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SPEECH BY DR TAY ENG SOON, MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION,  
AT THE RIVER VALLEY CONSTITUENCY NATIONAL DAY  
CELEBRATION DINNER AT THE RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE  
ON SATURDAY, 6 AUGUST 1988 AT 7.30 PM

I am very pleased to be present at tonight's dinner. Our dinner tonight has two special meanings.

First of all, we are of course celebrating our 23rd National Day. Secondly, this will be the last National Day celebration for River Valley Constituency. As you know, after the next general elections, River Valley Constituency will be no more. It will be absorbed into Cairnhill and Tanglin Constituencies.

National Day is a good time each year for us to reflect upon our achievements. It is also a time for us to renew our pledge to our nation.

We have done well over the past year. Our economy is improving. Our people have jobs. Our incomes are stable. We have much to be happy about and grateful for.

Our nation has done well because of two things - a good government and a people who are willing to work hard. Before long, we will be having our general elections. We must use our votes wisely to vote in Members of Parliament who are honest and reliable. We must study every candidate carefully and discard those that are of bad character. Remember that the government can only be as good as the people elected into Parliament - no more, no less.

Let me now say a few words about River Valley Constituency. I have been your MP for the past eight years. The grassroot leaders and I have tried our best to serve the residents of River Valley. I am especially grateful to the grassroot leaders who have loyally helped me during these eight years.

River Valley Constituency was formed in 1959. Before that, it was part of Cairnhill. The Margaret Drive area was part of Tanglin before 1976. These two sections are now returning to Cairnhill and Tanglin. In a sense, history has turned full circle. My Party has not yet decided where I will be standing. I hope my new constituency will not be far from here! I have got to know so many of you as my friends. It will be sad to see River Valley disappear. Nevertheless, may I wish all of you all my best wishes when you join the two new constituencies.

May I close by sincerely thanking all my grassroot leaders and the residents of River Valley for all your help and support.

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