

PAP Confident Of Winning In Upcoming General Election
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SINGAPORE -- Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong has described that stronger opposition would crystalise the issues and what was at stake in the polls.

Therefore, it was good for PAP to be contested strongly, he said.

"They will fight to win, we will fight to ensure they do not win," he said at a press conference after the nominations for the Lion City's 14th General Election here on Wednesday.

Lee, who is the ruling People's Action Party (PAP) secretary-general, was quoted by the Straits Times as saying it was not unexpected that 82 of 87 Parliamentary seats would be contested, given the strength and number of opposition candidates in the General Election.

He singled out education and housing as the main issues of the election.

On education, the prime minister said the Government would continue investing to uplift the next generation.

He also pledged to improve the quality of homes while keeping them affordable.

Lee, who has been prime minister since 2004, hoped to achieve greater debate within the Government, and to find consensus while generating new ideas.

On other issues that might crop up in the campaigning, he said the party would "deal with them as they arrive".

Fielding questions from reporters, Lee also touched on new PAP candidate Steve Tan's abrupt departure from the slate, the Workers' Party's foray into Aljunied GRC, and its newest candidate, Dr Chia Shi Lu.

His message to voters: "Your vote will determine Singapore's next generation of leaders. Vote for the government you want. Whatever the voters decide, we will abide by them. That's what elections are about."

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