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**OPENING ADDRESS BY DR LEE BOON YANG,
ORGANISING CHAIRMAN OF 'SWINGING IN SINGAPORE'
FRIDAY, 30 JULY 2010, AT 8 PM
GRAND BALLROOM,
RITZ-CARLTON MILLENIA SINGAPORE**

Your Excellency, President S R Nathan

Ms Jennie Chua, Chairman, Community Chest

Ladies and gentlemen

Good evening and a warm welcome to "Swinging in Singapore".

2. I would first like to thank His Excellency, Mr S R Nathan for gracing the event tonight. We are indeed honoured and privileged to have your support for this event.
3. I would also like extend my appreciation to Professor Jeremy Monteiro, who offered to share the celebration of his 50th birthday for a worthy cause. May I take this opportunity to wish him many happy returns on his 50th birthday and more melodious years to come.
4. My sincere gratitude also goes to all of you who have purchased tables for tonight's dinner or made an outright donation, or donations in-kind, in support of Community Chest. We are indeed very grateful for your generosity. "Swinging in Singapore" would not be possible without your strong support.

5. The proceeds of this dinner and concert will go towards supporting **critical social service programmes** under the care of Community Chest. These programmes are to :-

- provide an education for children with special needs
- help people with disabilities lead independent lives
- dignify the lives of the elderly and
- keep families in need together

6. You may wish to note that every dollar you donate to Community Chest will be made available to social service programmes under its care, as fund-raising and other operating costs are covered mainly by Tote Board & Singapore Pools.

7. I am deeply grateful to have the strong commitment and dedication from the members of my steering committee : Ms Jennie Chua, Professor Jeremy Monteiro, Mr Ang Kong Hua, Mr Edmund N S Tie, Mr Lim Ee Seng, Mrs Laura Hwang, Mr Lee Suan Hiang, Mr Stephen Chu, Ms Staphnie Tang, Mr Colin Goh, Ms Anita Fam, Dr Edmund Lam, Mr Tama Goh and Ms Gaylin Tan. Thank you for your tireless fund-raising efforts, ideas and insights.

8. As of now, with your generous support, “Swinging in Singapore” has raised \$955,000. I would like to urge everyone to participate actively in the silent auction which will be held later this evening.

9. On behalf of all the beneficiaries supported by Community Chest, thank you all for being with us tonight. May I wish you an enjoyable evening. Thank you.