

**Tony Tan Takes Oath As Singapore's New President**  
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SINGAPORE -- Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam was sworn in as the seventh President of Singapore at a ceremony held at the Istana Thursday evening.

Dr Tony Tan, 71, took his oath in the presence of Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and Chief Justice Chan Sek Keong for a six-year term.

In his speech, the soft spoken Dr Tony Tan, said he wants to be President for all Singaporeans, and a president all Singaporeans will be proud of.

The former Deputy Prime Minister who has a gentle smile, said he would devote all his energy and all his heart to this new task, which is the biggest challenge of his political career.

Witnessed by cabinet ministers, members of the judiciary, parliamentarians and senior civil, he said Singaporeans have to work together to respond to the new challenges that the country was facing.

Dr Tony Tan takes over the president's post from outgoing President S.R Nathan, 87, whose term ended on Aug 31 after serving as Singapore's head of state for the last 12 years.

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