



PRESIDENT
REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

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His Excellency Hu Jintao
President
People's Republic of China

Dear President Hu Jintao,

It is with much sadness that I am sending you this message, on behalf of the people of Singapore, for the families who are suffering immense sorrow and despair following the earthquake in Sichuan. I am especially saddened by the great loss of lives and the numerous children and youths, who have been so tragically killed by this deadly disaster.

Your Government's unflagging effort and swift response to the disaster, despite the limitations of terrain and distance, and the mobilization of all your people is highly commendable.

I am confident that under your able and decisive leadership, China will quickly overcome the consequences of this tragic event and help restore your people's confidence and resoluteness in facing such unforeseen disasters. I sincerely hope that the affected regions will return to normalcy in the soonest possible time.

S R NATHAN