



Our Lives Our Jobs Our Future



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My Fellow Singaporeans,

We have been fighting COVID-19 since the beginning of this year. It has been a hard fight, with all hands on deck. We have taken strong measures to prevent transmission and save lives, including the circuit breaker.

Now, families and friends are meeting again, shops and restaurants are progressively reopening, and businesses are resuming work, all with precautions.

Our economy has been severely disrupted. We have implemented four successive Budgets, injecting almost \$100 billion, drawing on our past reserves. Our goal is to help companies, workers and households through this very difficult period.

But the crisis is far from over. We are in the most severe global recession in a century. Some companies will not survive. Retrenchments and unemployment will go up sharply. A vaccine is at least a year away, and probably longer.

As we sustain our fight against COVID-19, our top priority is jobs.



We have mounted a national effort to keep people in work, to help those out of work find replacement jobs, and to create new jobs and traineeships both in the public and private sectors.

Post-COVID-19, the world will be very different. We must build on what we have been doing, to emerge stronger.

We have been preparing for the Future Economy and upgrading Singaporeans through SkillsFuture. We are improving our city and our homes. Whatever your starting point, we will make sure you have access to good education, healthcare and housing, and full opportunities to do well. We will always take care of the vulnerable in our society, leaving no one behind. Through Singapore Together, we are engaging the ideas and energies of our people to make Singapore better.

In the coming months and years, we will face many tough situations and difficult decisions. To see ourselves through safely, we need a capable and committed leadership team, working closely with a resolute and united people, enjoying full trust and confidence in one another.

The Government needs a fresh mandate and a full term ahead of it, to act decisively on your behalf, to partner you in solving our problems, and to fulfil our aspirations too.

This is why I have called the general election now.

The PAP has always worked with you to improve our lives, keep everyone safe, and take Singapore forward.





Now more than ever, our lives, our jobs, our future are all at stake.

Please vote for me and my PAP team. Together, we will overcome COVID-19 and secure a brighter future for ourselves and our children.

Yours sincerely

Wet Sien Loong

PAP Secretary-General





Facing the Crisis of a Lifetime Together

We have weathered many crises together as a people and a nation:

- separation from Malaysia in 1965
- the British withdrawal in the 1970s
- the recession of the 1980s
- the Asian Financial Crisis in the 1990s
- 9/11, SARS and the Global Financial Crisis in the 2000s



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Each of these was a major threat to us. Each time, the PAP was there – with you, for you and for Singapore. Decade after decade, we have worked side by side with Singaporeans to overcome these crises and emerge stronger.

Covid-19 is our most dangerous crisis in more than a generation. This is not only a public health crisis but a grave and global economic crisis. Many jobs will be lost. Some businesses will close. Our social resilience will be tested. The road ahead will be tough.

As always, the PAP stands with Singaporeans, serving in solidarity. We will not let you or Singapore down. We will work with you to bring everyone safely through the storm. We also have clear plans for Singapore's future beyond this crisis. We will invest in our people, rebuild our economy and strengthen our society. Together, we will emerge stronger again.

This manifesto sets out our plans for **Our Lives, Our Jobs, Our Future**

Staying Safe and Healthy Together



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Public health and safety remains an urgent task.

We will:

- strongly support and equip our healthcare professionals and frontline agencies to provide excellent healthcare for all. We are providing free in-patient treatment for Covid-19 at public hospitals. In total, we have allocated \$20 billion to MOH in the recent budgets
- ramp up Covid-19 testing and tracing capabilities

- invest in R&D for Covid-19 treatments and vaccines, and ensure these are available to all Singaporeans who need them

To reduce the risk of transmission and safeguard public health, we will:

- ensure everyone can obtain protective items such as face masks
- establish new norms of safe interaction for daily living
- improve public hygiene through a major national effort, including through the SG Clean campaign



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We will:

- complete health clearance of migrant workers and enable them to return safely to work
- build additional migrant worker housing with new operating models and improved standards



Creating Jobs and Acquiring Skills Together

In economic policy, jobs are our top priority.

