

PM Lee Announces New Singapore Cabinet
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SINGAPORE, Sept 28 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong Monday announced Singapore's new Cabinet line-up for the 13th Parliament which sees leadership changes in most of the ministries.

Headed by Lee, the new Cabinet comprise 20 Ministers, which sees the introduction of three Coordinating Ministers namely Teo Chee Hean and Tharman Shanmugaratnam, both of whom will remain as Deputy Prime Ministers and Khaw Boon Wan, who will concurrently be the Transport Minister.

Teo who will relinquish his post as the home minister will be Coordinating Minister for National Security, Tharman (Coordinating Minister for Economic and Social Policies) and Khaw (Coordinating Minister for Infrastructure).

This Cabinet line-up was announced following the recent General Election on Sept 11 where the ruling People's Action Party (PAP) scored a landslide victory garnering almost 70 per cent of the popular votes.

The Ministry of Education and Ministry of Trade and Industry will now have two full ministers to look into separate aspects within the ministry.

The new Cabinet also saw several new faces, including former defence force chief Ng Chee Meng who will be Acting Education Minister in charge of school matters, ranging from pre-school education, special education and primary, secondary and junior college levels.

Ong Ye Kung is Acting Education Minister in charge of matters to do with higher education and skills, overseeing the Institute of Technical Education, polytechnics, private education institutes as well as upgrading and workforce training.

For Trade and Industry, Lim Hng Kiang will be Minister (Trade), S Iswaran - Minister (Industry) Dr Koh Poh Koon - Minister of State from Jan 1, 2016.

Among ministers who changed portfolios include Dr Vivian Balakrishnan (Foreign Affairs), K Shanmugam (Home Affairs), Heng Swee Keat (Finance), Lawrence Wong (National Development) and Masagos Zulkifli (Environment and Water Resources).

The swearing-in ceremony of the new Cabinet will take place on Oct 1, 2015 at the Istana.

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