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SPEECH BY DR. AUGUSTINE H.H. TAN, MP FOR WHAMPOA AND  
POLITICAL SECRETARY, PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AT THE  
OPENING OF THE FUN FAIR ORGANIZED BY THE JALAN TENTERAM  
COMMUNITY CENTRE YOUTH COMMITTEE IN AID OF THE WHAMPOA  
COMMUNITY CENTRE BUILDING FUND, AT JALAN TENTERAM  
COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SUNDAY, 7 JULY 1974 AT 10 A.M.

I am especially pleased to open this Fun Fair, not just because the proceeds will go towards the building of our new community centre, but because the Youth Committee of the Jalan Tenteram Community Centre has organized the Fun Fair by their own efforts. We are fortunate to have so many young people who are dedicated to their community.

Because of the efforts and sacrifices of our parents and grandparents, our young people today have many opportunities in education, training and careers. I am sure our young people will not make the fatal mistake of taking things for granted. Instead, our young people must face up to the challenge of maintaining the work ethos - the drive, the effort, the individual and social discipline that are indispensable to Singapore's survival and prosperity.

Youth have 3 characteristic qualities. They are full of energy, they are idealistic and they are impatient for action and change. These qualities can be misused and harmful to society or they can be of great benefit to society if they are harnessed in useful ways.

Our young people should realize that it is possible to reform society in constructive ways without dislocation. They can make their contributions to society in 3 ways.

1. by acquiring a full understanding of the social, economic and political realities that face our nation;
2. by acquiring maturity and a sense of responsibility. This will win them the confidence and respect of their elders and hence make their ideas more acceptable;
3. by displaying dedication to their community. Dedication is a scarce quality but is a vital antidote to the cynicism and highly impersonal life of modern society.

I am fully confident that our young people will measure up to the challenge of their responsibilities.

It is now my honour to declare this Fun Fair open and to wish you all a pleasant day.

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