

## **Press Statement by Mr Lee Hsien Loong Prime Minister Designate on New Appointments**

1. The President has called upon Mr Lee Hsien Loong to be the next Prime Minister and to form the new government of Singapore. Mr Lee has accepted. The President's letter to Mr Lee is at Annex A. Mr Lee's reply is at Annex B. The new Cabinet list is at Annex C.

2. In addition, the Prime Minister designate intends to make the following arrangements.

### MAS

#### ***Chairman – Mr Goh Chok Tong***

3. Mr Lee Hsien Loong will relinquish the post of Chairman of MAS. Subject to the concurrence of the President, Mr Goh Chok Tong will be appointed Chairman of MAS in his place.

#### ***Deputy Chairman – Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam***

4. Mr Lim Hng Kiang will relinquish the post of Deputy Chairman of MAS, and will be succeeded in the post by Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam.

### DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS

#### ***DPM and Coordinating Minister for Security and Defence –***

#### ***Dr Tony Tan***

5. Dr Tony Tan will be appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Co-ordinating Minister for Security and Defence to oversee the implementation of the Strategic Framework for National Security announced in Parliament on July 20. Dr Tan expects the new National Security Co-ordination Secretariat to be properly staffed and operational by 30 June 2005, after which he has requested to retire from the

Cabinet as part of the political self-renewal. Mr Lee has agreed to Dr Tan's request and thanks him for helping to see through the transition and for his many years of service to the Government and the nation.

***Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Law – Prof S Jayakumar***

6. Prof Jayakumar will be appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Law. He will chair a Cabinet Committee on foreign policy matters which cut across different ministries. He will also remain in charge of foreign policy issues which involve legal negotiation or international adjudication.

***Mr Wong Kan Seng***

7. Mr Wong Kan Seng will be appointed Deputy Prime Minister when Dr Tony Tan retires from the Cabinet.

**MINISTRIES**

***Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources –***

***Assoc Prof Yaacob Ibrahim***

8. The Ministry of the Environment will be renamed the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources (MEWR), to reflect its significantly expanded role in charge of a strategic national resource. The Ministry took over responsibility for the Public Utilities Board in 2001. Besides ensuring a clean and hygienic living environment, it is now responsible for managing the complete water cycle – from sourcing, collection, purification and supply of drinking water; to treatment of used water and recycling into NEWater; as well as drainage of storm water.

9. Assoc Prof Yaacob Ibrahim will be appointed the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources. He will also continue to be in charge of Muslim affairs.

***Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports –******Dr Vivian Balakrishnan***

10. The Ministry of Community Development and Sports will be renamed the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS). The name change signals the Government's commitment to engage young Singaporeans in shaping the future. The majority of Singaporeans were born after independence in 1965. They grew up in a transformed environment, and will express diverse needs and aspirations. The new MCYS will play a more active role in formulating programmes and working with other ministries to tap the energy, passion and idealism of these young Singaporeans. They will have more opportunities to contribute to society, initiate activities and projects, implement their ideas and develop into the leaders of tomorrow.

11. Dr Vivian Balakrishnan will be appointed the Acting Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports.

***Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts***

12. The acronym for the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts will be changed from MITA to MICA.

**POLITICAL SECRETARY*****Mr Tang Guan Seng***

13. Mr Tang Guan Seng will be appointed Political Secretary to Mr Goh Chok Tong.

MAYORS***South East CDC – Mr Matthias Yao***

14. Mr Matthias Yao will relinquish his appointment as Senior Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office and be appointed Mayor of South East CDC.

15. Mr Othman Haron Eusofe will relinquish his appointment as Mayor of South East CDC. He will be appointed Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office and be deployed to the NTUC.

***South West CDC – Dr Amy Khor Lean Suan***

16. Dr Amy Khor Lean Suan will be appointed Mayor of South West CDC in place of Mrs Yu-Foo Yee Shoon, who becomes Minister of State in the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports.

***Central Singapore CDC and North East CDC***

17. Mr Heng Chee How will continue as Mayor of Central Singapore CDC, and Mr Zainul Abidin Rasheed as Mayor of North East CDC, concurrently with their appointments as Ministers of State.

***North West CDC – Dr Teo Ho Pin***

18. Dr Teo Ho Pin will continue as Mayor of North West CDC.

RETIREMENT***Mr Lee Yock Suan***

19. Mr Lee Yock Suan, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs will be retiring from the government.

20. Mr Lee Yock Suan was appointed Minister of State in the Ministry of National Development in 1981 and Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance in 1983. He has been successively Minister for Labour, Minister for Education, Minister for Trade and Industry, Second Minister

for Finance, Minister for Information and the Arts and Minister for Environment, before assuming his present appointment in 2001.

