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Dear Prime Minister,

It is with deep sadness that I write on behalf of the Government and the people of Timor-Leste to offer my condolences on the death of His Excellency Lee Kuan Yew, founding father and long standing former Prime Minister of Singapore.

His Excellency was a global Statesman of great vision and insight. He was admired by so many for his remarkable achievement in transforming Singapore into a prosperous and united nation and an international centre of business and commerce. His unparalleled record of nation building ensures that he will be long remembered as a leading figure of the 20th Century.

The miracle of Singapore provides many developing countries with a model of progress and a symbol of hope and possibility. Timor-Leste is one of many nations that look to Singapore with admiration and as an example of what can be achieved through hard work, unrelenting focus and a dedicated commitment to State building. This will remain an important legacy of His Excellency.

We know that His Excellency worked tirelessly to the end not only in the interests of the Singaporean people but also as an important mentor to successive Prime Ministers including yourself. As his son, we also extend our condolences to you and your family at this time of sadness. His Excellency created a strong and successful nation which, under your continued leadership, will see Singapore remain an important regional and global leader.

At this difficult time, please be assured that the thoughts and prayers of the Timorese people are with the people of Singapore.

Yours sincerely,

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Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

**THE HONOURABLE
LEE HSIEN LOONG
PRIME MINISTER
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