

**New Singapore President Will Assume Duty With Honour, Distinction - PM
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SINGAPORE, Sept 1 (Bernama) -- Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong expressed confidence that the republic's seventh President Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam will discharge his responsibilities with honour and distinction, and elevate the standing of this important institution.

He said Dr Tan has dedicated decades of his life to public service.

"This time, you came forward to serve Singapore, and offered yourself as a candidate in the Presidential Election. You explained that you felt that you had a contribution to make, and therefore had a duty to step forward. The voters chose you to be our next President," he said in his speech before Dr Tan was sworn in as Singapore's seventh President at the Istana here Thursday night.

"In this spirit, I pledge the fullest support and co-operation of my Government to you and your office, as we serve the people of Singapore, and continue to build a fair and just society for all Singaporeans."

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