

Muhyiddin Signs Condolence Book Dedicated To Lee Kuan Yew

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 24 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin today signed the condolence book as a mark of respect over the demise of Singapore's founding father and first Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew who died at the age of 91 yesterday.

Muhyiddin arrived at the Singapore High Commission here to sign the book at 2.45 pm and was met on arrival by Singapore High Commissioner Vanu Gopala Menon.

"I signed the book and also expressed my deepest sympathy and condolence to Prime Minister (Lee) Hsien Loong, the family and the people of Singapore for the passing of a great man.

"It is obviously a great loss for the family and the country because in his own way, he (Kuan Yew) had chartered what Singapore is today and what it (Singapore) should be in the future," Muhyiddin told reporters after signing the book.

The deputy prime minister also described Kuan Yew as the most influential politician in Asia, as well as a credible leader and a major figure in the development of modern Singapore.

Meanwhile, founder of Berjaya Group of Companies Tan Sri Vincent Tan who was also present to sign the condolence book admitted to have great admiration for the late Singapore's first prime minister.

"It's incredible to see what he had achieved for Singapore and I really admire him. Mr Lee Kuan Yew was one of the very few people in the world that I admire the most, so I wish his soul to rest in peace," he said.

Kuan Yew breathed his last at 3.18 am yesterday at the Singapore General Hospital after being admitted to the intensive care unit on Feb 5 for severe pneumonia.

The state funeral service for the founding father of modern Singapore is scheduled to be held at 2 pm on Sunday (March 29) at the University Cultural Centre, National University of Singapore.

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