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SPEECH BY MR CHOR YEOK ENG, SENIOR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY (ENVIRONMENT)  
AND MP FOR BUKIT TIMAH AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF AYER RAJAH COMMUNITY  
HALL ON 23 DECEMBER 1981 AT 7.30 PM

It is my great honour to be invited by your Member of Parliament, Dr Tan Cheng Bock, to be here this evening to officiate the opening ceremony of the Ayer Rajah Community Hall. I am gratified for being given this opportunity to meet and speak to all of you among whom many are my old friends at this occasion. May I, on this festive occasion, wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ayer Rajah is a new constituency created in the last general election. Apart from the existing facilities inherited from the realignment of neighbouring constituencies, many other important tasks and activities, through the guidance of Dr Tan and the support of all the enthusiastic social workers, have almost been set up. With the establishment of this new community hall, I believe that more activities can continue to be organised. It is the present policy of the government to retain or make available one unit of building in each constituency of HDB housing estate for rental to the Member of Parliament for his meet-the-people and other community activities. This is also the basic need for the people to congregate and organise social functions. It is therefore my belief that the supporters and distinguished social workers of this area will fully utilise the facilities of this new community hall to activate your organising ability to bring about better services for the people.

On the occasion of this ceremony, let me appeal to all of you to devote your knowledge and potentiality of social conscience to the others as the success of our community, our country will depend on all of us. I hope, through your concerted effort, more dedicated and talented social-committed workers will be pooled together to provide and promote better welfare and activities for the fellow constituents. The present economy stability of our country will bring about greater success and prosperity in the years ahead.