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SPEECH BY DR ANG KOK PENG, MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH
AND MP FOR CRAWFORD, AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE
CRAWFORD POST OFFICE AT 8 P.M. ON FRIDAY, 10 MAY 1974

As the MP for Crawford, I am particularly happy that we now have a post office in Crawford. This post office is the 50th post office established in Singapore. It is of the delivery type and has a special counter for the Post Office Savings Bank. The addition of this post office to the public amenities available in Crawford is most welcome as it provides greater convenience for the residents and the people who work here.

2 I hope the POSE counter will be well patronised especially by the young. The habit of saving should be actively encouraged even though the individual amount saved may be small. The important thing is the inculcation in our young the need to avoid wastage be it their time, money or material. Thrift is a virtue that will stand us in good stead and parents should see to it that their children acquire this virtue.

3 Like many countries, developed as well as developing countries, without abundant oil or other natural resources, we are confronted by the problem of very high inflation at home and an uncertain economic situation in the world. This naturally makes life more difficult for all of us. We cannot just wish this problem away but must tackle it by working hard, increasing our productivity and at the same time economizing on materials. The business community can help by not making a large margin of profit in their daily transactions. The consumers too should play their part by not being too brand conscious or too particular about wanting

only their favourite items of food or articles of daily use but be flexible in making their purchases so that their money could be stretched as far as possible. While the Government continues to take certain measures to prevent unscrupulous persons exploiting the situation at the expense of the people by charging unduly high prices for their goods, the co-operation of everyone is needed to enable us to face the present difficult situation effectively and lessen the hardship of our people.

4 Before I conclude I would like to thank the Citizens Consultative Committee of Crawford for having co-operated with the Postal Department in jointly organising this function tonight.

5 It now gives me great pleasure to declare the Crawford Post Office officially open and wish it every success.

Date: 10 May 1974