



REMEMBERING
LATE MR LEE KUAN YEOW
— 1923-2015 —

Global Schools Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that was initiated in 2002 with the aim of providing quality education to the expatriate community in Singapore. The Foundation has completed thirteen exemplary years marked by international recognition for excellence in school education. Following high standards in governance, established academic criteria and well-administered management processes, the Foundation's mission is to cultivate and nurture its students into global leaders of the future.

The Foundation started the Global Indian International School in 2002, which has since grown into an international network of award-winning schools with 20 campuses across seven countries in Asia and the Middle East. The school offers Asian and international curricula across its campuses, and is home to students from over 50 nationalities.

Preface

This book is to commemorate the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew, the founding father of modern Singapore, whose passing on 23 March 2015 is a great loss to the nation. His hard work made it possible for a multi-racial community to live together in peace as one united people, regardless of race, language or religion. The board of directors, faculty, staff and students dedicate this collection of events, student's creatives and messages to him.

"To the young and the not-too-old, I say, look at that horizon, follow that rainbow, go ride it." - Lee Kuan Yew

Acknowledgment

With each message scribed, each art dedicated, and each candle burnt in his honour, proves that we can never thank Mr Lee Kuan Yew enough for his contributions in building this nation.

This memoir indicts our respect for the founding father of Singapore, as it celebrates his great vision and recognises his power to influence our present and future.

Mr Chandrakant Borde
President and Co-founder
Global Schools Foundation

I extend my vote of thanks to members of the Board, our teachers, and students for encapsulating our thoughts in remembering an extraordinary person – Mr Lee.

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Students from GIS East Coast Campus form "V love U LKY" to pay tribute to Mr Lee Kuan Yew





In tribute to a great leader

A bow of respect by GIIS students and teachers at the Tanjong Pagar Community Club Tribute Centre







As a mark of respect to Mr Lee, the great founding father of Singapore, all the campuses conducted various tribute ceremonies



Global Schools Foundation (GSF) grieves the passing of Mr Lee Kuan Yew, a truly eminent global leader and intellect with great vision and courage who transformed Singapore to become one of the most successful countries in the world. In his honour, all three campuses of Global Indian International School (GIIS) organised a plethora of activities. To express their love for the visionary leader, Mr Lee, students penned poems, messages and drew paintings.





GIIS Queenstown (Primary) Campus students

GIIS Queenstown Campus students wrote messages for the great statesman, Mr Lee

GIIS Queenstown Campus students and teachers paid their last respects to the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew at the Tanjong Pagar Community Club. Students presented their condolences to Mr Lee's family in the form of condolence cards and flowers. The students learnt about the late Mr Lee's contribution to Singapore through his personal recounts and viewed many photographs of him interacting with residents over the years.

Students and teachers of GIIS Queenstown (Primary) Campus organised a special event to honour Mr Lee. Students of classes 3 to 6 wrote special messages on 'post it' notes. A tribute board was put up with his image (at the centre) and the symbolic 'Red Box', which was used by Mr Lee as his briefcase. All the notes were pasted on the tribute board in such a way that it looked as if the messages were going into the 'Red Box.' "We displayed our wishes in a way that it resembled the 'Red Box' that belonged to Mr Lee - an iconic symbol of his dedication to Singapore. We also arranged for the candles to be displayed in the formation of 'LKY' - a name that is resonant with Singapore's transformation into a global city," said Surabhi Bansal, a student from Class 8 (IGCSE), GIIS Queenstown Campus. Students of classes 1 and 2 participated in a colouring activity to pay their tribute to Mr Lee.



