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Dear Promier Li,

On this joyous occasion of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Republic of Singapore and the People's Republic of China, I extend my best wishes to you, your Government, and the people of China.

Singapore and China's long-standing relationship predate the formal establishment of diplomatic ties in 1990. Our bilateral cooperation has since grown in depth and scope. China has been Singapore's largest trading partner and Singapore has been China's largest foreign investor since 2013. We have established three Government-to-Government projects in China in each of the last three decades – in Suzhou, Tianjin, and Chongqing – which continue to do well today.

Our people-to-people exchanges have also grown, with more than four million people travelling between our countries in 2018 – a 40-fold increase from the 100,000 travellers in 1990. We have continued to support each other through the COVID-19 outbreak, and identified new areas of cooperation to propel our relationship forward. This is testament to the strong and mutually beneficial partnership that we have forged over the years.

Beyond bilateral cooperation, Singapore and China also cooperate well in regional and international fora. We share a strong interest in enhancing ASEAN-China relations, and upholding free and open trade through agreements such as the upgraded China-Singapore Free Trade Agreement and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership. I look forward to working with you to strengthen the multilateral infrastructure that binds our world today, and to bring our bilateral partnership to greater heights.

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