

23 March 2015

Mr Lee Hsien Loong  
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Dear *Brother Hsien Loong*,

The National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) and its affiliated unions share in your family's grief and extend our deepest condolences on the loss of your beloved father, Mr Lee Kuan Yew.

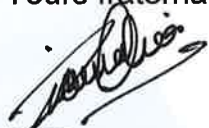
Mr Lee Kuan Yew was the founding father of independent Singapore, and also a dear brother to all of us in the Labour Movement. His ties with the unionists and workers stretch back to the fractious environment of the 1950s, when he first fought alongside the Postal and Telecommunications Uniformed Staff Union for better pay and terms. In the arc of his life and throughout his accomplishments, the welfare and interests of workers have always been on the top of his mind.

As co-founder of the People's Action Party, he built a strong, symbiotic relationship with the NTUC. As the first Prime Minister of Singapore, he championed a constructive brand of tripartism. He was not detached from the everyday affairs concerning our workers. Instead, he forged reforms and introduced policies that improved our economy, transformed our nation and gave us hope of a better life. He gained our complete trust with his personal motto that the PAP government would never forget that "it is in the interest of workers and their unions that we must strive for growth and development."

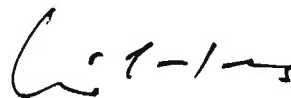
Mr Lee dedicated his whole life to the workers and people of Singapore. He has left an indelible mark on the lives of us all. Our heavy hearts are filled with sadness, but also gratitude. His selfless leadership and steadfast support to the unions and workers of Singapore will forever remain in our hearts. We will always honour and remember his legacy, lived out in each and every one of our lives.

On behalf of all our sisters and brothers in the Labour Movement, we stand with you and your family during this difficult time.

Yours fraternally,



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