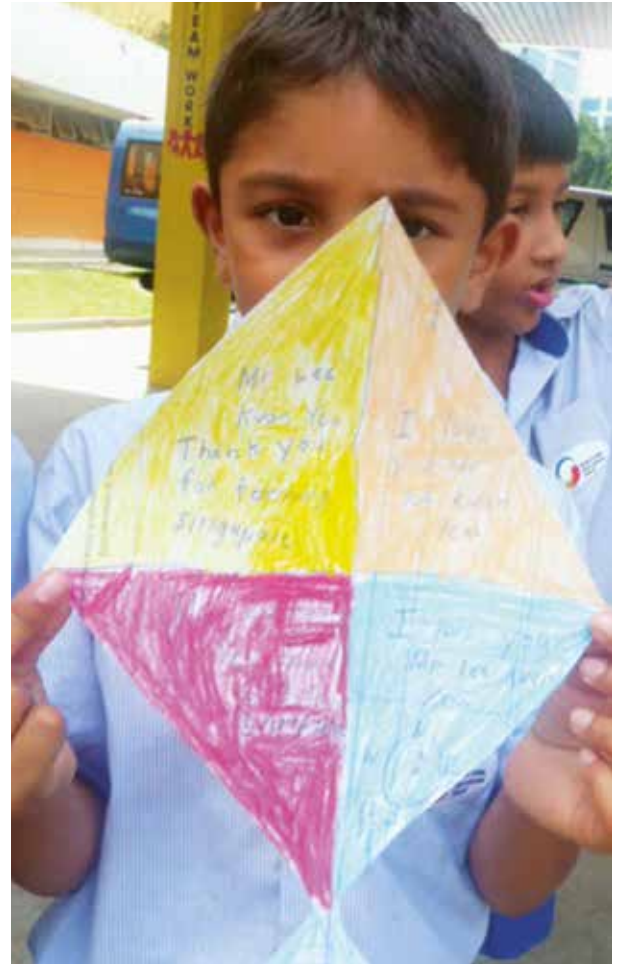
GIIS East Coast Campus students

GIIS East Coast Campus students wrote condolence messages for Mr Lee

GIIS East Coast Campus paid homage to Mr Lee by organising a Special Assembly on 9 April 2015 in the school field, where students from Kindergarten up to Class 10 created a heart shaped human formation of 'V Love U LKY.'

GIIS East Coast Campus students also approached the neighbourhood around the school and requested them to write messages for Mr Lee. Students used a picture of an orchid flower, the national flower of Singapore, to pen down their thoughts in each of the petals. Later in the day, a mass activity was conducted by students of Classes 1 to 8 in their respective classes. Students expressed their gratitude and thanked Mr Lee in their own words. All the combined messages were put together to form a long scroll of about 35 metres.

"We are extremely honoured and privileged to have taken part in these activities to portray our profound admiration and our grieving loss of a great leader. He was highly acclaimed in all parts of the world and has set a significant example for people," said Geethika Ayilliath, a student from Class 9 from GIIS East Coast Campus. Another student, Pooja Asuri (Class 9) from GIIS East Coast Campus, adds, "We are gracious to be well aware of the hard work and perseverance that Mr Lee manifested, which has greatly benefited people living in Singapore and in other countries alike. He has been etched in our memory forever. We will miss you a lot Mr Lee."



GIIS Balestier Campus students

GIIS Balestier Campus students express their gratitude for the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew

GIIS Balestier Campus students, teachers and parents paid their tributes in different forms. The parents penned beautiful words for Mr Lee, who is also fondly addressed as LKY, and a wall of eulogies was created with those messages. Students of classes Nursery to Kindergarten 2 made paper balloons and wrote thanksgiving messages for the departed leader. Students of classes 1 and 2 penned their messages on kites and participated in a kite-flying activity in the campus.


All students from Classes 1 to 6 turned the campus into an artist camp where they painted and created a panoramic picture under the title, "My Singapore." This helped every child to express their thoughts and observations onto the canvas. A wall with nearly 30 of Mr Lee's famous quotes and speech lines were also put onto wooden planks, which was a fitting and lasting tribute. "These activities have incited wonderful emotional moments for all of us. This lasting tribute to a great leader will stay with us as an inspirational lesson in our lives," said Jeenal Agrawal, a student of Class 3, GIIS Balestier Campus.

 **GIIS East Coast Campus** added 20 new photos to the album: **Tribute to LKY - Part 2**
Published by Ramyalaksmi Annamalai [7] · 14 April · 🌐

Hand written messages of students were joined to form a long scroll of a combined length of 35 metres. These were split up and displayed by our students at different venues.

Print outs of orchid flowers which were distributed to our neighbours had touching thoughts penned down by them. They were displayed too.



