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SPEECH BY MR CH'NG JIT KOON, SENIOR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY
(PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE), ON THE 43RD ANNIVERSARY OF
CHUNG CHENG HIGH SCHOOL AT THE CHUNG CHENG HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
ON FRIDAY, 16 JULY 1982 AT 10.00 AM

Today is the 43rd Anniversary for our alma mater, the Chung Cheng High School. I feel greatly honoured to be invited to have a talk with all of you.

When Chung Cheng High School was founded in 1939, its objective was to provide secondary education for those who wanted to be educated in Singapore. Students came from the then Malaya, Indonesia, Thailand and even the Philippines. For the past 43 years our alma mater has produced thousands of graduates. They can be found in every sector of economic activities, each contributing in his own way to society. They have demonstrated the Chung Cheng High School spirit - friendliness towards people and love for our alma mater. This speaks well not only for our alma mater but also for our school founders, our past and present school management committees, our devoted teachers and our graduates.

Over the years, our school management committees have been giving financial support to our alma mater, a non-government school. Our graduates and students also played their part by organising various fund-raising projects to support the school. Through the combined efforts of all concerned, the dilapidated school buildings and facilities have since been replaced by modernised ones on a 5.7 hectare site at Goodman Road and our branch school at Guillemard Road.

We are proud to say that Chung Cheng High School has a track record of excellent achievements. That is why it is well known in South East Asian countries. In this we should thank our school founders who had had the drive and foresight. Highly

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qualified scholars holding Ph D and Master Degrees from well-known universities in USA, Europe, Japan and China were recruited. Despite meagre income, they taught unremittingly and laid a good academic foundation and tradition for our alma mater.

Chung Cheng High School has been chosen as one of the nine SAP schools. In my view, we have a good learning environment, devoted teachers and good quality students. With these, it should not be difficult for Chung Cheng High School to develop into one of the best schools in Singapore.

I know that the Principal and the teachers have been very concerned about the studies, the moral training and the character building of our students. They have made tremendous sacrifices in giving up their leisure time on weekends and during the school holidays to conduct extra-curricular activities and tutorial classes for students to help them improve in their various subjects. Our teachers have also been instilling in the students the correct attitudes and values towards life and society. All these have paid off. At the end of last year, the 190 Secondary III candidates who sat for the GCE 'O' Level Examination in CL2 and EL2 had done very well. I would like to congratulate the teachers and students for their good performance.

Finally, it is my hope that with the guidance of our devoted teachers and a good learning environment, our students should continue to study harder to achieve even better results in the future. Parents should also play a part by giving their children more encouragement and counselling. As for those old boys of our alma mater, they should uphold the Chung Cheng High School spirit, continue to pay attention to its development and give it a helping hand in whatever way they can.