21. The Prime Minister designate thanks Mr Lee Yock Suan for his services and many contributions.

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PRESIDENT  
REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

10 August 2004

Mr Lee Hsien Loong  
Deputy Prime Minister  
and Minister for Finance

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*Dear Mr. Lee,*

Mr Goh Chok Tong, the Prime Minister, has tendered his resignation and that of his government effective from the time of his successor's appointment as Prime Minister. I have accepted his resignation.

Mr Goh Chok Tong has advised me to call upon you, as a Member of Parliament who commands the confidence of the majority of the Members of Parliament, to form the next government. I accept his advice and intend to appoint you as the next Prime Minister of Singapore under Article 25 (1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore on Thursday, 12 August 2004. I now invite you to form the next government.

I have every confidence that you will acquit yourself with distinction as Prime Minister and ensure the continuity and stability of Singapore.

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*Yours Sincerely,*

S R NATHAN



DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND  
MINISTER FOR FINANCE  
SINGAPORE

10 August 2004

Mr S R Nathan  
President of the Republic of Singapore

I am pleased to accept the appointment of the Prime Minister of Singapore.

2 The Swearing-in Ceremony will take place on 12 Aug 2004, 8pm, at the Istana lawn. Upon my formal appointment at the Ceremony, I will formally advise, in accordance with Article 25(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore, that the following Members of Parliament be appointed as Ministers with effect from 12 Aug 2004. They are to be designated as follows:

Ministers

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|----------------------|---|
| Mr Goh Chok Tong     | - Senior Minister<br>Prime Minister's Office                                    |
| Mr Lee Kuan Yew      | - Minister Mentor<br>Prime Minister's Office                                    |
| Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam | - Deputy Prime Minister &<br>Co-ordinating Minister for Security<br>and Defence |
| Prof S Jayakumar     | - Deputy Prime Minister &<br>Minister for Law                                   |
| Mr Wong Kan Seng     | - Minister for Home Affairs   |
| Mr Yeo Cheow Tong    | - Minister for Transport  |

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BG(NS) George Yong-Boon Yeo	- Minister for Foreign Affairs
Dr Lee Boon Yang	- Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts
Mr Mah Bow Tan	- Minister for National Development
Mr Lim Boon Heng	- Minister, Prime Minister's Office
Mr Lim Hng Kiang	- Minister for Trade and Industry
RAdm(NS) Teo Chee Hean	- Minister for Defence
Mr Lim Swee Say	- Minister, Prime Minister's Office & Second Minister for National Development
Assoc Prof Yaacob Ibrahim	- Minister for the Environment and Water Resources
Mr Khaw Boon Wan	- Minister for Health
Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam	- Minister for Education
Dr Ng Eng Hen	- Minister for Manpower & Second Minister for Education

3 In addition to the responsibilities of the Prime Minister, I intend to retain the portfolio of Minister for Finance.

4 Further, I intend to advise you that the following Members of Parliament be appointed as Ministers-of-State with effect from 12 Aug 2004:



Senior Ministers of State

- Dr Vivian Balakrishnan - Acting Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports & Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry
- Mr Raymond Lim Siang Keat - Acting Second Minister for Finance & Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Assoc Prof Ho Peng Kee - Ministry of Law & Ministry of Home Affairs
- Dr Balaji Sadasivan - Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts & Ministry of Health

Ministers of State

- Mr Chan Soo Sen - Ministry of Education
- Mr Cedric Foo Chee Keng - Ministry of Defence & Ministry of National Development
- Mr Othman Haron Eusoff - Prime Minister's Office
- Mrs Yu-Foo Yee Shoon - Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports
- Mr Zainul Abidin Rasheed - Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Mr Heng Chee How - Ministry of Trade and Industry
- Mrs Lim Hwee Hua - Ministry of Finance & Ministry of Transport

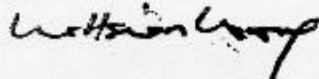
5 Finally, I also intend to advise you, in accordance with Article 31(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore, that the following Members of Parliament be appointed as Parliamentary Secretaries with effect from 12 August 2004:

