

**Singapore Leaders Send Congratulatory Messages To Russian President-Elect
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SINGAPORE, March 7 (Bernama) -- Singapore's President Tony Tan Keng Yam and Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong have conveyed congratulatory messages to Vladimir Putin, President-elect of the Russian Federation .

Congratulating Putin on his election as President, Tan said Singapore and Russia shared many common interests and enjoyed excellent relations, which had grown stronger and become more multi-faceted in recent years.

"I am confident that under your able leadership, Singapore and Russia will continue to deepen bilateral cooperation for the mutual benefit of our countries and peoples," he said in his letter released by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here Wednesday.

In a similar message, Lee said:"On behalf of the Singapore Government, I extend my congratulations on your election as President of the Russian Federation.

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