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SPEECH BY MR YATIMAN YUSOF, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY
(FOREIGN AFFAIRS), AT THE CIVIL DEFENCE CERTIFICATE
PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT BLOCK 50, CHAI CHEE STREET #01-841,
RC ZONE '2' CENTRE, ON SATURDAY, 22 AUGUST 1987 AT 2 PM

Kampung Kembangan launched its Civil Defence Volunteer Scheme in July 1985. A Civil Defence Co-ordinating Committee (CDCC) comprising 14 grassroots leaders was formed to oversee and monitor the recruitment, training and organisation of volunteers. To ensure that each zone develops competent Civil Defence capability and maintains its competency, the leaders have always strived for high level participation.

Basic training in Civil Defence is essential for every Civil Defence member. To date, we have trained 197 volunteers out of which 90.9 per cent are students while 9.1 per cent are working adults from various walks of life. I am happy to learn that all of you have completed basic training and 29 of you have been trained in the Advanced First-Aid Course. You will find it challenging when you take part in the ambulance attachment training next year. You not only will gain further experience but you will improve your skills in the rendering of first-aid.

You will not only receive Basic and Advanced First-Aid Training but will also learn about Advanced Rescue and Leadership Training. All these courses will be organised by the Singapore Civil Defence Force from time to time.

I urge you to take part in such courses and activities conducted by our CDCC or the Singapore Civil Defence Force. You are young and you will be our future leaders. I was told that you have shown a high level of competency in your training and involvement.

I am happy to hear that the response from Bedok Town Secondary School is encouraging and I am sure that by the end of this year, Kg Kembangan will have its own full Volunteer Company. In the long term, the Civil Defence awareness will be a part of our life and will strengthen our commitment to Total Defence.

Once again, I wish to congratulate you for successfully completing the Basic and Advanced First-Aid training in Kg Kembangan Constituency and I wish to record my heartfelt thanks to the Chairman, members of CDCC and all of you for your good work.

Excellence for Singapore. Let us achieve excellence for Singapore because we are Singapore.