Senior Parliamentary Secretaries

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| Mr Yatiman Yusof                     | - Ministry of Information,<br>Communications and the Arts                     |
| Assoc Prof Koo Tsai Kee              | - Ministry of Defence &<br>Ministry of the Environment and<br>Water Resources |
| Mr Mohamad Maidin Bin<br>Packer Mohd | - Ministry of Home Affairs  |
| Mr Hawazi Daipi                      | - Ministry of Education &<br>Ministry of Manpower                             |

Parliamentary Secretaries

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| Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin<br>Osman | - Ministry of Health &<br>Ministry of Community<br>Development, Youth and Sports |
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Lee Hsien Loong

**PROPOSED CABINET AND OTHER OFFICE HOLDERS**

MINISTRY	MINISTER	MINISTER OF STATE	PARLIAMENTARY AND POLITICAL SECRETARIES
<b><u>PMO</u></b>			
Prime Minister's Office	Mr Lee Hsien Loong *+ (Prime Minister)  Mr Goh Chok Tong (Senior Minister)  Mr Lee Kuan Yew (Minister Mentor)  Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam (Deputy Prime Minister & Coordinating Minister for Security and Defence)  Prof S Jayakumar *+ (Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Law)  Mr Lim Boon Heng  Mr Lim Swee Say *	Mr Othman Haron Eusofe # (Minister of State)	Mr Tang Guan Seng (Political Secretary)

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**FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SECURITY AND DEFENCE**

Law	Prof S Jayakumar *+ (Deputy Prime Minister)	Assoc Prof Ho Peng Kee * (Senior Minister of State)	
Home Affairs	Mr Wong Kan Seng	Assoc Prof Ho Peng Kee * (Senior Minister of State)	Mr Mohamad Maidin Bin Packer Mohd (Sr Parliamentary Secretary)
Foreign Affairs	BG George Yong-Boon Yeo	Mr Raymond Lim Siang Keat * (Senior Minister of State)  Mr Zainul Abidin Rasheed #* (Minister of State)	
Defence	RAdm Teo Chee Hean	Mr Cedric Foo Chee Keng * (Minister of State)	Assoc Prof Koo Tsai Kee * (Sr Parliamentary Secretary)

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**ECONOMICS**

Finance	Mr Lee Hsien Loong *+ (Prime Minister)	Mrs Lim Hwee Hua #* (Minister of State)	
	Mr Raymond Lim Siang Keat *+ (Acting 2nd Minister)		
Transport	Mr Yeo Cheow Tong	Mrs Lim Hwee Hua #* (Minister of State)	
Trade and Industry	Mr Lim Hng Kiang	Dr Vivian Balakrishnan *+ (Senior Minister of State)	
		Mr Heng Chee How #* (Minister of State)	
Information, Communications and the Arts	Dr Lee Boon Yang	Dr Balaji Sadasivan *+ (Senior Minister of State)	Mr Yatiman Yusof (Sr Parliamentary Secretary)
Manpower	Dr Ng Eng Hen *+ (Minister)		Mr Hawazi Daipi *+ (Sr Parliamentary Secretary)

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**SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENT**

National Development	Mr Mah Bow Tan  Mr Lim Swee Say * (2nd Minister)	Mr Cedric Foo Chee Keng * (Minister of State)	
The Environment and Water Resources	Assoc Prof Yaacob Ibrahim		Assoc Prof Koo Tsai Kee * (Sr Parliamentary Secretary)
Health	Mr Khaw Boon Wan + (Minister)	Dr Balaji Sadasivan *+ (Senior Minister of State)	Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman #* (Parliamentary Secretary)
Education	Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam + (Minister)  Dr Ng Eng Hen *+ (2nd Minister)	Mr Chan Soo Sen (Minister of State)	Mr Hawazi Daipi *+ (Sr Parliamentary Secretary)
Community Development, Youth and Sports	Dr Vivian Balakrishnan *+ (Acting Minister)	Mrs Yu-Foo Yee Shoon # (Minister of State)	Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman #* (Parliamentary Secretary)

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**MAYORS**

South East CDC	Mr Matthias Yao		
North West CDC	Dr Teo Ho Pin		
Central Singapore CDC	Mr Heng Chee How *		
North East CDC	Mr Zainul Abidin Rasheed *		
South West CDC	Dr Amy Khor Lean Suan #		

- # New appointment
- \* Double appointments
- + Promotion

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Mr Goh Chok Tong

Senior Minister

国务资政

Menteri Kanan(Malay)

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Mr Lee Kuan Yew

Minister Mentor

内阁资政

Menteri Mentor (Malay)

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