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SPEECH BY DR ANG KOK PENG, MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AT THE OPENING OF THE LENG KEE CONSTITUENCY FOOD AND FUN FAIR ON SATURDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY 1974 AT 10 A.M. AT THE ALEXANDRA HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

I am very pleased to be here this morning to give a short address before the commencement of the Food and Fun Fair which I believe is the first of its kind to be held in Leng Kee constituency.

2 Most food and fun fairs are organised with the main intention of raising money for some projects, such as a scholarship fund or a welfare fund. I am told, however, that this Fair of yours was conceived as an activity for fellow residents to celebrate the Chinese New Year together. This is indeed a good way to promote community spirit.

3 In undertaking this project you must have appreciated the fact that organising a Fun Fair is not a one man's effort; neither is its preparation a one-day affair. It takes a lot of people and a great deal of preparation and planning. Your MP, Mr Ahmad Matter, told me that the idea of holding this Fair was first mooted by the PAP Leng Kee Branch. But the organisation of it was carried out by a committee whose membership was drawn from not only the PAP Leng Kee Branch but also from the Leng Kee Citizens' Consultative Committee and the Management Committee of the Leng Kee Community Centre. Mr Ahmad Matter also informed me that no less than 60 games and food stalls have been set up involving the participation of well over 300 people. This is indeed a huge task and I hope your efforts will be duly rewarded with good weather and great patronage.

4           Like every group activity, organising a Fair requires the organisers to have the proper attitude of "give and take". Sometimes certain ideas are accepted totally for a particular game or stall. At other times some suggestions, though acceptable, may have to be modified. Still there are occasions when ideas and suggestions have to be rejected for one reason or another. The by-product of any successful group activity is the experience of working harmoniously together. I am happy to note that in this Fair of yours you have co-operated very closely with each other by putting the overall success of the project above individuals' own interest and have benefitted from the experience.

5           To members of the Organising Committee I offer my congratulations for this splendid performance.

6           Mr Chairmen and friends, it is my pleasure to declare the Long Kee Constituency Food and Fun Fair open.

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