To protect workers from the immediate impact of Covid-19, we are providing:

- wage subsidies under the Jobs Support Scheme (JSS) to help you keep your jobs
- income relief to self-employed persons and freelancers under the Self-Employed Person Scheme (SIRS)
- financial assistance to retrenched workers or those suffering significant income loss under the Temporary Relief Scheme (TRS) and the Covid-19 Support Grant (CSG)





With the global and our economies hit, we must expect business closures and job losses.

We will spare no effort to protect and create jobs to keep Singaporeans employed. At the same time, we will equip you to take advantage of new opportunities and growing sectors. We:

- set up the National Jobs Council to oversee this work
- will create 100,000 new job opportunities, comprising jobs, traineeships, mid-career pathways and courses under the SG United Jobs and Skills Programme

All Workers

To help you access job opportunities, we will:

- set up satellite career centres in all HDB towns
- scale up programmes for career conversion and for skills upgrading and mastery with the Next Bound of SkillsFuture
- strengthen safeguards for jobseekers under the Fair Consideration Framework
- provide financial incentives for employers to hire or redeploy their local workers



Workers aged 40 - 60

To boost employment of Singaporeans aged 40 - 60 we will provide:

- extra SkillsFuture credits and heavily subsidised reskilling programmes
- mid-career pathway programmes to help you start new careers
- special incentives for employers to hire you



Senior Workers

We will encourage hiring of senior workers through:

- the Senior Employment Credit
- grants for re-employment
- support for firms and industries to redesign jobs

Young Job Seekers

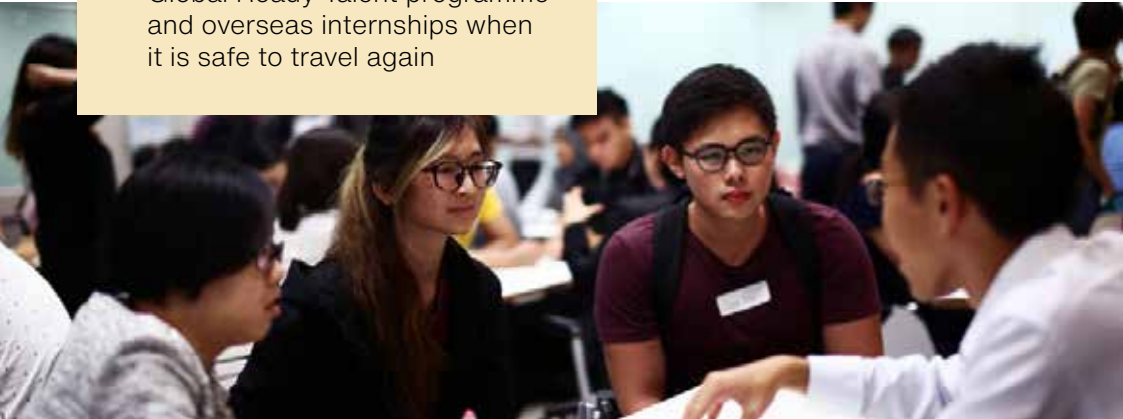
To help young Singaporeans entering the job market, we will:

- strengthen career support for new graduates
- create structured traineeships with firms
- offer free continuing education and training for you to pick up additional skills and knowledge while the job market recovers
- prepare you for regional opportunities through the Global Ready Talent programme and overseas internships when it is safe to travel again

Lower Wage Workers

We will improve jobs and earnings for lower paid Singaporeans through:

- enhanced Workfare support
- extending the Progressive Wage Model to even more industries



Workers with Disabilities

We will work with employers to hire persons with disabilities, including through the Enabling Employment Credit

