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SPEECH BY
THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION
AT 41 SHELLEY ROAD, KUALA LUMPUR
ON 20TH OGOS, 1966.

Puan Sri, Dato, Datin, Tuan-tuan dan Puan-puan,

I have great pleasure in welcoming all of you to this Annual General Meeting this morning and in particular all those delegates who have come from far away. I am also very happy to see such a large gathering here today as this, you will appreciate, signifies the enthusiasm, and interest taken in perpetuating the activities of this movement. This keen participation not only goes to prove the remarkable work that has been carried out by the association but also that achieved during the period.

The activities of the Association, I am glad to say, has now penetrated into the rural areas and courses for Civil Defence personnel have been conducted and certificates issued free of charge. This is indeed an excellent advancement of the Association's activities and I hope that our work in the rural areas will gain greater momentum.

I am also glad to inform all of you that, we have published for the first time since our inception a book titled "Records & Activities of the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade 1945 - 1965". While this publication has realised some profit, it will in the words of our Prime Minister, "give an all-round idea of the activities and achievements of the Association during the past twenty years".

During the period the Association had issued 9,405 certificates as compared to 6,611 in 1964. I hope that this year we may be able to pass the 10,000 mark.

It is with great satisfaction that we learn that more school

children are attending first aid classes and this has therefore resulted in extra pressure upon the Doctors and Lay-Lecturers. I am sure things can be coped-up and thus ensure an adequate flow of new members in order to keep pace with normal wastage of Brigade personnel.

I am indeed happy to know that Perak celebrated their Silver Jubilee on 11th September, 1965. The occasion was graced by His Royal Highness the Sultan¹ and several other officials. During this function Towkay Cheng Kok Lim, JP. donated \$2,000/- to the funds of the Association.

In closing, I would like to see the other State Branches expanding their activities and that the year ahead will be a fruitful one for the Association.

¹ H.R.H. Sultan Idris Al-Mutawakkil Allallahi Shah Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Iskandar Shah Kadasallah, DD.K., D.M.N., S.P.M.P.