

*Prime Minister
Singapore*

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Dear *Premier Wen,*

On behalf of the Government of Singapore, I would like to offer my congratulations on the occasion of the 59th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

Under your able leadership, China has continued to make economic progress and build a more harmonious society. China has faced several challenges this year, especially the Sichuan earthquake in May, but the nation responded to them well and emerged stronger. China's international standing has been further enhanced with the successful hosting of the 2008 Beijing Olympics. I congratulate you for putting together such a spectacular Olympic Games and for the impressive performance of the Chinese athletes.

Bilateral relations between Singapore and China have continued to prosper. The Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City project reflects our warm and substantive ties. The China-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (CSFTA) will not only facilitate the flow of goods between the two countries, but also enhance people-to-people exchanges. I am confident that our relations will broaden and deepen further, to the benefit of both countries.

I look forward to meeting you next month when I visit China for the 7th Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit.

Yours *sincerely*
Lee Hsien Loong

His Excellency Wen Jiabao
Premier of the State Council
People's Republic of China