

ADDRESS BY Y.B. ENCHE TAN PHOCK KIN, STATE  
EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR AT THE ANNUAL DINNER  
AND DANCE OF THE PENANG SPORTS CLUB AT THE  
CLUB PREMISES ON SATURDAY, 15TH MAY, 1971  
AT 8.00 P.M.

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Mr. President, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and  
Gentlemen,

I wish first of all to convey the  
apologies of the Hon'ble the Chief Minister for  
his inability to attend this function tonight  
due to urgent State business. He has asked me  
to deputise for him and to convey his best wishes  
to the members of the club on this auspicious  
occasion.

2. It is a privilege and honour to be  
invited to the annual dinner of the Club and I  
wish to thank the President and Members of the  
Club for according me the honour.

3. I have always been impressed with the  
high standards maintained by the Club both in its  
sporting and social activities. Most important

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however has been the Club's role in bringing  
together members from all communities, ethnic groups,  
professions and trades. The Club has also been a  
meeting point for our citizens and the many good  
friends from so many different countries who have  
come to Penang to share and participate in the  
task of building a progressive, stable, prosperous  
and harmonious nation.

4. There is no doubt that the Club has been  
successful in bringing people of different communi-  
ties and from different countries together and  
providing opportunities for social intercourse and  
joint endeavour in a wide variety of sporting  
activities.

5. In my view there is a greater role for  
the Club to play by involving its responsibility  
to the community. In this context I see two  
encouraging signs that indicate that club is  
conscious of this dual responsibility and is  
undertaking meaningful programmes to discharge it.

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6. The first area is that of the sporting grounds. I must congratulate the club on the very high standards of maintenance and the members should feel proud that there are few clubs in this country that can equal the high standards that you have maintained.

7. During the last couple of years there has been an increasing use of these grounds by other sporting clubs who have not been so fortunately placed in respect of grounds, and also by State Sporting Organisations. It is a credit to the Social responsibility of your club that you made these excellent grounds available at fare rates to other organisation. As the headquarters and registered address of so many State Sporting Organisations, you can truly claim to be the State Sports Centre and you can be proud that you have performed this role admirably.

8. The second area of social responsibility is the greater encouragement of young sportsmen. You are in the position of promoting young

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sportsmen and I was pleased to see that you have opened the door to them by introducing a class of membership known as sporting members, with a nominal subscription. I understand that the response was not so good but, if a sustained effort is made by working with schools and a programme of training clinics in various games are initiated, your club can make a valuable contribution to the community.

9. Members of your Club as leading and alert citizens of the community must set the pace for the changes that must come with the rapid social and economic development of the State. You have to take the lead in being well informed and be able to make responsible and intelligent contributions to the development of the State.

10. You had a successful membership drive recently. I should like to see more members of the Government sector taking an active part in the club's activities and I hope many of them will join the Club.

10. I now take great pleasure in asking  
all of you to rise and join me in a toast to  
the Club.

Ladies and Gentlemen -

"To the continued success of  
the Penang Sports Club".

Thank you.