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**SPEECH BY MR ONG TENG CHEONG, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER,
AT THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF KIM KEAT NORTH RC FAMILY CLUB
AT BLOCK 228, LORONG 8, TOA PAYOH
ON SUNDAY, 28 JUNE 1992 AT 7.30 PM**

The idea of a Family Club for Kim Keat North residents was mooted in 1989. Nowadays, Singaporeans have increasingly more time for leisure. But somehow, leisure activities that appeal to parents do not always appeal to their children. Facilities for family-oriented leisure and recreation are either limited, costly, or out of the way. In the end, parents and their children often go separate ways during their free time. But it is important that parents spend meaningful time with their children in leisure activities. This helps to nurture a family that is closely knit, caring and supportive of each other. After all, it is said that the family that plays together, stays together.

The main objective of our Family Club is to help provide an avenue for families to enjoy a variety of activities under one roof. We hope the Club House will become a focal point for you and your families. A variety of courses will be organised by the Club to cater to you, and your children's different interests. Activities range from social dancing and acting, to personal grooming and knitcraft. I urge all the residents to sign up as Club members if you have not yet done so. Your RC members have done their best to provide you with the facilities. It is now up to you to make this Family Club your Club.

This posh and comfortable Club House could not have existed if not for the hard work of your dedicated RC members, help from fellow grassroots organisations in Kim Keat, and generous donations from private organisations. On behalf of the residents of Kim Keat North, I would like to thank them and congratulate the RCs on a job well done. Kim Keat North RC has many more projects in the pipeline, including landscaping and

estate improvement programmes. I call upon all our residents to continue to support their RCs, and to come forward to serve.

Finally, I thank all of you for your presence here tonight. You have helped to make this occasion a happy and memorable one. It is now my great pleasure to declare the Kim Keat North RC Family Club open.

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