 **Global Indian International School (GIIS), Balestier, Singapore** added 20 new photos from 10 April to the album: **Tribute to Mr Lee Kuan Yew**
Published by Gis Balestier [11] · 10 April · 🌐


GIIS Balestier Campus had planned a plethora of activities through which tribute could be paid to a great visionary leader - Mr Lee Kuan Yew who can be called the Architect of modern day Singapore, during the first week of the new academic year.

Students, teachers and parents -- all gathered to pay their tributes in different ways.

The parents penned beautiful words for LKY and a wall of these eulogies was created.

Students of classes Nursery to K2 had made paper balloons wh...

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 **Global Indian International School (GIIS), Queenstown, Singapore**
Published by Schoolnews Giis [15] · 23 March · 🌐

We mourn with Singapore...
R.I.P Mr Lee Kuan Yew



 **Global Indian International School (GIIS), Queenstown, Singapore** added 9 new photos from 24 March to the album: **Tribute to LKY**
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A leader beyond definition and a visionary beyond words, Mr Lee Kuan Yew shaped a strong, dynamic and empowered Singapore. His determined belief in creating a fair, equal and meritorious society, today, is a living embodiment of the city state's unique character. Mr Lee was revered among people and world leaders alike, for his foresight, strategic acumen and statesmanship.

GIIS students stepped forward to pay their respects to Mr Lee Kuan Yew the Tanjong Pagar CC.

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giinstagram On 9 April 2015, GIIS East Coast Campus paid homage to Mr. Lee Kuan Yew, the founding father of Singapore. During a Special Assembly conducted on the school field, students from Kindergarten upto Class 10 created a heart shaped human formation of 'V LOVE U LKY'. Principal, Ms Melissa Maria, addressed the gathering paying rich tributes to the great visionary and legendary leader who made Singapore a great success story.

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Bestowed with the honour of Mr Lee's presence



MM Lee launches book by Infosys founder Narayana Murthy

Channel News Asia
11 May 2009, Pearl Forss

SINGAPORE: One of India's most prominent businessmen, Narayana Murthy, the founder of IT company Infosys, was in GLIS Queenstown Campus in Singapore to launch a book. He has said that the accountability of India's political system must be improved for the country to move forward. His comments came as the country is holding the world's largest democratic elections.

Mr Murthy believes the transparency and accountability of India's political system must be improved for the country to move forward. And these are some of the views detailed in his book titled "A Better India: A Better World", which was launched by Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew.

"Singapore is a real example of a country that has transformed herself from a third world country to a first world country in my own lifetime. All in, an environment of peace and harmony in a multi-cultural world. Singapore serves as a great example for all countries, both developing and developed. I'm so happy that my hero, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, is releasing the book here in Singapore," said Mr Murthy.

Mr Lee said: "There are limitations in the Indian constitutional system and the Indian political system that prevents it from going at high speed. I did not realise it until we engaged India closely. Whatever the political leadership may want to do, it must go through a very complex system at the centre, and then an even more complex system in the various states. The amount of work that is on the shoulders of these Ministers makes it necessary for each man, each Minister, to be like Mr Murthy. But Mr Murthy is a rare individual."

Mr Lee had told Mr Murthy previously that India needed political leaders like him. But Mr Murthy said he has no political ambition.



Memorable moment! (Left to right) - Dr Justice CS Dharmadhikari, Patron and co-founder, Global Schools Foundation (GSF), Late Mr Lee Kuan Yew, Mr Narayana Murthy (Co-founder of Infosys and Patron, GSF) and Mr Atul Temurnikar (Chairman and co-founder, GSF)





Mr Narayana Murthy

*Co-founder of Infosys and
Patron, Global Schools
Foundation*

*(As said during Mr Lee
Kuan Yew's visit in 2009)*

I admire Mr Lee Kuan Yew. With his vision, Singapore has become a rare example, as this country has transformed itself from a third world country to first world country in my own lifetime. It has an environment of peace and harmony in a multi-cultural society. Thanks to the aspirational and value-based leadership of Mr Lee. It was a proud moment for me, as my hero, Mr Lee, released my book in Singapore. The book is based on my framework for a fair, equitable, and inclusive growth for the world. I believe there are three pillars. First, values practised by people.

