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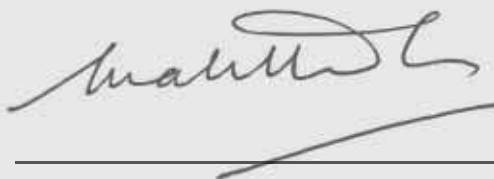
Prime Minister

REPORT OF THE INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

1. In January 2008, you set up the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Sustainable Development (IMCSD) to develop a national framework and key strategies for Singapore's sustainable development.
2. Sustainable development for Singapore is about achieving development while minimising its impact on resources and our environmental quality, such that development today does not come at the expense of the quality of the living environment for current and future generations. Looking ahead, we are aware that population and economic growth could strain our domestic resources and impact our environmental quality if we are not vigilant. We also need to be able to respond to growing global resource scarcity and do more as a responsible global citizen to combat the challenges posed by climate change.
3. The IMCSD therefore identifies the following four strategies to ensure Singapore's continued sustainable development. First, to improve resource efficiency in energy, water and waste management so that we will be more cost competitive and efficient in the long run. Second, to enhance our physical environment through controlling pollution, increasing our greenery as well as cleaning and beautifying our water bodies. Third, to engage the community and encourage them to play their part by adopting more responsible practices, habits and lifestyles. Fourth, to build up our technologies and capabilities in order to realise our sustainable development targets, spur economic growth and export our expertise.
4. The IMCSD has now completed its work and submits its findings and recommendations in this Blueprint. We are confident that the recommendations will help Singapore achieve a higher level of environmental sustainability over time. This will provide our current and future generations with a cleaner and greener environment to live in, and yield concrete benefits to businesses and households in terms of cost savings from resource efficiency.
5. This Blueprint reflects our common aspiration for an economically vibrant yet liveable Singapore. It sets clear goals to measure our performance in sustainable development, and outlines a set of actionable strategies and plans to make our development more environmentally sustainable in the next decade. The collective and sustained efforts of the people, public and private sectors to

change the way we live, work, play and commute will be key to achieving the goals. Hence this Blueprint marks the beginning of a closer 3P (People sector, Private sector and Public sector) partnership for sustainable development.

6. We wish to record our gratitude to all those who have contributed time and effort to make this Blueprint possible. This includes the many members of the public and leaders from non-governmental organisations, businesses, grassroots organisations, academia, media as well as CDC Mayors whom we have met. In total, we met more than 700 people in various focus group discussions and received over 1,300 suggestions from the public. We have also been ably supported by officials in various Ministries and Statutory Boards.
7. We also thank you for entrusting us with this task of ensuring that we and future generations have a lively and liveable Singapore to live, work and play in.



Mr Mah Bow Tan (Co-Chairman)



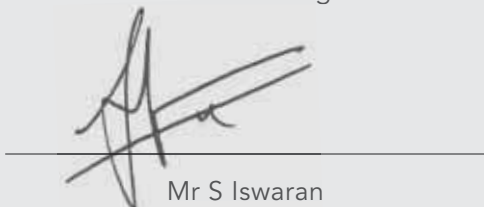
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