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**SPEECH BY DR TEO HO PIN, MAYOR OF NORTH WEST DISTRICT
AND MP FOR BUKIT PANJANG CONSTITUENCY AT THE LAUNCH
OF ARTS @ BUKIT PANJANG ON SATURDAY, 2 JUNE 2007**

Distinguished Guests

Community Leaders

Residents

A very good evening to all of you,

It is indeed my pleasure to be here tonight to mark the Launch of Arts @ Bukit Panjang. Today's event is jointly organised by the North West Community Development Council (CDC) and Bukit Panjang Grassroots Organisations. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Housing Development Board, Fajar Shopping Centre and Fajar Market Merchant Association for their strong support for this event. I look forward to their continued support and partnership on this programme, Arts @ Bukit Panjang; and also welcome more community partners to come on board.

2 Arts @ Bukit Panjang is one of the seven cultural focus points in the North West District aimed at bringing Arts into the heartlands. The North West CDC and Bukit Panjang Grassroots Organisations have planned a diverse range of arts and cultural performances for its residents. Right here at 7.30pm on a regular basis, the residents can expect and enjoy a variety of arts and cultural events ranging from art exhibitions; and art and craft demonstrations to multi-

racial cultural dances, hip-hop and even band performances, catering to both the young and the seniors in this town.

3 The North West CDC and Bukit Panjang Grassroots Organisations will continue to work with performing groups in Community Centre/Clubs, schools, local talents and even foreign groups to bring arts and vibrancy to the North West District.

4 If you know of any residents or friends or even yourself with a special talent, we encouraged you to give your full support and use this regular platform as an opportunity to showcase your talents and bring entertainment to fellow residents.

5 To the invited guests, residents and performing groups here today, thank you for your presence and participation. I urged all of you to support the Arts @ Bukit Panjang programme and make North West district a vibrant one that we can be proud of.

6 Thank you and have a great evening.
