

26 March 2020

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Dear President Wang Chao,

Thank you for your letter dated 26 March 2020. Your letter is deeply appreciated.

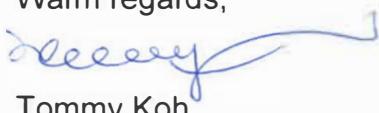
Singapore is facing a critical situation, with thousands of our citizens and permanent residents, coming back from the US, UK and other countries. We are experiencing a spike of imported cases.

So far, our healthcare system has been able to cope with the crisis. The mood of the people is positive and confident. We are determined to fight against COVID-19, as one united people. We are confident that we will be victorious.

We are also focused on the economic impact of the pandemic on our workers and businesses. The Government is determined to do whatever it takes to preserve jobs, to prevent our business from collapsing and to keep the economy from grinding to a stop. This will be as challenging as fighting the virus.

We are on the same side as China in this fight against the pandemic. We appreciate China's support and solidarity at this critical stage of our battle.

Warm regards,


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