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**SPEECH BY MR CHOR YEOK ENG, SENIOR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY (ENVIRONMENT)
AND MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR BUKIT TIMAH AT THE GET-TOGETHER DINNER
OF THE PAP BUKIT TIMAH BRANCH AT THE CLEMENTI ORIENTAL RESTAURANT
ON MONDAY, 12 JANUARY 1981 AT 8.00 PM**

The general election is just over. This dinner organised by the PAP Branch tonight, besides giving us an opportunity to get together, is able to thank everybody for their hard work in the general election.

Your presence to grace this occasion has undoubtedly added much joy and friendliness among us. Most important, this function has also gathered a number of distinguished guests and dignitaries from all walks of life in the various organisations. Though the organisations may be different in their set-up, the thinking and the expectation are similar because we are all prepared to sacrifice and work for the people and the future of our country.

The PAP Branch is one of the earliest organisations established in the constituency. It was founded in the mid-1950 and had sailed through a number of political turbulence. The Citizens Consultative Committee and the Community Centre Management Committee were established later in the 1960s. The members of these two voluntary organisations have been giving tremendous contributions both to the development of the area and the welfare of the people.

The Sports Committee, the Welfare Committee and the Women's Sub-committee were also set up. Much activities have been organised by these committees.

The Residents' Committees, which is the latest in the constituency, was formed less than a year ago to co-ordinate problems, to plan and promote healthy activities in the various public housing estates. It is through the combined effort of the

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people and the government that these committees were successfully organised.

Besides the above, there are other civic organisations within the constituency such as the house owners associations of the private residential estates. They also have their own areas of activities and contributions. These associations play an important role in resolving the problems and difficulties encountered by the residents. To be aware of any change of policy affecting their estates, they have been maintaining close liaison and frequent contact with the various organisations and government authorities. More and more such organisations are being set up in the residential estates.

The recent general election has brought a new appearance of the Bukit Timah Constituency. It is now sub-divided into four electoral divisions. Many developments and organisations formerly within the Bukit Timah Constituency are now drawn into other new constituencies. Such separation will not dampen our deep-rooted friendship and feelings because we will still be meeting each other in our daily life.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you, the CCC members, the MC members and representatives of all the organisations mentioned above for their co-operation which they have extended to me in one way or another over the past years. Your valuable support is greatly appreciated and well remembered.

It is my hope that you, especially the new friends and comrades, will continue your hard work and active participation to strive for a better future of the country and the people.

Lastly, may I once again thank you and wish you good health and a happy and prosperous new year.