

SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT PRESS RELEASE

PUBLICITY DIVISION · MINISTRY OF CULTURE · CITY HALL, SINGAPORE 6

National Archives and
Records Centre, Singapore.

MC/JUL/3/78 (Istana)

8 JUL 1978

SPEECH BY PRESIDENT SHEARES AT THE PRESENTATION
CEREMONY OF 1978 PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP AT
8.00 PM ON SATURDAY, 1 JULY 1978 AT THE ISTANA

Acc. No.	NARC
78	0044 63

This year, seven scholars including two girls, are awarded the President's Scholarship.

These scholars have excelled in their academic and extracurricular activities and have good character and leadership potential. Six of the scholars are bilingual in English and Chinese and the seventh in English and Malay.

One of the seven scholars, Lee Wai Mun, has been provisionally nominated for the Singapore Armed Forces Scholarship. He will be studying Engineering Tripos at Churchill College, University of Cambridge, U.K. and then will have the prospect of a challenging and rewarding career in the Singapore Armed Forces.

Three other scholars, Jek Kian Jin, Kho Choon Keng and Miss Han Juat Jong, will also be pursuing studies at universities in the United Kingdom. The remaining three scholars, Chan Suen Meng, Narayanaswamy Venketasubramanian and Miss Adelia Yeo Teng Neo have each been elected for a course in medicine at the University of Singapore.

Today is Colombo Plan Day. I thank donor countries and especially Colombo Plan countries for providing our Republic with continued technical assistance in training awards, expert services and equipment for our educational and development programmes. 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.

I am grateful to local organisations, donor foundations and philanthropists for their contributions to our training resources.

Finally, I congratulate the seven President's Scholars. I feel sure that they will dedicate their careers to serving our nation to the best of their ability.