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**SPEECH BY DR TONY TAN KENG YAM, MINISTER OF EDUCATION,
AT THE CLOSING OF THE 16TH SEAMEC CONFERENCE AT RELO
ON MONDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 1981**

In a few minutes, the 16th SEAMEC Conference will end. Although the Conference has been heavy going at times, your kind patience and understanding have made my job of chairing the meeting both pleasant and rewarding. I am grateful to our Vice-Chairman, H E Dr Daoed Joesoef for his unstinting help. I would also like to thank the SEAMES Staff, Members of the organising committee and all those who have contributed to the Conference. Without their contribution, this Conference would not have been possible.

The Conference has given us a chance to re-affirm and strengthen Regional co-operation in the field of education. It marks the end of another chapter in SEAMEO's history.

This Conference is of special significance to Mr Tan Seng Chye; the SEAMES Director. He is retiring from SEAMEO and this will be his last Conference. Let us join together to thank Mr Tan for his good work and dedicated service to SEAMEO.

I take this opportunity, too, to welcome Dr Adul Wichiensohroen, as the next SEAMES Director and wish him every success in his work.

I am deeply honoured to be elected President of SEAMEC and I look forward to the support and assistance of my distinguished colleagues. Let us not look back in complacency on what we have achieved but look forward to the many more achievements we should strive for.

In closing, let me thank all of you once again and wish you a pleasant journey home.