Good work ethics, honesty, discipline, proactiveness, secularism, austerity, peace, harmony, openness to new ideas, humility, and high aspirations. Second, aspirational, transformational, value-based, and trustworthy leadership by leaders who serve as role models for their citizens. Third, liberation of colonial mind-set of the elite and powerful in a post-colonial society to understand the reality around them and to astute asymmetry of benefits in their favour viz-a-viz with the common people. I believe that Singapore has demonstrated success of my assumptions.

Teachers and students who were present during Mr Lee's 2009 visit remember his magnanimous personality and message

Ms Rashida Pagadiwala

Teacher



I consider myself very fortunate indeed to have had an opportunity to listen to the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew. I had heard a lot about his contribution to the development of Singapore and admired him even before I actually saw him in person. However, what really struck me about Mr Lee was his absolute honesty. He was addressing a crowd of Indian expats. Yet his speech was devoid of any attempt to play to the gallery. He was objective, critical and sincere in what he spoke. He was clearly not a leader interested in appeasing any one. He spoke with conviction. His words offered a practical insight that came from a bedrock of experience. I have watched several times his highly emotional address to the nation post partition from Malaysia, and it never fails to arouse admiration for a man who was so dedicated to the motherland.

Thanks to GISS, I got an opportunity to meet Mr Lee Kuan Yew, one of the few iconic leaders of the 21st Century. Back in 2009, the news of Mr Lee visiting GISS Queenstown Campus generated a lot of excitement and anticipation among teachers and students. A massive logistics operation was set in place and roles were assigned to everybody – everything had to be flawless for the man who epitomised perfection.

His eloquence and charisma held everyone in awe during the inauguration of Mr Narayana Murthy's book. During the ceremony, when he spoke, people listened.

This great leader who personified Singapore to the world is no longer with us but he will continue to be alive in our hearts for many more generations to come.



Ms K P Sheeja

*CBSE Co-ordinator
(Class 9 and 10)*

Dr Tunav Sehgal

*GIIS alumni member,
currently practicing
medicine in UK.*

(IB Year 1 student in 2009)



It was my honour and privilege to share the stage with (then) Minister Mentor, Mr Lee Kuan Yew. He was a global icon and I was awestruck when I saw him. The way he shaped Singapore is commendable and very inspiring. While hosting the book launch, I repeatedly told myself that this would be one of the biggest moments of my life. To have dignitaries like Mr Lee and Mr Narayana Murthy, among others, was like a dream come true. I always tried to live my life as per the values he shared with us. He inspired us to believe that determination and good intentions always pay off. The transformation of Singapore to a world-class city is an example of how he believed in his team and guided them like a true leader to glory and success. I thank GIIS for giving me the opportunity to host Mr Murthy's book launch event and to witness Mr Lee sharing his words of wisdom with us.

I cherish the moment where I shared the same roof and witnessed two idols I admire in the campus. Infosys founder N R Narayana Murthy and Mr Lee Kuan Yew both exhibited humility and simplicity, qualities I hope to attain. Mr Lee's qualities as a leader are inspiring and I wish to emulate them in my life. I remember, during the book launch, Mr Lee said, "No single person can change India's system of governance to become as efficient as Infosys. If all Indian ministers and top bureaucrats were like him (Mr Murthy) - hardworking, tough taskmasters, hard negotiators, but always forward-looking - India will be one of the fastest growing countries in the world, and in one generation, will become a First World country." As the founder of modern Singapore and the man behind the city-state's phenomenal success, Mr Lee knew the exact ingredients required to shape a country's future. I give him full credit for making Singapore a safe, secure, environmentally friendly and beautiful country.

**Akshita Thapar**

*GIIS alumni member,
currently a media
student in India.*

(Class 9 student in 2009)

Students of GIS Queenstown Campus express their love for Mr Lee through art of paintings and poems





Etched on paper, etched in our hearts

Tina Sembhi, art teacher, GISS Balestier Campus



Mr Lee formed our nation and secured our future. We will miss you a lot, Mr Lee.