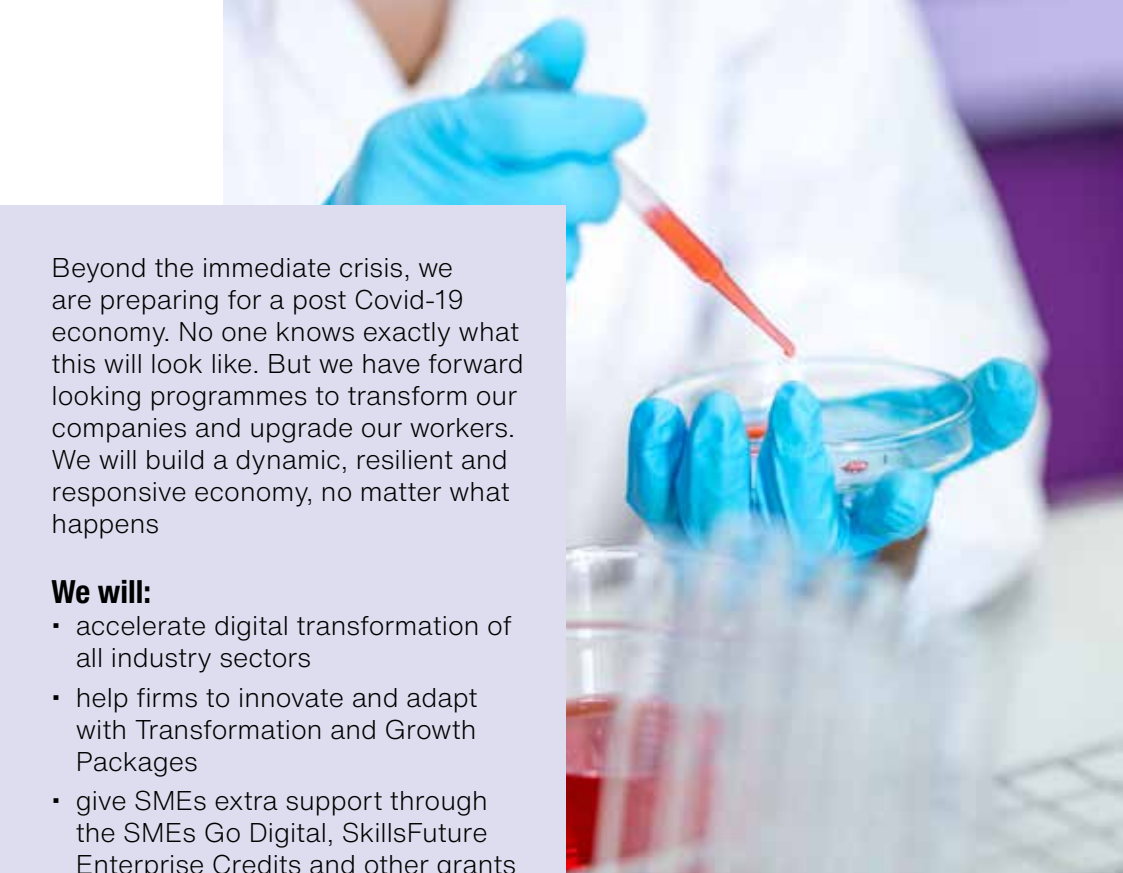


Transforming and Growing Our Economy Together

To stabilise businesses against the immediate effects of Covid-19, we are:

- helping with cash flow, costs and credit
- passing laws for rental relief
- providing extra help to the hardest hit sectors like aviation, hotels, tourism and retail





Beyond the immediate crisis, we are preparing for a post Covid-19 economy. No one knows exactly what this will look like. But we have forward looking programmes to transform our companies and upgrade our workers. We will build a dynamic, resilient and responsive economy, no matter what happens

We will:

- accelerate digital transformation of all industry sectors
- help firms to innovate and adapt with Transformation and Growth Packages
- give SMEs extra support through the SMEs Go Digital, SkillsFuture Enterprise Credits and other grants
- promote new growth sectors – such as innovation and technology, biomedical, ICT, professional and digital services, cybersecurity, food manufacturing, medical care and education

We will:

- establish green lane arrangements for safe travel with other countries
- pursue international co-operation, expand our trade networks and seek out new markets
- participate actively in the global digital economy
- diversify our sources of food and essential supplies and build resilient supply chains



Providing Care and Support Together

In addition to promoting growth and creating jobs so you can have good incomes, we will provide social and financial support when needed.



Families

We gave extra support to families for household expenses when the economy was shut down:

- Solidarity Payment
- Solidarity Utilities Credit
- Cash Payout to each Singaporean parent
- Cash Payout to Singaporeans aged 50 and above

We will continue to assist you with the cost of living:

- Care & Support Package – for daily costs

- Enhanced housing grants – for purchase of HDB flats
- Transport vouchers – for public transport
- Education subsidies – enhanced bursaries, scholarships, transport, meal and school fee subsidies. 100% subsidy for ITE fees and reduced fees for SIT and SUSS full time general degrees
- Healthcare subsidies – public healthcare subsidies up to 80% and CHAS



Special Education Needs (SEN)

Families with children with SEN need extra support. We will:

- raise awareness of SEN and promote greater inclusivity
- make special education more affordable
- open new Special Education Schools to cater to different special needs
- increase work and care options for SEN students beyond age 18

Pre-Schoolers

We will make early childhood centres Covid-19 safe so that pre-schoolers can continue to learn and be nurtured, and parents can work with the assurance their children are cared for.

