

Kuan Yew Warns Singaporeans Not To Turn Current Political Divide Into National Divide

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SINGAPORE, Sept 5 (Bernama) -- Singapore's former prime minister Lee Kuan Yew has cautioned Singaporeans not to allow the current political divide in Singapore to turn into a national divide as it would hamper the country's growth.

Speaking at a dialogue at the Nanyang Technological University here today evening, the former Minister Mentor acknowledged that one thing which would change in Singapore would be a political divide and that this had already happened.

As long as the divide did not degenerate into a national divide, Lee said, it would not have much impact on the growth of the country.

However, he cautioned that if the political divide turned into constant bickering, like what was happening between the Democrats and Republicans in the United States, then Singapore would become just "another ordinary country". The dialogue was part of the Annual Ministerial Forum series organised by NTU's Students' Union.

Lee further pointed out that Singapore had achieved rapid growth because its people were united.

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