Mokshitha Kolli, Class 6E (Age: 10 years), GISS East Coast Campus

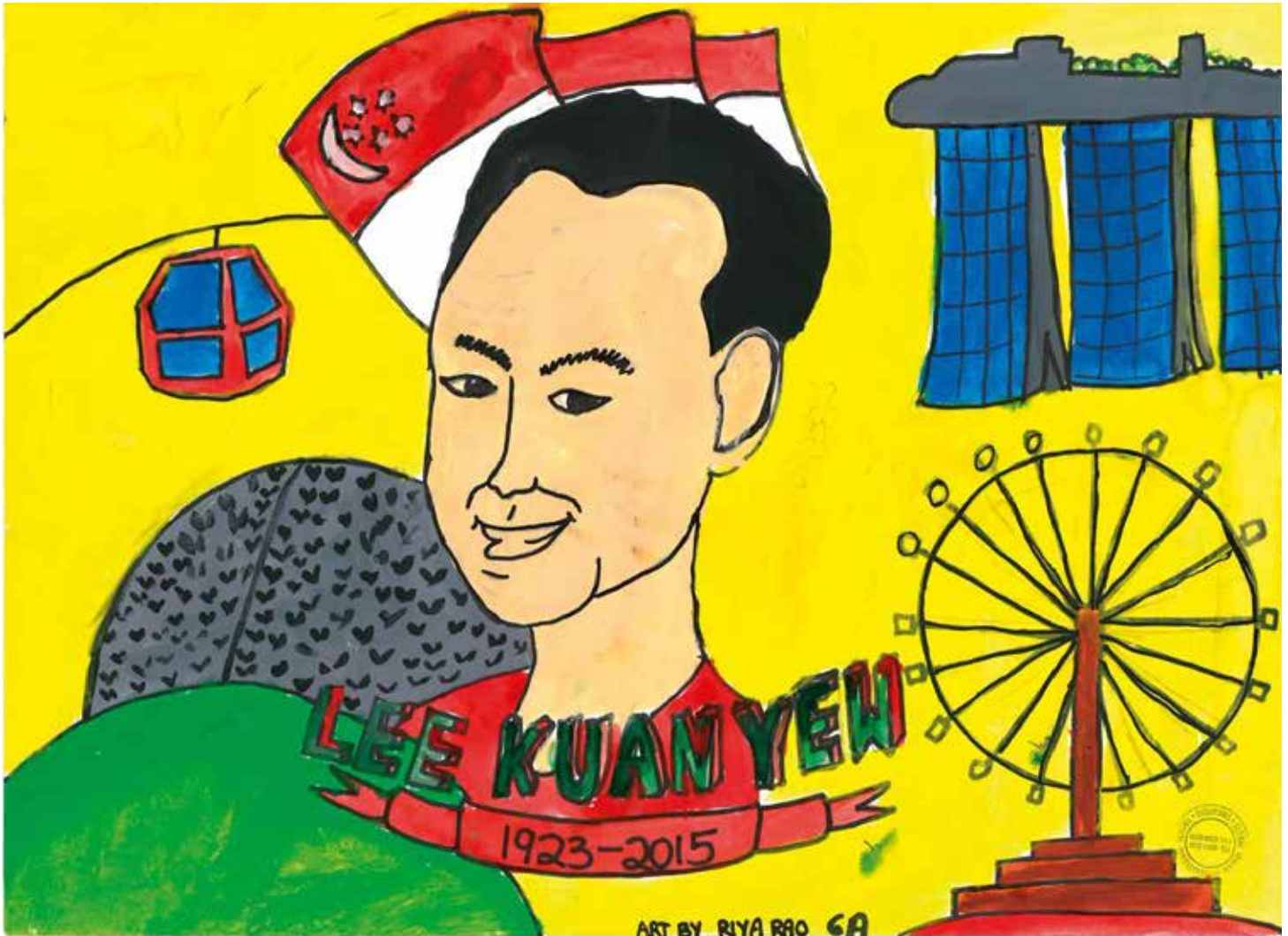
Sanjana Meenakshi Class 5C, (Age: 9 years), GIIS Balestier Campus



