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SPEECH BY MR MOHAMAD MAIDIN PACKER MOHD, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY (EDUCATION) AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF SCV'S 'MAKE LEARNING AN ADVENTURE' EXHIBITION AT BISHAN COMMUNITY CLUB MULTI-PURPOSE HALL ON MONDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 1999 AT 12.30 PM

Distinguished guests, Principals and Teachers, good afternoon.

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1. I am very happy to be here today for the opening of SCV's 'Make Learning An Adventure' Exhibition. The Exhibition is part of SCV's Creative Classroom programme, which was launched last month in conjunction with the completion of its island-wide broadband network construction.

2. We seek various ways to make learning interesting for our children and, more importantly, to cultivate in them a thirst for acquiring knowledge independently. The Creative Classroom allows us to do just that, by offering the opportunity to introduce our students to quality programmes from SCV channels such as Discovery, National Geographic and the Eureka Learning Channel. These programmes are well-researched and are produced using a standard of English which we want our students to adopt and emulate.

3. I am happy to note that SCV plans to extend its educational efforts beyond

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the provision of quality cable television programmes. With the upcoming cable modem service to be launched commercially at the end of the year, SCV intends to work with schools to extend cable modem connectivity to them as well.

4. The potential of this broadband network is limitless. By harnessing its high-speed, high bandwidth interactivity, students' innate curiosity to make new discoveries and new insights to knowledge will be exponentially enhanced. The Creative Classroom will guide them along their quest for knowledge, by providing the nodes or signposts to a more interesting and enriching learning experience. The Creative Classroom is thus an apt resource that we can tap into in our drive to infuse critical and creative thinking skills in our students using IT. It will also foster in them a spirit of independent learning.

5. In closing, I would like to congratulate SCV for its well-timed launch of the Creative Classroom programme to contribute to the development of whole-person education in Singapore. By working closely with our schools, SCV will make learning an adventure for the students of Singapore, and prepare them to acquire the skills necessary to contribute successfully towards a knowledge-based economy.

6. It now gives me great pleasure to declare the Exhibition open. Thank you.

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