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TEXT OF SPEECH BY THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS,
DR. ANG KOK PENG, AT THE "POSTAL WEEK" DINNER & DANCE HELD
AT THE CATHAY RESTAURANT ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 29, AT 7.30 P.M.

It gives me great pleasure to be here with you this evening.

The Postal Services Department is one of the oldest Government institutions and its history can be proudly traced back to the year 1823. Humble though its beginning was at that time, it has grown from strength to strength over the decades, and today it handles almost 300 million items of mail a year. In recent years, the volume of mail has been increasing at the rate of 9 per cent per annum and to keep pace with this, new post offices have been built. In fact, it is estimated that we need another 30 new post offices over the next five years.

Those of you who are charged with keeping the postal system going have a long tradition of service to live up to. It is important that you keep on improving the quality of services through better organisation and using modern techniques for handling the mail. I am pleased to note that this year you have started a 'Postal Week' to publicise the activities of the Postal Services Department and to enable the public to have an insight into what is happening behind the counters. Besides you have also collected about \$25,000/- for charity; this is indeed a very good gesture of your concern for the less fortunate.

This evening's dinner and dance has been organised to round off the 'Postal Week' for which I understand all of you have worked very hard and in very good spirit. I wish you a very enjoyable evening and thank you for inviting me and my wife.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1973.
