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**SPEECH BY DR TAY ENG SOON, MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION,
AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE 12TH ASEAN SCHOOLS TRACK &
FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE NATIONAL STADIUM
ON WEDNESDAY, 17 AUGUST 1988 AT 4.00 PM**

His Excellencies and distinguished guests from the Embassies of the ASEAN, delegates of the ASEAN Schools Sports Council, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls.

I always derive great joy from watching the youths of the ASEAN get together in friendly competitions. The 12th ASEAN Schools Track & Field Championships have brought together the largest number of young boys and girls so far from ASEAN to engage in friendly rivalry in the field as well as in the track.

Over the past three days, all of you have performed and acquitted yourselves very well. Everybody knows that in any competition, there can be only one champion. But everyone of you who has participated in this championships is a winner. Being able to represent your country and be amongst the best boys and girls in ASEAN athletics is an honour itself. The experience and knowledge gained by you from the competition and from association with your ASEAN friends are added assets which, I am sure, will help you a great deal in future competitions.

Now that the stress and strain of competition is over, you will be able to enjoy the remaining of your stay in Singapore and I hope you will interact as much as possible with your friends from the other ASEAN countries so that the goodwill, understanding and harmonious spirit of ASEAN can be further developed.

Members of the ASEAN Schools Sports Council have unanimously agreed to organise the track and field championships on an annual basis. The host for the 13th ASEAN Schools Track & Field Championships next year will be the Philippines. I hope that all of you will work hard towards representing your countries again in the championships next year.

It gives me great pleasure now to declare the 12th ASEAN Schools Track & Field Championships closed.

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