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**SPEECH BY MR TANG GUAN SENG, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY  
(EDUCATION), AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE 44TH INTAKE  
OF THE FULL-TIME POLICE NATIONAL SERVICEMEN AT  
THE POLICE ACADEMY ON WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER '86 AT 5.45 PM**

This evening's ceremony marks the graduation of the 44th Intake of 216 Special Constables and 100 Vigilantes of the Police National Service (Full-time).

Allow me to first congratulate you for having successfully completed the prescribed period of police training. You have been enlisted with the Republic of Singapore Police to assist in law enforcement duties. I am informed that the training you have received is not only in the skills of law enforcement but also to prepare you for the job of providing a meaningful service to the public.

For the sake of peace and security that we all enjoy in Singapore, we must continue to maintain high standards of law enforcement based on the principles of honesty and fairness. As frontline law enforcement officer, you can by your behaviour, bring respect for the law or can cause the law to come under criticism. You should, therefore, discharge your responsibilities firmly but fairly without fear or favour, in all situations. Never let your personal feelings affect your decisions. Treat all persons alike, irrespective of race, religion or social standing. Always act in a calm and disciplined manner. Even under the most trying of circumstances, there is no room for discourtesy or the loss of temper.

Remember, if the policeman is able to win the confidence and earn the respect of the people he serves, then he will be more effective in maintaining a safe and peaceful environment for everyone living within it. So, it is vital that you are seen as a friendly and helpful person.

If you perform your duties consciously bearing all these in mind, I am confident that the public will react positively to your call for co-operation. They will be proud to be closely associated with you in your efforts to maintain peace and security.

Finally, I would like to extend my congratulations to all the prize winners and wish all of you every success.

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