We will:

- enhance subsidies to make pre-school as affordable as primary school
- increase the government share of supported pre-school places to 80%, and double the number of MOE kindergartens to 60
- raise pre-school quality through the National Institute for Early Childhood Education



Students

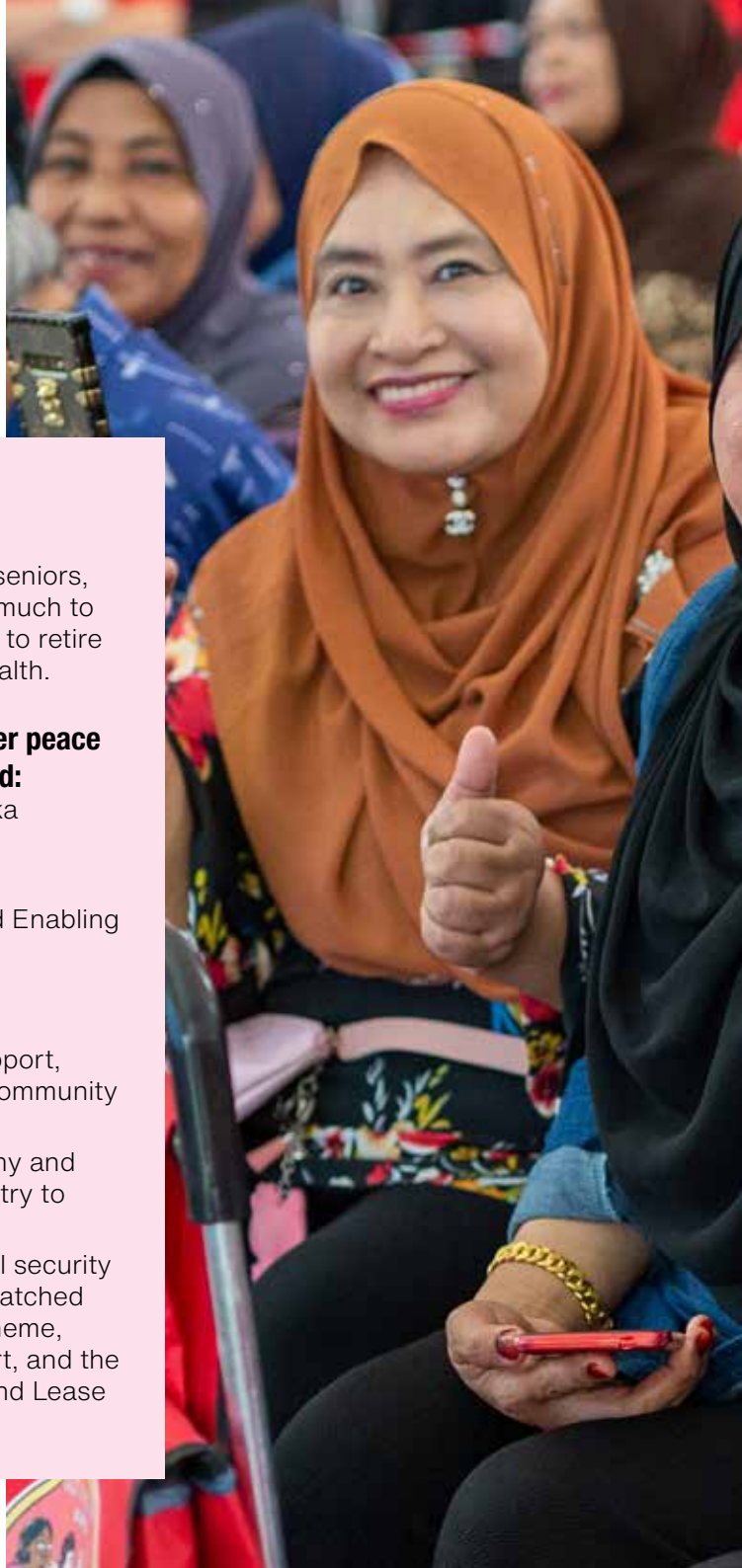
We are determined not to lose the school year, to prevent our students from suffering long term harm. We will keep schools safe and enable learning to continue despite the pandemic.

