

ANNEX E- Closing Address by Conference Chairman

CLOSING ADDRESS BY SAC R PUNIAMOORTHY, SD(GS) AT THE 4TH ASIAN CRISIS MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE AT ORCHARD HOTEL ON FRIDAY, 13 OCT 2006 AT 1600 HRS

Counselor to the Governor of Tokyo,
Mr Toshiyuki Shikata,
Distinguished delegates from member cities,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Good afternoon.

Preamble

It is my pleasure to address all of you this afternoon as we come to the end of the conference proceedings.

Host City

2. Once again, it is our privilege and honour to host the 4th Asian Crisis Management Conference. We had a good seminar yesterday with four presentations on “Crisis in the New Threat Environment”. This was followed by a tour of the Chemical Hub located at the Jurong Island. After lunch today, we are pleased to invite you to visit the training facilities of our Civil Defence Academy in which you will have a close-up experience on some of the state-of-the-art training facilities.

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3. We want to thank all the delegates from the various member cities who have given us informative and interesting presentations. We are sure that this exchange of information and ideas is beneficial to all present and thus meeting the objectives of the Joint Project on Network for Crisis Management.

Next Host City

4. We would also like to extend our appreciation to the ANMC21 Secretariat for leading the discussions on several matters such as the establishment of a hotline among member cities, the International Urban Search and Rescue course in Singapore and the disaster drill information project.

5. On behalf of all the delegates, we extend our congratulations to Jakarta who will be hosting the 5th Asian Crisis Management Conference next year.

Farewell Dinner and Optional Tour

6. While we have all worked very hard during the Conference, it is also good to get to know each other and to develop contacts with one another in a less formal setting. Hence on behalf of the Commissioner of the Singapore Civil Defence Force, I wish to invite you to join us for a farewell dinner tonight at our clubhouse.

7. Well for those of you who are remaining in Singapore after this conference, I am glad to inform you that we have specially organized an optional tour to places of interest in Singapore which will take place tomorrow morning. We hope you will have an enjoyable time in exploring our garden city-state.

Conclusion

8. Ladies and gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure, once again, to thank all of you for your presence and attendance at this conference and to declare the closing of the conference proceedings. Let me wish one and all a pleasant and safe journey. And hope to see you again in the near future. Thank you.