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SPEECH BY THE ACTING MINISTER FOR CULTURE, MR. ONG TENG CHEONG, AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE SINGAPORE CULTURAL FOUNDATION FUNDS APPEAL COMMITTEE AT THE MANDARIN HOTEL ON SATURDAY, FEB. 3, 1979, AT 12.30 P.M.

Less than two months ago I announced the launching of the Singapore Cultural Foundation. The response has been encouraging.

As of this morning, the Foundation has received a total of \$890,000 in donations. Most of this has come from firms. The major newspapers have been generous and forthcoming with cash and moral support, devoting, in some cases, regular coverage of the Foundation's progress.

I am glad to report that the Foundation has finally been established on a firm footing. It is now ready to carry the appeal for funds a stage further. An attractive logo has been designed for the Foundation. We would like to thank Mr. William Lee of Central Design for designing it.

It will take some effort to convince the majority of people that the development of culture is the responsibility of all, government and the people.

The distinguished gentlemen and ladies who are present on this occasion have all agreed to lend their unqualified support to this worthy cause. They have accepted the invitation to serve on the Funds Appeal Committee of the Singapore Cultural Foundation.

The Chairman of the Committee is Mr. Lien Ying Chow, who, as Chairman and Managing Director of Overseas Union Bank, really needs no introduction. He is ably assisted by seven Vice-Chairmen and 22 committee members, representing a spectrum of Singapore's business community. This reflects the deep interest and concern of the business community in cultural projects.

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I have also great pleasure in introducing my fellow members on the Foundation's Board of Trustees. They are Mr. Fong Sip Chee, who is the President of the Singapore Arts Council and Senior Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Labour; Mr. Teo Liang Chye who is Chairman of the National Theatre Trust and also a member of the Funds Appeal Committee; and Mr. Lee Wai Kok, who, as Director in the Ministry of Culture, is Secretary of the Board.

In the months ahead, the Funds Appeal Committee will no doubt work hard to help realise the objectives of the Singapore Cultural Foundation. In this, their efforts will be complemented by those of the Cultural Development Committee which my Ministry is in the process of setting up. The Cultural Development Committee will have the very important task of shaping the cultural development policy as well as coordinating the cultural activities organised by government departments, statutory boards and private cultural organisations.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to members of the Funds Appeal Committee. I am confident that this Committee will help to herald in a new era in the Republic's cultural development.

SINGAPORE CULTURAL FOUNDATION

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