We will:

- provide greater support and guidance to students from vulnerable backgrounds, who are most affected by the crisis
- accelerate the National Digital Literacy Programme, including bridging the digital divide by equipping every secondary student with a computing device
- make Home-Based Learning

(HBL) an integral part of education

- accelerate education reforms so students can acquire knowledge and skills for a fast-changing future
- reform higher education to introduce more inter-disciplinary learning, complemented with lifelong learning in specialized areas
- refresh our Character and Citizenship Education curriculum to prepare our young to be upright and compassionate individuals, imbued with mental resilience and sound values
- deepen the professional expertise of our teachers with SkillsFuture for Educators



Seniors

We care for and love our seniors, who have contributed so much to our nation. We want them to retire comfortably with good health.

To give our seniors greater peace of mind, we have provided:

- the Pioneer and Merdeka Generation Packages
- CareShield Life
- the Seniors Mobility and Enabling Fund

We will:

- provide networks of support, including through the Community Network for Seniors
- help seniors keep healthy and active, including free entry to public gyms and pools
- provide greater financial security in retirement with the Matched Retirement Savings Scheme, enhanced Silver Support, and the Silver Housing Bonus and Lease Buyback schemes



Healthcare

We will expand our healthcare capacity to improve access to medical treatment and care for all.

We will:

- expand the polyclinic network from 20 today to 32 by 2030, including new polyclinics in Bishan and Bidadari
- redevelop the Singapore General Hospital and rejuvenate the National University Hospital
- complete the Novena Community Hospital by 2022 and build a new integrated acute and community hospital in the East by 2030

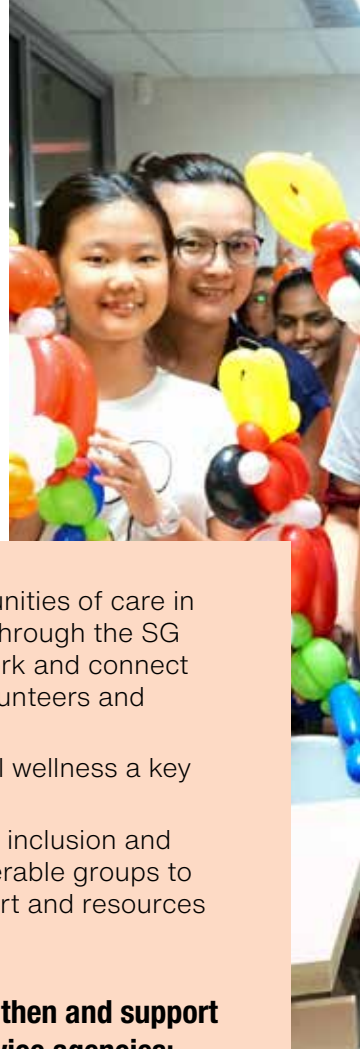
By 2030, one quarter of our population will be aged 65 or older. We will have to spend more on healthcare to look after our elderly.

To fund this, the GST has to go up from 7% to 9% sometime in the next term of government, but not before 2022.

To help Singaporeans to cope with the GST increase, we will:

- implement a \$6 billion Assurance Package which will pay for the GST increase for 5 years for most households and 10 years for lower income households
- enhance the GST permanent voucher scheme
- continue to have government absorb GST on publicly subsidised healthcare and education
- provide social assistance for those who need more help

Building a Strong and Resilient Society Together



Social Resilience

Covid-19 has highlighted new social gaps, but also brought out the best in us and shown our Singaporean heart.

We will strengthen our social compact. We will:

- build a strong, caring united community where no one is left behind and all can progress together
- build resilience, enhance social mobility and tackle inequality
- help those who fall down to get up stronger.

