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SPEECH BY DR ANG KOK PENG, MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS & M.P. FOR CRAWFORD AT THE BALLOTING FOR THE SALE OF FLATS AT NORTH BRIDGE ROAD/SUMBAWA ROAD REDEVELOPMENT ON FRIDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1973 AT 2.30 P.M.

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I am very happy to be with you here at this first balloting ceremony of the sale of flats in Crawford under the "Home Ownership" Scheme.

2 As you know, this area has been one of the earliest precincts in the Central Area to have undergone comprehensive redevelopment to provide better living environment with modern sanitation and other amenities. The 152 units of 4-room flats and 96 units of 5-room flats in three towering point blocks at North Bridge Road/Sumbawa Road area that are to be balloted, are a very welcome addition to our existing 9 blocks of high-rise flats. The 96 units are the first 5-room flats in the Central Area to be sold under this Scheme since the HDB made a decision to build 5-room flats.

3 I congratulate you for being allocated flats in Crawford. Should you have any suggestions for improving the Constituency or you need any assistance from me, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to meeting you individually during my tours of the Constituency and my weekly "Meet-the-People Session". I hope you will settle down in your new homes quickly and contribute to the development of even closer community spirit in this Constituency.

4 I need not ask you to keep your flats clean and tidy -- I am sure you will do it without any urging. However, in the matter of communal properties and public amenities,

experience has shown that there has been insufficient concern with regard to their proper use and maintenance. These facilities are for our common use and all of us naturally have a responsibility in keeping them clean and in good condition undamaged by vandalism. With your close co-operation we may be able to enjoy a clean and healthy, orderly and beautiful environment in Crawford.

5 I hope you will keep in close touch with members of the Crawford Citizens' Consultative Committee and the Management Committees of the two Community Centres. You will find them very helpful and receptive to any suggestions you may wish to make for improving the general conditions of life in Crawford.

6 I wish you a very pleasant and happy life in your new homes here.

Date: 23 November 1973