

## MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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I convey my warmest wishes to you on this happy occasion of the 35th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between our countries.

Singapore and Vietnam enjoy excellent relations. Our leaders enjoy close personal ties and many high-level exchanges have taken place in recent years. Our economic interests are complementary and have been further strengthened by the Framework Agreement on Singapore-Vietnam Connectivity. In areas such as education, defence, law and culture, we see ever closer bilateral cooperation. We have worked closely together to strengthen ASEAN and ensure its vitality in the face of new challenges.

The relations between Singapore and Vietnam are growing broader and deeper by the day. Let us work together to hasten this process further.

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