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SPEECH BY THE SENIOR MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND MP
FOR BUKIT BATOK, MR. CHAI CHONG YII, AT THE LAUNCHING OF GOTONG-
ROYONG PROJECT AT THE JUNCTION OF TRACK 5 AND LORONG SEROJA,
OFF CHUA CHU KANG ROAD, ON SUNDAY, OCT. 22, 1978, AT 8.30 A.M

Sunday is our usual rest day. However, instead of resting at home, so many of us are gathered here this morning to metal Lorong Seroja. This shows that the gotong royong spirit is with us. It is the best proof that we Singaporeans do love our country. We do care for the welfare of our people.

The earth track to be metalled is about 1.68 km long linking Track 5, Chua Chu Kang Road to Jalan Perang. Materials supplied by PWD cost the government about \$114,000. If voluntary labour put in by all of us were to be cost, it would be another substantial sum. Though we are not experienced road builders, neither are we paid nor promised anything for our labour, we all are here willingly offering our two hands to do what we can. This spirit of self-help is very important to a young nation like Singapore.

We live in a highly competitive world. Singapore is able to progress despite the odds we have to face. What is the secret? The secret rests entirely on good organisation work and self-help. This gotong royong project helps to illustrate the every secret which we must never forget.

Finally, I wish to thank all participants of this gotong royong for their support, especially the army personnel from our Keat Hong Camp who form the mainstay of the work force.