

Kuan Yew, Goh To Retire From Cabinet
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SINGAPORE -- Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew and Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong have decided to step down from the Cabinet, thus paving way for Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and his team to have a fresh clean slate.

In a joint statement on Saturday, both leaders said: "We have studied the new political situation and thought how it can affect the future.

"We have made our contributions to the development of Singapore. The time has come for a younger generation to carry Singapore forward in a more difficult and complex situation.

"The prime minister and his team of younger leaders should have a fresh clean slate. A younger generation, besides having a non-corrupt and meritocratic government and a high standard of living, wants to be more engaged in the decisions which affect them," they said.

After a watershed general election, both leaders said: "We have decided to leave the cabinet and have a completely younger team of ministers to connect to and engage with this young generation in shaping the future of our Singapore.

"But the younger team must always have in mind the interests of the older generation. This generation which has contributed to Singapore must be well-looked after," they added.

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