline which will stand the girls in good stead in their adult life when they assume greater responsibilities.

I commend the 32 Guiders for their untiring efforts in planning and preparing for this training camp. I am sure you will find when the training is over that the efforts have been well worthwhile and the experience invaluable, if not unique.

I have now great pleasure in declaring open the 1972 all Singapore Patrol Leaders' Training Camp.

December 5, 1972.

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