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## RELEASE OF CHIA THYE POH BY SINGAPORE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today expressed his great pleasure with the decision of the Government of Singapore to release Mr. Chia Thye Poh from detention. Mr. Clark has been personally involved in seeking the release of Mr. Chia, who had been held in detention since 1968 because of activities considered unacceptable by the Government of Singapore.

Mr. Clark said: "Canada welcomes this humanitarian act which will be applauded by the friends of Singapore." Mr. Clark also noted the efforts made on behalf of Mr. Chia by many concerned Canadians and groups such as Amnesty International.

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