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SPEECH BY MR LEE YIOK SENG, SENIOR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY  
(NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT) AT THE CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY FOR  
NORTH AND SOUTH MULTI-STOREY CARPARKS AT CHANGI AIRPORT  
PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING II AT PENTHOUSE NEGARA ON  
SATURDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 1987 AT 11.00 AM

I am very happy to be here this morning to officiate this signing ceremony. It is indeed a special occasion for the signing of the two contracts for the construction of the North and the South Multi-storey Carparks for Changi Airport Passenger Terminal Building II. We are moving yet closer towards the completion of the Terminal II complex - an event that we all eagerly look forward to.

The North and South Multi-storey Carparks are necessary to provide ample parking space for visitors and users of the Terminal II complex. Together they will house about 2,400 car, 150 motorcycle and 78 coach parking lots. In the North Carpark, provision will also be made for taxis to ensure efficiency and smooth-running for passenger requiring this service.

The Public Works Department has also planned and designed the carparks so that motorists have a much shorter distance to get to Terminal II, compared to the carparks serving Terminal I. This is achieved by connecting the Multi-storey Carparks to the main building with air-conditioning shopping link. With all these features, I am sure you will agree with me that no one can say that we have not got the interests of the users at heart!

In appearance, the North and South Multi-storey Carparks will be mirror-images of each other. They will also resemble Terminal II in that they will be "clothed" in aluminium cladding. In structural design, a "flat slab method" will be incorporated to maximise the clearance from floor to floor. A modern computer controlled car-counting facility will be installed to assist motorists proceed directly to levels with vacant lots instead of wandering aimlessly from level to level in search of the elusive space.

We have achieved economic growth this year. The construction industry however is still lagging behind. With the signing of the two contracts, which amount to some \$50 million, it is hoped that more life is injected into the industry. It is also heartening to note that the construction will be done largely by local contractors. For the North Carpark we are awarding the contract to a local contractor M/s Hytech Builders. For the South Carpark, we have a joint venture of M/s Takenaka Komuten Co Ltd and another local contractor M/s Chuang Uming Pte Ltd.

Recently, Changi Airport is voted the second best airport in the world and the best in Asia. Indeed, Singaporeans have a reason to be proud of our Changi Airport. With the experience gained from the construction of Changi Airport, Singapore companies and consultants are now able to export our expertise overseas. We have been undertaking the review of the Master Plan for Nanjing Airport and the detailed design of its new Passenger Terminal Building. We have recently assisted in the review of the layout of the Passenger Terminal Building at Guangzhou Airport. We have also been invited to review development proposals for the proposed Shenzhen Airport and other airports in China. In the Asean countries, we have been contracted to undertake the maintenance of the M&E services at Manila Airport in the Philippines.

In the construction of Terminal II, we have ensured efficiency and in the planning of the carparks, we have tried to improve upon what has already been done for Terminal I. The construction of Terminal II is already 25 per cent complete. Users of the Airport could not fail but notice the amount of work that has been put in. The site is a pot-pourri of construction activity with everyone working to keep its schedule.

Today we sign the contracts for the construction of the carparks. Another 10 more contracts and subcontracts costing some \$27 million are in the pipeline for future award. These contracts include the people-mover-system structures, building-automation system, baggage sorting systems, lifts, aluminium wall cladding and other mechanical and electrical engineering works. There is much work demanded from all parties concerned. The two carpark projects will keep about 1,000 construction workers busy at the site for the next 20 months. Together with the PWD engineers and architects, I hope that the contractors will maintain a close rapport with all parties concerned to make these prestigious airport projects a success. The project should be built on time, without cost over-run and a high level of finishes expected of our reputable international airport. I congratulate the successful contractors and wish them success in their venture.

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