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## PRESS STATEMENT FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

### Cabinet And Other Appointments

The Prime Minister and his Cabinet colleagues will be sworn into office by the President at 12.00 noon on Saturday, 25 January 1997 at City Hall Chamber.

2 Annex I lists the members of the new Cabinet and other office-holders and their portfolios.

3 Annex II lists the office-holders by Ministries.

4 Dr Tony Tan will take charge of the two universities on behalf of the Minister for Education for the period when the latter is Second Minister for Defence.

5 Dr Ow Chin Hock's and Dr John Chen's appointments will take effect in about two months' time, to enable them to wind up their outstanding commitments with their present employers.

6 Dr John Chen's appointment will be for half the term as he has private sector commitments after that. He is required to assist the Minister for Communications in specific assignments.

7 The Prime Minister has appointed several Members of Parliament (MPs) from the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) as office-holders after consultation with Mr Lim Boon Heng, Secretary-General of NTUC. These MPs will bring into Government their valuable experience from working with the labour movement. Several of them will return to NTUC later, after acquiring first-hand how the Government works, as Mr Goh Chee Wee has done. Such cross-postings will benefit both the Government and NTUC.

8 There will be a second Cabinet change within two years. The reason for this two-stage change is to enable the Minister for Communications and Minister for National Development to remain in their present Ministries to see through and ensure the smooth implementation of certain major programmes, including Electronic Road Pricing and the Housing and Development Board (HDB) Upgrading.

9 It will also allow several of the new Members of Parliament with office-holder potential to find their feet and gain experience as backbenchers and to build up their links with their constituents, before they are appointed to office.

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18 January 1997

**CABINET AND OTHER OFFICE HOLDERS**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Designation</u></b>
<b><u>Ministers</u></b>	
Mr Goh Chok Tong	Prime Minister
Mr Lee Kuan Yew	Senior Minister, Prime Minister's Office
BG Lee Hsien Loong	Deputy Prime Minister, Prime Minister's Office
Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam	Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence
Prof S Jayakumar	Minister for Law and Minister for Foreign Affairs
Dr Richard Hu Tsu Tau	Minister for Finance
Mr Lee Yock Suan	Minister for Trade and Industry and Second Minister for Finance
Mr Wong Kan Seng	Minister for Home Affairs
Mr Yeo Cheow Tong	Minister for Health and Minister for the Environment
BG George Yong-Boon Yeo	Minister for Information and the Arts and Second Minister for Trade and Industry
Dr Lee Boon Yang	Minister for Labour
Mr Mah Bow Tan	Minister for Communications
Mr Lim Boon Heng	Minister without Portfolio
Mr Lim Hng Kiang	Minister for National Development and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>
Mr Abdullah Tarmugi	Minister for Community Development and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs
RAdm Teo Chee Hean	Minister for Education and Second Minister for Defence

#### Senior Ministers of State

Dr Aline Wong	Senior Minister of State for Education and Health
Mr Sidek Saniff	Senior Minister of State for the Environment
Mr Peter Chen	Senior Minister of State for Education

#### Ministers of State

Dr Ow Chin Hock	Minister of State for Foreign Affairs
Mr Othman Haron Eusofe	Minister of State for Labour
Mr Matthias Yao Chih	Minister of State for Defence
Assoc Prof Ho Peng Kee	Minister of State for Law and Home Affairs
Dr John Chen	Minister of State for Communications

#### Senior Parliamentary Secretaries

Mr Yatiman Yusof	Senior Parliamentary Secretary Ministry of Information and the Arts
Mr Tang Guan Seng	Senior Parliamentary Secretary Ministry of Trade and Industry

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>
<b><u>Parliamentary Secretaries</u></b>	
Mr Mohamad Maidin Packer Mohd	Parliamentary Secretary Ministry of Education
Mr Koo Tsai Kee	Parliamentary Secretary Ministry of National Development
Mr Chan Soo Sen	Parliamentary Secretary Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Community Development
<b><u>Political Secretaries</u></b>	
Mr Harun bin A Ghani	Political Secretary to Minister for Home Affairs
Mr Zulkifli bin Mohammed	Political Secretary to Minister without Portfolio

**CABINET AND OTHER OFFICE HOLDERS**

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Minister</b>	<b>Second Minister</b>	<b>Sr Min of State*/ Minister of State</b>	<b>Sr Parl Sec**/ Parl Sec</b>	<b>Political Secretary</b>
Prime Minister's Office	Goh Chok Tong (Prime Minister)			Chan Soo Sen	
Prime Minister's Office	Lee Kuan Yew (Senior Minister)				
Prime Minister's Office	Lee Hsien Loong (Dy Prime Minister)				
Defence	Tony Tan (Dy Prime Minister)	Teo Chee Hean	Matthias Yao Chih		
Law	S Jayakumar		Ho Peng Kee		
Foreign Affairs	S Jayakumar	Lim Hng Kiang	Ow Chin Hock		
Finance	Richard Hu	Lee Yock Suan			
Trade and Industry	Lee Yock Suan	George Yeo		Tang Guan Seng**	
Home Affairs Health	Wong Kan Seng Yeo Cheow Tong		Ho Peng Kee Aline Wong*		Harun Ghani

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Environment	Yeo Cheow Tong		Sidek Saniff*		
Information and the Arts	George Yeo			Yatiman Yusof**	
Labour	Lee Boon Yang		Othman Haron Eusofe		
Communications	Mah Bow Tan		John Chen		
Without Portfolio	Lim Boon Heng				Zulkifli Mohammed
National Development	Lim Hng Kiang			Koo Tsai Kee	
Community Development	Abdullah Tarmugi			Chan Soo Sen	
Education	Teo Chee Hean		Aline Wong* Peter Chen*	Mohamad Maidin	

\* Senior Minister of State

\*\* Senior Parliamentary Secretary