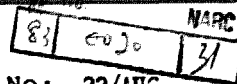


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SPEECH BY MR LEE YIOK SENG, SR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY (NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT), AT THE 18TH NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION DINNER HELD AT THE HSIN MIN COMMUNITY CENTRE, 18.6 KM WOODLAND ROAD ON SATURDAY, 6 AUGUST 1983 AT 8.00 PM

I am happy to see so many of you at this National Day Dinner.

During this decade, the Government is embarking on a very ambitious construction programme. Besides building more HDB new towns, industrial estates, schools, expressways and recreational parks, we will be embarking on the MRT project. This means that we need a lot more land and the Government has to continue with its clearance efforts. The Resettlement Department's target is to clear 60,000 cases between now and 1989 in all parts of Singapore including Bukit Panjang.

For development of the northern sector, it is necessary to clear the land presently occupied by some of you. This will not be pleasant. However, for the progress and upgrading of our constituency, it is inevitable that some of you will experience a certain degree of hardship or personal sacrifice. As your MP, I will take steps to ensure that only minimum inconvenience or dislocation will be caused to those affected. To preserve the present harmonious community ties, we will work together closely and try to arrange for those who want to, to stay near each other in the same neighbourhood.

At this juncture, I would like to describe briefly the development programmes in the next few years within Bukit Panjang constituency. HDB has up to now built more

than 7,000 flats, three primary schools and two secondary schools, and other amenities in Woodlands New Town. Another 7,000 flats will be completed by 1984, comprising 3119 units of three-room, 3162 units of four-room, 654 units of five-room, 61 units of shophouses with living quarters and five eating houses. (See Appendix A). A floating restaurant in the Town Garden will also be provided. HDB also plans to build a Sports Complex and a junior college in the near future. With the completion of the Bukit Timah Expressway in 1985 linking up with the Pan-Island Expressway, this will bring Woodlands New Town within easy reach from the rest of the island.

Near Bukit Panjang Village, east of Upper Bukit Timah Road and Woodlands Road, HDB will be building another New Town known as Zhenghua, in the next few years. It will house 30,000 families. The first batch of some 2,000 flats will be completed in 1986, out of which 900 units are three-room, 800 units of four-room and 300 units are five-room. Besides the usual amenities, there will be a town garden and a junior college in this new town. In developing this new town, HDB will try to preserve as much of the existing trees, valleys and hills as possible.

For the success of the proposed urbanisation programme to upgrade the social and economic status of the area, it is our common goal to ensure that the progress of resettlement and national development is carried out as smoothly as possible. I am confident that with your co-operation this can be achieved, resulting in greater prosperity for the constituency in the years ahead.

Finally, I would like to thank each and everyone of you for the good work you have done for our Constituency.

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HDB PROJECTS IN BUKIT PANJANG CONSTITUENCY
WOODLANDS NEW TOWN - UNITS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

| Three-Room | Four-Room | Five-Room | Shops | Completion Date (Estimated) |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-------|--------------------------------|
| 1280 | 198 | - | 10 | 4th Quarter 1983 |
| 916 | 1133 | - | 8 | 1st Quarter 1984 |
| 293 | 373 | 236 | 31 | 2nd Quarter 1984 |
| 592 | 1195 | 418 | - | 3rd Quarter 1984 |
| 38 | 263 | - | 17 | 1st Quarter 1985 |
| 3119 | 3162 | 654 | 66 | |