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**SPEECH BY MR LEE YOCK SUAN, MINISTER FOR LABOUR,  
AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF MARINA CITY PARK AND  
THE UNVEILING OF SCULPTURES  
ON SUNDAY, 30 DECEMBER 1990 AT 10.00 A.M.**

It is my pleasure to be here with you to open the Marina City Park and to unveil two beautiful sculptures.

Marina City Park has been designed and developed as a harmonious blend of nature, art and modernity to reflect Singapore's entry into the 21st century.

The park is designed on the theme, "A green jewel in the heart of a modern city". Developed at a cost of \$7.5 million, this 30-hectare park provides a "green lung" in the city, and a place where Singaporeans can go to when they wish to get away, for a while, from the hustle and bustle of city life.

An important feature of this park is art. The two main entrances, the Constellation Plaza, the Waterfront Terraces, the Sundial Plaza, the ponds and the Sculpture Garden are areas that have been set aside for art. The sculptures, which I will unveil in a moment, will add to Marina City Park's reputation as a park where art is a key feature.

I am pleased to note that these sculptures have been donated to the Government under the Public Sculptures Donation Scheme. I urge more corporations and individuals to consider donating sculptures under the scheme. Besides enjoying exemption of tax on their income up to the full value of the sculptures, they will have the satisfaction of knowing that these works of art will be enjoyed by generations of Singaporeans.

The "Sculptural Fountain", a vertical line composition of interlocking brass tubes, projects rhythmic grace and the joy of living. An abstract interpretation of Nature, the sculpture was donated by DBS Land Pte Ltd.

The sculpture "The Spirit of Youth", is a gift to the nation by the People's Association Youth Movement (PAYM) in celebration of Singapore's 25 years of Independence. A work by Mr Thang Kiang How, the sculpture symbolises the vision and aspirations of our youth.

The PAYM was established in 1971 to help our youth develop as well-balanced and responsible citizens. Today, the PAYM is the largest youth organisation in Singapore with 93 Youth Groups based at the community centres and community clubs. An organisation run by our youths for the benefit of young Singaporeans, the PAYM has been able to keep pace with the changing needs of our youth and the nation's development.

The sculpture, "The Spirit of Youth" underlines the PAYM's commitment to achieve social harmony and progress for our nation. It is significant that each and every one of the PAYM members has contributed towards the sculpture.

The PAYM will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary next year. Its challenges ahead are to enhance the Movement with new blood and new ideas, to reach out to more young Singaporeans and to channel their youthful energies towards nation-building.

It is now my pleasure to declare the Marina City Park open and to commend it to all Singaporeans and visitors as a green jewel in our beautiful city.

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