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323: Walk the Talk: A Walk for Lee Kuan Yew
Speech by SCCC President Thomas Chua
Time: March 23 2016, 8.45 am
Venue: SCCC Auditorium

Council Members and members,

A very good morning to everyone. Today marks the first anniversary of Founding Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew's passing. We have just completed a meaningful brisk walk. Mr Lee always observed a healthy lifestyle. Over these few decades, he would exercise every day without fail. We are remembering him today by following his example in his life and work.

Our Founding Prime Minister was an outstanding political leader. I take the opportunity today to share with you some of his inspiring thoughts. In 2006, when Mr Lee accepted a media interview, he said: "As our country is small, we cannot expect to compete in everything. Take the Olympics as an example. If you do not have sufficient talent, but wish to take part in every competition, you are sure to lose. You have to choose the competitions which can harness your ability and potential. For example, we believe that Singapore has the ability to be a regional hub, because of our ideal geographical location and world-class infrastructure." This teaches local businesses how to cultivate our unique competitive edge, and how to survive and grow in this global economy.

Mr Lee Kuan Yew has left us with a most precious legacy, which is the country, system and ideals he has built up together with his comrades. The best way for us to remember him is to make this country even better, and to continue celebrating and promoting his legacy.

I wish to thank the many council members and members who have taken part in this unforgettable remembrance event. Let us all carry on to do our work well, and live a happy and healthy life!

*The quote was taken from Mr Lee's interview with *CommonWealth* magazine in 2006.