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SPEECH BY MR HO KAH LEONG, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY  
(EDUCATION) AND CHAIRMAN, ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF  
SPORTS AID FUND CHARITY DINNER AT THE CHARITY DINNER  
AT SHANGRI-LA HOTEL ISLAND BALLROOM  
ON TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 1983 AT 8.00 PM

This evening's function, the Sports Aid Fund Charity Dinner has been organised within a short time. Notwithstanding this, the response has been most gratifying. It has been so overwhelming that we are able to raise more than what we have targetted for. I am pleased to announce that the proceeds from this charity dinner have well exceeded \$150,000/-. The money raised will go to the Sports Aid Fund. It is our expectation that the injection of funds will help our sportsmen and sportswomen to gain sports excellence. Although our base is small, being a nation of 2.4 million people, we would not rule out the possibility of the emergence of world class sportsmen and sportswomen. With good training facilities, competent coaches, adequate equipment, proper medical and other supporting facilities, we can enhance the chances of producing world class champions. The generosity and support towards the Sports Aid Fund of so many well-wishers will help in no small measure to make this possible.

On behalf of the Organising Committee, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to, first of all, the Patron for this dinner, the Hon Mr E W Barker, Minister for Law and Mrs Barker for their unfailing support of sports and for their gracious presence here this evening.

Next, I would like to thank the three artistes from Hong Kong, namely Mr Tse Yin, Miss Deborah Li and Miss Susanna Kwan Kuk Yin for their consent to perform at this charity dinner. I am sure they will put up an enjoyable and excellent show in the later part of this evening.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the sponsors, the constituency sports clubs and associations and well-wishers for their ardent support without which this dinner will not have been so successful.

Last but not least, I must thank members of the press for their good coverage and members of my Organising Committee for their hard work and all those who have in one way or other helped to make this occasion possible.

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