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SPEECH BY PRESIDENT SHEARES AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY
OF 1977 PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIPS AT 8 P.M. ON FRIDAY,
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This year four boys and one girl are awarded the President's Scholarship.

These scholars were selected for their character, qualities of leadership and outstanding performance in academic studies and extra-curricular activities. All of them are bilingual.

Four of the five scholars, namely Khoo Boo Cheong, Koh Kay Yong, Lee Tong Heng and Miss Lim Hoon Geok will be studying in universities in the United Kingdom. The fifth scholar, Ang Peng Tiam, will study medicine in the University of Singapore.

They come from very different family backgrounds. They have been through different primary and secondary schools. However they sat for the same or similar "O" and "A" Level Examinations in the English and Chinese Language streams. They have all done well.

Today is also Colombo Plan Day. Under the Colombo Plan, donor countries have assisted Singapore in its educational and industrial programmes by generous awards of scholarships and other forms of technical assistance. In appreciation of what we have received, we have, to a smaller extent, made our contribution to other developing countries by providing training facilities under the Colombo Plan and ASEAN Scholarships and Fellowships.

In conclusion, I congratulate the five President's Scholars and wish them success in all their future endeavours. I also hope that they will strive and give of their best, and thereby contribute to the well-being and prosperity of Singapore.

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