

*Prime Minister
Singapore*

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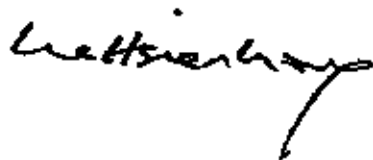
Dear *Prime Minister,*

Please accept my congratulations on your election as the Prime Minister of Japan. Your resounding victory in the LDP Presidential elections affirms the strong support and trust from your party.

Singapore and Japan have developed long-standing bilateral ties over the last decades. Japan also enjoys strong links with the Southeast Asian nations, guided by the Fukuda Doctrine established 30 years ago. I am confident that under your leadership, our bilateral relations and Japan's engagement with the region will be further enhanced. As the current ASEAN Chair, Singapore looks forward to working with Japan to building more cohesive and vibrant ASEAN-Japan relations.

It has been some time since we last met. I hope you can make a bilateral visit in conjunction with the ASEAN and EAS Summit in Singapore in November this year. It will be a good opportunity for us to catch up and share views on bilateral issues and regional developments.

Yours *sincerely*



HE Mr Yasuo Fukuda
Prime Minister
Japan