



ANG MO KIO NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

OFFICIAL OPENING
BY

MR LAU PING SUM

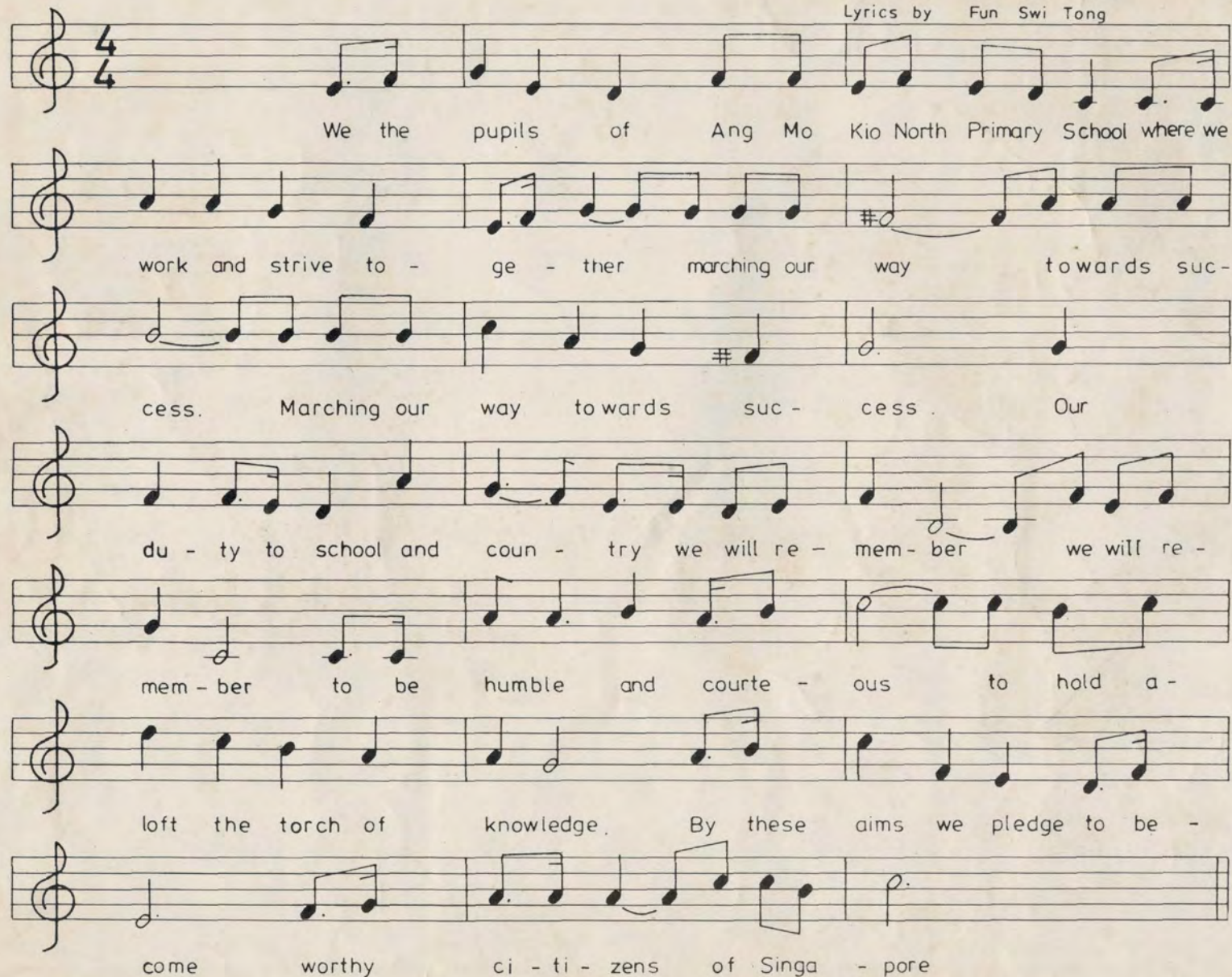
POLITICAL SECRETARY (HEALTH)
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ON THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 1983 AT 1800 HOURS

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ANG MO KIO NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Music by J. J. de Souza

Lyrics by Fun Swi Tong



The musical score is written on eight staves in 4/4 time. The melody is in G major, indicated by a single sharp (F#) on the key signature line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The paper is aged and shows some staining and tape repairs on the right side.

We the pupils of Ang Mo Kio North Primary School where we
work and strive to - ge - ther marching our way towards suc -
cess. Marching our way towards suc - cess. Our
du - ty to school and coun - try we will re - mem - ber we will re -
mem - ber to be humble and courte - ous to hold a -
loft the torch of knowledge. By these aims we pledge to be -
come worthy ci - ti - zens of Singa - pore



OUR SCHOOL CREST

Our school motto, TOWARDS SUCCESS, is a constant reminder to both our staff and pupils that they shall always strive to achieve the best possible. The TORCH is a symbol of inspiration and enlightenment while the BOOK signifies knowledge and learning. The MAIN PILLAR symbolises the solid foundation of the school and the TWO SUPPORTING PILLARS emphasise the importance of bilingualism in our education. Our school colours, BEIGE and BROWN represent humility and honesty.



MESSAGE

from

MR LAU PING SUM
MP for Yio Chu Kang

Ang Mo Kio North Primary School is the first primary school to be opened in Yio Chu Kang Constituency. With three secondary schools catering for the older students, the residents in our Constituency are indeed well served.

Your school is set in an excellent environment. It is modern and equipped with a full range of facilities. Compared with the primary schools we had 30 years ago, it is an example of the remarkable achievements all Singaporeans can be proud of.

Although the physical structure of schools may change over time, the character of a good school depends on the same factors i.e. the principal, the teachers and the pupils and the interaction among them. Close and warm ties, keenness and enthusiasm contribute to the performance of the school as a whole.

I am glad that your school has responded well in the past to community projects and national campaigns. Such a sense of commitment must be cultivated from young. The future of Singapore depends on it.

I would like to congratulate the Principal, teachers and pupils for all your hard work in preparation for the Official Opening and wish the School all the best in the years ahead.



MESSAGE

from

DR QUEK MENG POO
CHAIRMAN, School
Advisory Committee

Education is a long and continuous process. The quality of a country's education determines the quality of its citizenry. The task of educating the young, the future leaders of our nation, has always been an arduous one, the importance of which cannot be overemphasized.

In the past decade or so, Singapore has witnessed many changes in the field of education. New schools with up-to-date facilities have been built one after another and the line of distinction between English-medium and Chinese-medium school has been blurred. It has to be so, for bilingualism is not only our education policy but also our ultimate goal in education. All students are expected to be effectively bilingual. This should also be made the goal of Ang Mo Kio North Primary School which was completed two years ago.

The role of education today is not only in the development of scholastic talent but also in the building of a dynamic, strong and self-reliant generation by cultivating patriotism. In this aspect, the School Advisory Committee embarked on a donation drive in May 1983 to collect funds for the needy pupils in this school and also for the promotion of students' extra-curricular activities. We hope that through the students' extra-curricular activities, the sense of patriotism can be instilled and the development of mental and physical strength can be achieved. I wish to thank the teachers, parents and well-wishers who have contributed in one way or another to the success of this fund raising campaign. I congratulate them, particularly the members of the school advisory committee, for their dedication and generous donation to the project.

I hope the staff and students of Ang Mo Kio North Primary School and members of the School Advisory Committee will continue to work in close harmony for the betterment of the school and the nation. I wish them every success in their future endeavour.



MESSAGE

from

MR HOOI CHOO WAH
PRINCIPAL

This souvenir programme marks an important occasion as it commemorates the Official Opening of the first new government primary school in the Yio Chu Kang constituency.

The school started in January 1981 at Mayflower Secondary School and moved to its present premises at Avenue 9, Ang Mo Kio in December the same year. Today, it provides primary education at all levels and in the four official languages for children living in and around Ang Mo Kio New Town.

The primary aim of the school is to cater for the all-round development of its pupils, and it is gratifying to note that the spirit of cooperation and good team work among the school staff have contributed much to the progress of the school since its inception. This augurs well for the future of Ang Mo Kio North Primary School.

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SCHOOL TEACHING STAFF 1983



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PM Session

HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL



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In October 1980, Mr Hooi Choo Wah, then Principal of Mountbatten Government Chinese Primary School, was informed by the Ministry of Education that he was to be the Principal of Ang Mo Kio North Primary School. Mr Hooi accepted the appointment and Mr Leong Weng On, his Vice-Principal at Mountbatten Chinese, also decided to join him in running Ang Mo Kio North Primary School.

Ang Mo Kio North Primary School was to turn out to be special in many ways. Firstly, it began its first year proper (1981) housed in a secondary school – Mayflower Secondary School at Ang Mo Kio Avenue 3. At this time, the building of Ang Mo Kio North Primary School at Avenue 9 had not progressed beyond the piling stage! Secondly, it was a bold experiment never before seen or heard of in Singapore's educational history – it had 43 Primary One classes (not to mention another three Primary Two classes) with a combined enrolment of more than 1800 pupils drawn from five different schools: Ang Mo Kio North Primary (8), Chong De (10), Da Qiao (8), Hong Dao (10) and Jing Shan (7). The three Primary Two classes were among the six that Ai Tong was holding for Ang Mo Kio Primary throughout 1980. This means that in effect Ang Mo Kio North Primary had been in existence as early as January 1980. As if this was not unique enough, we also had another Primary One class in Ang Mo Kio Secondary School throughout 1981.

The problems of a school with so many Primary One classes were tremendous in the beginning but Mr Hooi and Mr Leong and their two Senior Assistants, Mr Chua Chin Au and Mr Fun Swi Tong, together with the rest of the teaching staff, numbering 64 altogether, took the challenge well. The school ran smoothly, dispelling our initial fears and those of some Ministry of Education officials that the experiment might not work well. In fact, it had so impressed the public that a Straits Times team came to the school to take photographs for their write-up.

