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SPEECH BY MR HO KAH LEONG, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY
(EDUCATION), AT THE LAYING OF FOUNDATION STONE CEREMONY FOR
THE SQUASH COURT COMPLEX AT OUTRAM SECONDARY SCHOOL
ON THURSDAY, 28 JULY '83 AT 10.00 AM

Last July, I had the pleasure of officiating at your school's 75th Anniversary Celebrations. Today, I am happy to be in your midst once again to officiate at this foundation stone laying ceremony for the squash court complex. The Outram Secondary School Advisory Committee has a distinguished record of being very active and having made significant contributions to the general improvement of the school.

In 1977, the school with the help of the Advisory Committee completed the building of the present swimming pool. That was no mean achievement. Only one other school in Singapore has been able to build its own swimming pool with the aid of its School Advisory Committee. It was a formidable task which the school and the Advisory Committee jointly undertook and brought it to fruition by their painstaking efforts. This extra facility has contributed immensely to promote swimming among pupils of Outram.

The school is situated in the centre of a built-up area and has very little land space and whatever land is available is uneven. However, the school is to be complimented for its all out effort to maximise the use of available space around it. In spite of the limited space, the school has been able to offer a strong ECA programme and provide for all-round development of pupils in keeping with its tradition.

The squash court project is yet another major contribution of the Advisory Committee and reflects not only the dedication and hard work of the Committee members but their concern for you, boys and girls. I congratulate them on their endeavour and would like to assure them of the continued support from the Ministry of Education. My Ministry remains totally committed to the general improvement of ECA facilities in schools. It is vital for boys and girls to participate in sports and games. These can serve not only to develop a sound body brimming with health but also nurture many other worthwhile qualities such as team spirit.

I hope you boys and girls will appreciate the time, effort and energy expended by all those who have made this project possible. When the courts are ready, utilise them to the maximum. Squash is a game that is becoming more and more popular in Singapore and I am sure you will not only enjoy playing it but some of you will also be able to excell in it.

Now, it gives me great pleasure to lay the foundation stone for your squash court complex.

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