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TEXT OF SPEECH BY THE MINISTER FOR LAW AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, MR. E. W. BARKER, AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF SEAP GAMES AT THE NATIONAL STADIUM ON SAT., SEPT. 8, 1973

The 7th SEAP Games have now come to a close. Competition has been keen in all the events and participants have given of their best. Many new SEAP records have been set and even Asian standards surpassed.

The Games have certainly aroused great interest in sports amongst the people of Singapore, as they must have in the other SEAP countries, thanks to the mass media. I feel sure that the contestants, both men and women, will continue to be dedicated and even more determined in the future to raise standards even higher. This enthusiastic trend will help SEAP athletes to do well when they compete in other international meets, such as the Asian Games.

It has been a privilege for us in Singapore to have been able to host both athletes and officials from the participating countries. I hope that the friendships generated, not only at the various Games venues but also at the Village, have consolidated during the past week. I trust that all our guests will take home with them pleasant memories of the cordial ties that they have established in Singapore, as much as we in Singapore will always remember their friendliness and their sportsmanship. We look forward to meeting again in Bangkok in December 1975.

May I now call upon the President to declare the Games closed.

SEPTEMBER 8, 1973.
