

WELCOME ADDRESS

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Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Singapore Mathematical Society, it is my pleasure to welcome you this morning to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of our Society. We are indeed very happy to have with us today the distinguished delegates from Malaysia. Our Society had its origin in 1952 as "Malayan Mathematical Society." We on our part will like very much to maintain the same fraternal relation with the mathematicians across the Causeway, which the founders of our Society envisaged. To fellow participants from Singapore, we want to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for encouraging us by their august presence this morning. I also take this opportunity of recording our gratitude to the Ministry of Education, Singapore, Lee Kong Chian Institute of Mathematics, Nanyang University and the University of Singapore for the assistance rendered to us - financial and otherwise - in organising this Colloquium.

In my mind, the role of a Society like our own is a supplementary one. Our purpose is to add to the efforts of parents, teachers and administrators to generate and maintain interests of the citizens in the subject of Mathematics. In the past, our Society attempted to fulfil this role by organising refresher courses, when needed, arranging for lectures - popular and specialised, holding competitions for school children to discover new talents, publishing mathematical journals and last but not least, offering a forum for Visiting Mathematicians to exchange information and views with the local ones. We shall certainly like to expand our activities in future and for this, we look forward to your help and cooperation. The opportunity that we shall have during these few days of the Colloquium for

exchanging views with you all will certainly help us to charter our ways for the future.

With this, I declare the Singapore Mathematical Colloquium open.