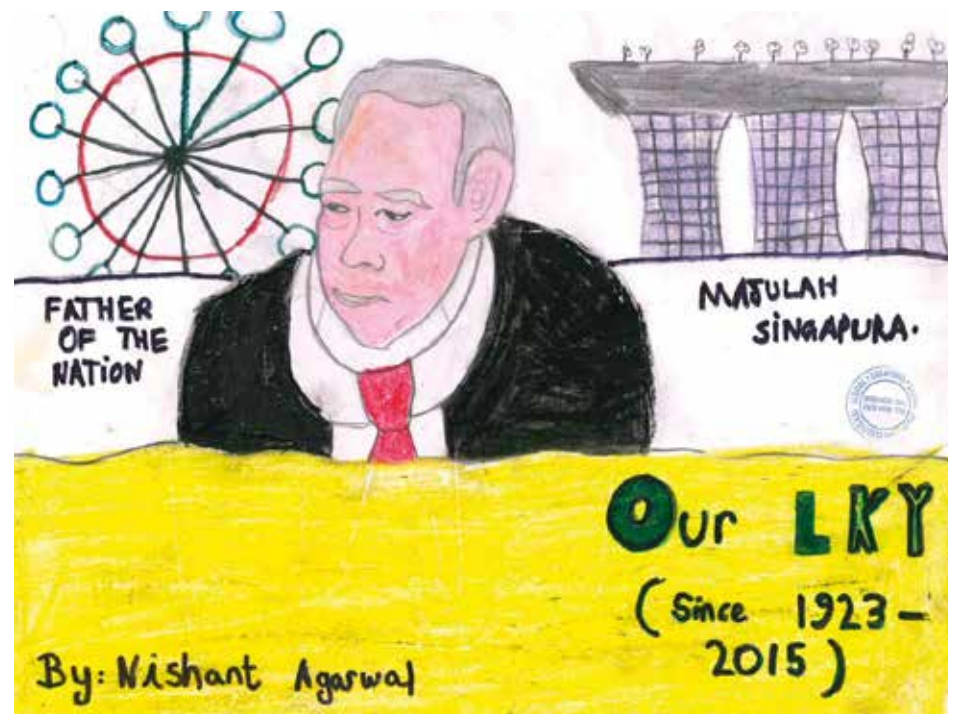
Shreya R, Class 5B (Age: 9 years), GIIS Balestier Campus



Riya Rao, Class 6A (Age: 11 years), GIS Balestier Campus



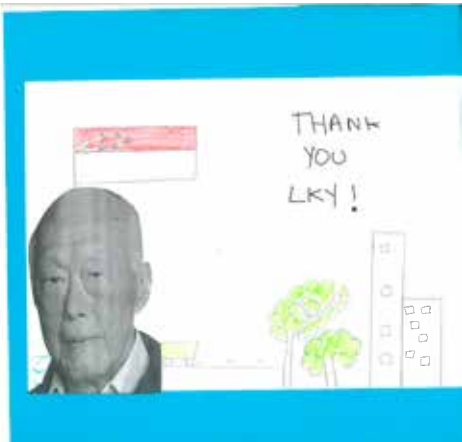
Nishant Agarwal, Class 5B (Age: 9 years), GIS Balestier Campus



You were the founding father and the architect of modern Singapore. Thank you very much for making Singapore what it is today.

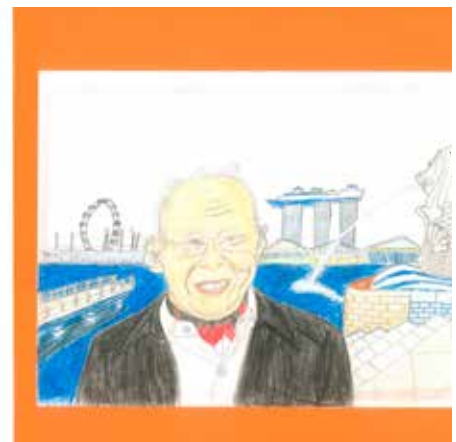
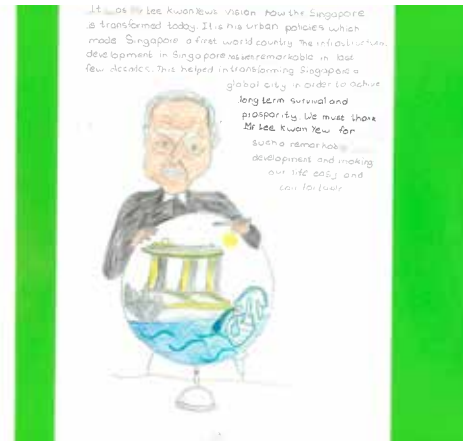
Meghna Girishankar, Class 7D,
(Age: 12 years), GIS East Coast Campus



