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**SPEECH BY DR LIM WEE KIAK, ADVISER TO
CANBERRA GRASSROOTS ORGANISATIONS AT THE
LAUNCH OF CLIMATE CHANGE EDUCATION
PROGRAMME ON TUESDAY, 3 JULY 2007 AT **10.30AM**
AT SEMBAWANG PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Mr Albert Alcantara, Principal of Sembawang Primary School

Teachers,

CDC Councillors,

Grassroots Leaders,

Boys and Girls

A very good morning to all of you

I am happy to join you this morning for the launch of the
Climate Change Education Programme, one of the programmes
for this month's North West Green Festival, organised by the
North West Community Development Council (CDC).

North West Green Festival

2 **Caring for the environment in our neighbourhood is an integral part of the North West CDC's mission to promote active citizenry.** North West CDC hopes to encourage residents to cultivate a green culture within the district and to spread the message that everyone has a part to play in protecting the environment and in conserving resources.

3 Thus, North West CDC introduced the North West Green Festival this July to increase your knowledge on environmental issues, encourage you to practise GREEN habits at home and to cultivate a GREEN culture amongst everyone in the North West District.

4 This year's first Green Festival will focus on three areas, namely; Energy Conservation, Public Health and Nature Appreciation.

Climate Change Education Programme

5 The Climate Change Education Programme we bring you today falls under the focus area of ‘Energy Conservation’. You may ask why is learning about Climate Change important? This is because our changing climate affects all of us. Thus I hope that each and every one of you can bring home the GREEN message today and pass them on to your friends and family.

6 Climate Change is caused by the emission of greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide. We can help to cut down on carbon dioxide simply by saving energy.

7 Energy is used when we burn our rubbish, when the cars run on the road, when we switch on lights and air-conditioning at home. Boys and girls, we used energy everyday but we’re harming the earth when we do that. Hence, we need to use energy wisely if we want to help slow down global warming.

By doing simple acts like switching off the lights when not in use, or setting your air-conditioner to 25° C, we are doing our part to save energy.

8 As part of the Climate Change Education Programme, the North West CDC, together with the National Environment Agency, will share useful tips on how we can use less energy at home through an interesting skit which you will watch in a while.

Energy Challenge!

9 You can also win prizes if you apply the useful tips you learnt by joining the Energy Challenge! So sign up for this energy saving competition with your family and Save Energy, Save Money and play your part to save the earth!

10 I am a firm believer that every small effort put it by each and every one of us will go a long way to create a better

environment. You don't have to be a superhero to save the Earth.
Children, let's save the earth together.

11 On this note, let me wish North West CDC and National Environment Agency every success in this programme. I also wish to thank the Principal and Teachers of Sembawang Primary School for your strong support in making this programme possible.

12 Now, sit back and enjoy the programme. Thank you.
