

**7 May 2024**

**Mr Lee Hsien Loong**  
**Prime Minister**  
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Dear Prime Minister Lee,

On behalf of the Singapore Indian business community, the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI) joins all Singaporeans in expressing deep appreciation for your personal contributions to our community and the nation. Your leadership over the past twenty years has significantly impacted our businesses, our economy, and our personal well-being.

Singapore's workers and businesses have seen their economic pie and personal well-being grow under your leadership.

You have kept your pulse on the Singapore economy and advocated for the best interests of workers from the time you assumed your role in the Ministry of Trade and Industry, during the Economic Review Committee deliberations, and each year when you presented the Budget to Parliament when you were serving as the Finance Minister.

Much has been achieved in expanding Singapore's bilateral ties with India, with many of our members having business interests, thanks to your leadership and support. The signing of the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) under your government's leadership has not only dramatically benefited Singapore-India ties but also attracted some of the best talents to Singapore, a testament to the success of your policies and agreements.

Your close rapport with India's leaders has helped SICCI further develop its ties with the various state governments and their chief ministers, embark on joint business missions with our sister chambers of commerce and industry, and participate in crucial global investment summits held by the Indian states.

On our part, SICCI has signed significant Memorandums of Understanding with the key trade associations and chambers in Singapore, which has benefited business-to-business ties and collaboration.

For the Chamber itself, we express our deep appreciation for gracing our 90th anniversary celebrations in 2014. I am happy to inform you that SICCI turns 100 in 2024, and our centennial celebrations are ongoing.

While you will hand over the baton to your successor, Deputy Prime Minister Lawrence Wong, **on 15 May 2024**, we are delighted to learn that you will remain Senior Minister in the Cabinet.

Your continued guidance to Singaporeans and Singaporeans, as you transition to the role of Senior Minister, will undoubtedly continue to propel our nation towards the Forward Singapore goal and help us soar to even greater heights.

On behalf of all our members and the SICCI Board, I wish you and Madam Ho Ching good health as you embark on your next phase in governing and guiding Singapore and its leaders.

With best wishes,



**Neil Parekh**  
Chairman, Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry