

Singaporeans Go To Polls To Elect New President Today

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SINGAPORE, Aug 27 (Bernama) -- Singaporeans begin to cast their votes today, to choose their new president at 781 polling stations which were open as early as 8am.

Four Tans are vying for the post to replace incumbent S. R. Nathan, whose terms ends on Aug 31 after serving two terms.

The presidential hopefuls -- former deputy prime minister Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, former member of parliament Dr Tan Cheng Bok, former chief of NTUC Income, a cooperative insurance society, Tan Kin Lian, and former senior civil servant Tan Jee Say -- are seeking a six-year term.

They cast votes at their respective polling stations. There are about 2.27 million eligible voters in the city-state.

This presidential election has been dubbed "historic" as it is the first since 1993, when Ong Teng Cheong won in a straight fight, and the first multi-candidate presidential race for Singapore.

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