

*Prime Minister  
Singapore*

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Dear *Abdullah*,

Please accept my warmest congratulations and best wishes on the auspicious occasion of Malaysia's 50th Merdeka Day.

Malaysia has undergone significant transformation over the last 50 years. I am confident that under your leadership, Malaysia and all Malaysians will continue to enjoy even greater advancement and progress in the years to come.

Singapore-Malaysia relations are strong, with growing bilateral interactions and deepening interdependence, as we cooperate in new areas like the Iskandar Development Region. I look forward to meeting with you regularly at our retreats to discuss issues of common interest to both our countries, as well as the region.

Ho Ching joins me in wishing you and Jeanne continued good health and happiness. We look forward to seeing you at the Merdeka Celebrations.

Yours *sincerely*

*Wattana*

YAB Dato' Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi  
Prime Minister  
Malaysia