

In his third National Day Rally on 20th August 2006, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong outlined the opportunities and key challenges facing Singapore. Radio Singapore International presents podcasts with an analysis of the issues.

Podcasts of the Rally

Our Economy and the Region

Prime Minister Lee stressed the need to sustain good quality economic growth. But how will Singapore's economy face up to rising global oil prices? Listen to this podcast for more on Mr. Lee's thoughts on Singapore's economy amidst the opportunities and challenges in the region.

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Our Population

With globalization, many Singaporeans are venturing abroad. Prime Minister Lee highlights the importance of retaining and gathering talent in Singapore, whilst maintaining strong links with overseas Singaporeans. Mr. Lee also addresses population issues and the need to welcome immigrants.

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The Digital Age

Singapore aims to be all wired up and wireless in the near future. The plan is to make IT accessible to all Singaporeans. Easy access to IT, however, may present new issues for Singapore society. How can we reap benefits and manage risks in the digital age?

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Heartware

How can Singapore bind the emotional ties which will anchor our people to the country? How can we better care for the community? Mr. Lee shares his thoughts on how we can weave a tighter social fabric for the nation.

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Analysis, Reactions and Discussions

How will Singapore attract more immigrants?

The decline in Singapore's fertility rate coupled with a graying population has underscored Singapore's urgent need to increase the population rapidly. A three-pronged strategy to boost the population in Singapore has been revealed by Deputy Prime Minister Wong Kan Seng. What effect will these measures have on foreigners? George Abraham, Chairman of the Economic Feedback Group in Singapore, tells RSI more.

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Singapore's Infocomm Boom

The local infocomm technology sector is booming and raked in revenues of \$37 billion last year. Find out more about the developments of the industry from Minister for Community Youth and Sports Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan.

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Challenges in Attracting Immigrants

Singapore is set to become more aggressive in its efforts to attract immigrants here to embrace all types of talent. Why is this important at this time in our history? How do we strike a balance between accepting foreign talent and appreciating local talent?

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Audio Stream of the Rally

The rally speech is also available on the following streaming clips.

Listen (Part I): Prime Minister's speech in Malay and Chinese (with English voice-over)  

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