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**SPEECH BY MR PHUA BAH LEE, SENIOR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY
(DEFENCE), AT THE INSTALLATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ROTARY CLUB OF SINGAPORE NORTH
FOR THE YEAR 1984/1985 AT DYNASTY HOTEL
ON SUNDAY 1 JULY 1984 AT 8.00 PM**

It gives me much pleasure to be here tonight on the occasion of the Installation of my friend, M N Swami as President of the Rotary Club of Singapore North and his Board of Directors for the term 1984/1985.

It is widely known that Rotarians and Rotary Clubs all over the world have one common purpose that of making the world a better place in which to live. The Rotary Club of Singapore North, I am sure, has such aspirations and its members will undoubtedly undertake the task of transmitting these ideals and goals to the people who need them most. I am glad that the Rotary Club of Singapore North, being a service oriented club, like many other civic organisations, has such lofty aims. Its members being professionals, and leaders in commerce will in no small measure contribute much towards the well-being of our community.

It will provide the appropriate leadership under the able guidance of its President in building a more equitable and balanced society. Your offer of talents and resources with sincerity and generosity is an asset to any society. The pursuit of this lofty ideal of reaching out to people everywhere will, I am certain, give you satisfaction and a sense of fulfilment.

I am told that your Club will be donating a Kidney Dialysis Machine to the Ministry of Health and also has provided financial aid to SANA and to the Community Chest. These are most laudable. The ability and resources of raising funds for charity may not be much of a problem to Rotarians, but you would be providing a much better and more meaningful service to our society if Rotarians could give personalised service in the form of expertise, guidance and leadership to the various civic groups or organisations, such as the Senior Citizens Club, the Retirees Club, Home for the Aged which may not be so fortunate to have the benefit of such personalised service.

May I wish your Club and all its members all the best.

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