We will:

- improve our social safety nets to provide sustainable support
- partner citizens and organisations to help those in need

- build communities of care in every town through the SG Cares network and connect needs to volunteers and resources
- make mental wellness a key focus
- foster digital inclusion and enable vulnerable groups to reach support and resources online

We will strengthen and support our social service agencies:

- with increased funding and matching of donations
- by helping them transform their operations and service delivery

We will:

- build a multi-cultural, multi-religious society where unity in diversity is our strength
- support the aspirations of our people in arts, culture and sports



Financial Resilience

To combat Covid-19, we have injected almost \$100 billion through four Budgets, using current surpluses and past reserves to support Singaporeans through this crisis and prepare for the future. We will make this count.

We will:

- use the money to catalyse growth and returns for Singaporeans and Singapore
- continue to exercise financial prudence, and replenish our reserves when we are able to do so
- safeguard the future for our children and generations to come, as the Pioneer and Merdeka generations did for us

Living Sustainably Together



Covid-19 has shown how our actions make a difference to the environment. We will make sustainability a way of life.

We will:

- produce more clean energy by deploying more solar panels on building rooftops and reservoirs, and converting food waste to energy at Tuas Nexus
- reduce greenhouse emissions
- plant one million trees and new mangrove areas to preserve our carbon sinks

We will bring more nature to the city. We will:

- add 200 hectares of nature parks and 140 hectares of city parks and gardens over the next 5 years
- enhance our green corridors and park connectors so that every household is within a 10 minute walk from a park

We will:

- introduce new concepts of sustainable living with the HDB Green Towns programme
- rejuvenate our heartlands with home improvement and neighbourhood upgrading initiatives, as well as the Remaking Heartlands programme
- strengthen coastal and inland flood protection against climate change and rising seas
- significantly increase local food production with our 30 x 30 Express strategy and develop long term local production capabilities for essential supplies

Building Our City Together

We have ambitious plans to develop Singapore. Covid-19 will slow these down but will not stop our forward march. Year by year, we will work with you to make many projects a reality:

- Smart Nation and the 5G network
- Tuas Megaport
- Changi T5
- Greater Southern Waterfront and Paya Lebar Redevelopment
- Punggol Digital District and Jurong Lake District
- Doubling our rail networks with the Cross Island Line and the Thomson-East Coast Line

Creating a New Future Together

Covid-19 has forced a global pause and re-set. At this critical moment in human history, we have a unique opportunity to re-shape and re-design our future.

The PAP 4G leaders launched the Singapore Together movement for deeper partnership between government and Singaporeans, and to conceive and implement plans for our country. This has become even more vital in a changed world.

We will work with you to chart a new direction for Singapore in a post-Covid-19 era. We will draw on our collective ideas, strengths and abilities to:

- **emerge stronger as an economy**
- **emerge stronger as a society**
- **emerge stronger as a people**



Overcoming Together

We are sailing into the storm of a century. But we will face it with unity, resilience, solidarity and fortitude. We will work with you to seize new opportunities, re-shape our future and build a sparkling city of tomorrow. We will overcome this crisis, triumph over adversity and emerge stronger. We will do all this and more, because we have the Singapore spirit and each other.

Mengatasi Krisis Bersama

Kita sedang mengharungi badai taufan ekonomi paling teruk sekurun ini. Tetapi kita akan menghadapinya dengan perpaduan, daya tahan, kesepakatan dan kecekalan. Kami akan bekerjasama dengan anda untuk memanfaatkan peluang baru dan membentuk semula masa depan kita. Kami akan membina bersama sebuah bandar baru yang bersinar terang dan berkilau indah. Kita akan mengatasi krisis ini, meraih kemenangan dan muncul dengan lebih kuat dan teguh. Inilah tekad kami. Kita yakin akan capai semua ini malah lebih dari itu. Ini kerana kita terus bersatu hati dan semangat ke Singapuraan kita terus berkobar.



ஒன்றிணைந்து அனைத்தையும் வெற்றிகொள்வோம்

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共同克服困难 迎接雨过天晴

我们面临的是一场世纪风暴。尽管如此，我们会以坚韧团结、同舟共济的精神毅然向前。我们会与您携手抓紧新机遇，重塑我们的未来，建设一个闪耀的都市。我们将克服危机、排除万难，从而变得更为坚强。有您的支持、您的信任，我们必定不负使命，鞠躬尽瘁。