Towards the end of 1981, the buildings of Ang Mo Kio North Primary, Chong De, Hong Dao, Da Qiao and Jing Shan were in various stages of completion. We returned the holding classes back to the various schools while at the same time we also prepared to move to our new home at Avenue 9. Mr Leong and Mr Chua were officially informed that they were to be respectively the Principal and Senior Assistant of Chong De Primary School. Mr Tan Whuang Nam joined Ang Mo Kio North Primary in December 1981 as the new Vice-Principal. Mr Sim Beng Siang was appointed Senior Assistant.

On 22 December 1981, the building of Ang Mo Kio North Primary was officially handed over by the Public Works Department. The staff of Ang Mo Kio North Primary, greatly reduced in number now, began to help in the big shift from Mayflower Secondary to the new premises.

For the first time at last, we had a home that we could call our own. When we began our first day on 3 January 1982, we had 36 classes from Primary One to Primary Five. Ai Tong had returned the remaining three Primary Two classes to us. Ang Mo Kio Secondary also returned the one Primary One class to us. In 1982 we were holding four Primary One classes for Ang Mo Kio South Primary (later renamed Li Hua Primary). In September 1982 when Li Hua moved to its new premises beside Ang Mo Kio North Primary, we returned the four Primary One classes to them.

1983 saw Ang Mo Kio North Primary with 42 classes from Primary One to Primary Six, staffed by 59 teachers. This year is an important one for us: we will be presenting our first batch of Primary Six pupils for the Primary School Leaving Examination. Come 15 September 1983, the school will be celebrating its official opening.

National Day Celebration 1983



OUR SCHOOL BAND



OUR SCHOOL CHOIR



TREE PLANTING



CHINESE DANCING



MALAY DANCING



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BROWNIES



PREFECTS



AM Session



PM Session

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An Excursion



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Our Worthy Opponents



Let's feed the fish



As I was saying



Ready to use our hands



That's right



A well deserved meal



Who shut off the water!



This is how we should look



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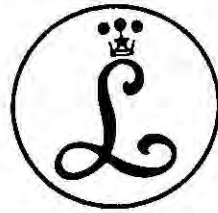
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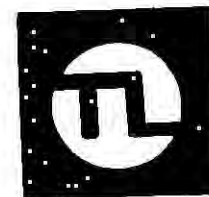
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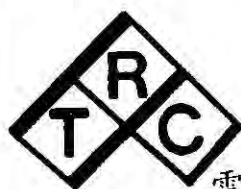
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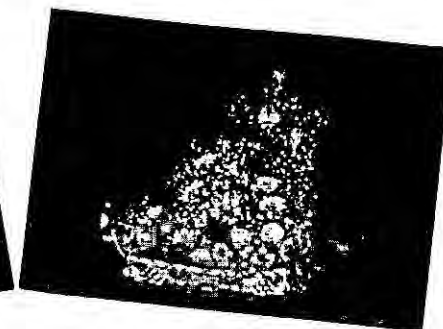
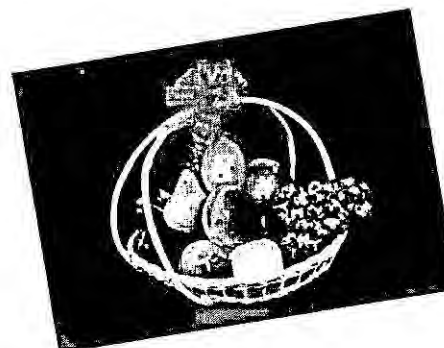
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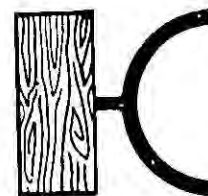
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PROGRAMME

- 1730 hours = Arrival of Guests
- 1750 hours = Arrival of Representative from Ministry of Education, Mr Foo Seh Kai, Deputy Director, Research and Monitoring.
- 1800 hours *Arrival of Guest of Honour,
= Mr Lau Ping Sum, Political Secretary (Health) and Member of Parliament for Yio Chu Kang.
- *School Song
- Speech by Principal,
Mr Hooi Choo Wah
- Speech by Chairman, School Advisory Committee, Dr Quek Meng Poo.
- Address by Guest of Honour,
Mr Lau Ping Sum.
- Unveiling of plaque.
- Concert
- Viewing of exhibits
- Reception

*Guests are kindly requested to stand.

CONCERT

1. Welcoming Dance
2. An English Folk Dance
3. An Indian Dance
Glory to Lord Manmathan
4. Ensemble
 - a. Sakura, Sakura
 - b. Jasmine, Jasmine
5. Malay Dance
Tarian Bunga Telor
6. School Choir
 - a. Home on the Range
 - b. Waktu Fajar
 - c. 大家欢笑
7. Chinese Dance
Our Brighter Future
8. Electone Solo
A medley of 4 theme songs
9. Brass Band
 - a. On the March
 - b. Gloriana Waltz
10. Finale.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The School Advisory Committee, Principal,
Vice-Principal, Teachers and Pupils of Ang Mo Kio North Primary School
express their sincere thanks to the following:—

Mr Lau Ping Sum, Political Secretary (Health) and Member of Parliament for Yio Chu Kang, for his message and for officiating at the School Opening Ceremony.

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Yio Chu Kang Secondary School for the Lion Dance.

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