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**SPEECH BY MR PHUA BAH LEE, SENIOR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY
(DEFENCE), AT THE CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR
POTONG PASIR CONSTITUENCY CIVIL DEFENCE VOLUNTEERS
AT THE CAR PARK, BLOCK 222, LORONG 8, TOA PAYOH
ON SUNDAY, 3 JUNE 1984 AT 10.00 AM**

I am pleased to be here this morning to present Certificates of Attendance to 33 Civil Defence volunteers who have completed the basic Civil Defence training in this constituency.

The Civil Defence Volunteer Training Programme for Potong Pasir constituency started in May 1983. Since then, 204 volunteers from RC Zone 1 have volunteered for training. These include community leaders and residents; among them are students, housewives and senior citizens. I am heartened to learn that a second batch of 24 volunteers are currently attending training, with another 16 senior citizens and 12 housewives who cannot afford the time to attend the full course, attending supplementary Civil Defence training. Collectively, these volunteers, by contributing to the development of the Civil Defence in Potong Pasir, will help to build up the community spirit among the new residents of this constituency. I would therefore like to encourage more residents to become Civil Defence volunteers. This will give them an opportunity to participate in group activities and develop esprit de corps among the residents.

The volunteers in Potong Pasir have not confined themselves to training. They have also participated recently in the CD Skills Competition and the CD Quiz Competition. Five of the volunteers have been selected to attend a five-day Volunteer Civil Defence Leaders Course at Outward Bound School at Pulau Ubin from 19 June '84. Two teams comprising 12 volunteers will participate in the 2nd Annual Air Rifle/Pistol Shooting Competition at the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) Shooting Range on 8 July '84.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Potong Pasir Civil Defence Coordinating Committee for inviting me to grace the occasion. I am confident that with the hard work and cooperation between the residents and the community leaders as well as Singapore Civil Defence Force officers, the Civil Defence Programme will continue to be a success in this constituency.

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