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o build a cohesive society, the government has to adopt an even-handed approach towards all races and religions. This ensures that the ablest are identified and nurtured, regardless of race or religion. This policy has been proven right in the self-confidence of each



community and in their pride in their own customs, culture and achievements.

Muslims in Singapore, along with other Singaporeans, have contributed significantly to the building of modern Singapore. They live, work and play in a multiracial Singapore, competing with the other communities on the basis of meritocracy, not special privileges. Slowly, but surely, they progress up the ladder through hard work and perseverance. It is a progress achieved in a conducive environment of political stability and racial harmony, the necessary ingredients for each community's well-being.

The prospects for Singapore in the next 25 years are bright. Asia is booming and we are well positioned to ride the crest of the regional growth wave.

To do even better than what you have achieved in the last 25 years, you must continue to strive for excellence in education and skills, compete with confidence, and above all preserve your strong family ties.

I congratulate the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (MUIS) for bringing out the book, *Muslims in Singapore: A Shared Vision*. The book captures the role Muslims have played in Singapore's development.

Goh Chok Tong Prime Minister

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