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Speech of Inche Hussein Onn, Minister of Education, at the presentation ceremony of books by the International Red Cross on 1st October, 1971, at 10.00 a.m.

1. I wish to thank you Mr. Schmid, and through you the International Committee of the Red Cross, for the generous gift of the books entitled "Red Cross and My Country". These books will be distributed to pupils and teachers in schools throughout Malaysia.

2. The great services over the years which the Red Cross have rendered to this country are well-known. May I, on behalf of the nation, thank the International Committee and the Malaysian Branch of the Society for all these services.

3. I understand that the Malaysian Red Cross Society believes that through action, dynamic leadership and a meaningful programme generated from youth leaders, the young can be imbued with the necessary and vital non-formal education that will

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4. I understand that out of our school population of about 2 million, only 15,336 youths in secondary schools are members of the Red Cross, and in primary schools, only 6,028 are link members. These numbers are still small. I hope that many more youths will become members of the Society.

5. Lastly, may I wish the Society and its Malaysian Branch success in its very noble endeavours.



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