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SPEECH BY DR ANG KOK PENG, MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AT THE PRESENTATION OF PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE FINAL OF THE TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION OF THE INTER-CONSTITUENCY SPORTS ON SUNDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY 1974 AT THE GAY WORLD STADIUM AT 9.00 P.M.

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The first Inter-Constituency table tennis competition has come to a successful conclusion. I am glad to note that throughout the tournament the spirit of sportsmanship has been maintained and the standard of play has been high.

2 The main purpose of the Inter-Constituency games is to stimulate popular interest in sports as a form of social recreation that leads to better physical fitness and greater sportsmanship among the people. The Inter-Constituency competition provides the players of particular games the opportunity to know each other better, exchange experiences and improve skills through friendly rivalry.

3 A total of 39 constituencies participated in this year's table tennis competition; I hope in next year's competition all the constituencies will take part to make the event an even more exciting one. It would be nice if each constituency can organise its own intra-constituency competition in table tennis, so that the game can be better popularised and the best team selected to represent the constituency. The organisation of such an intra-constituency table tennis competition would of course involve a lot of time and energy and demand considerable sacrifice from the organisers. But it is worth all the efforts as it will lead to greater promotion of table tennis in Singapore.

4 Before I conclude, I would like to congratulate the winning teams of this competition for their fine performance and at the same time I hope the other teams will train hard and try to put up a better performance in the next competition.

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