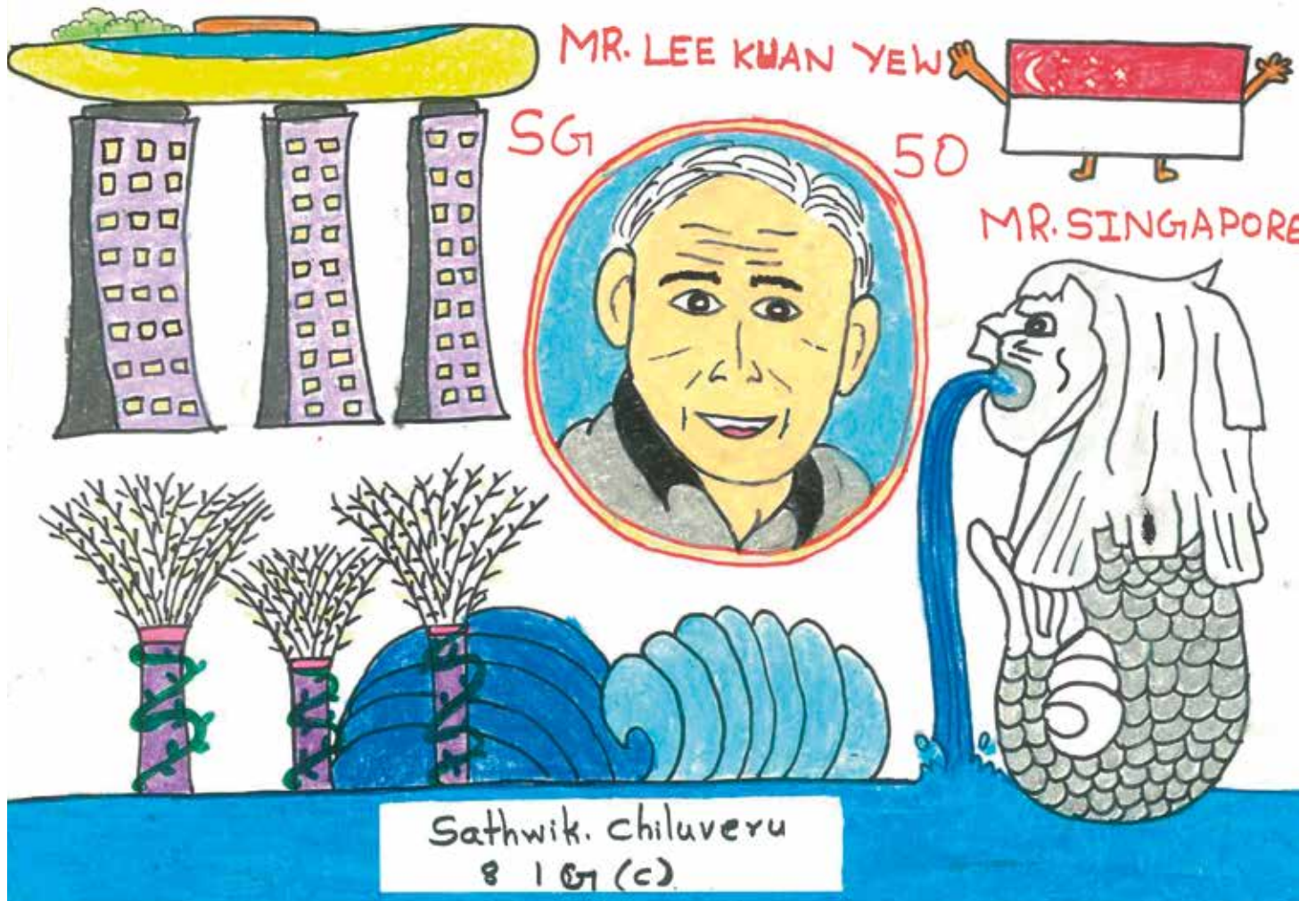


He is Singapore's Helping Hand. He was Singapore's first prime minister. He created today's Singapore. He is Mr Lee Kuan Yew. I take him as my role model.

*Kannan Madhumitha, Class 8A (Age: 13),
GIIS East Coast Campus*



Sathwik Chiluveru, IGCSE Class 8C (Age: 13), GIIS Queenstown Campus

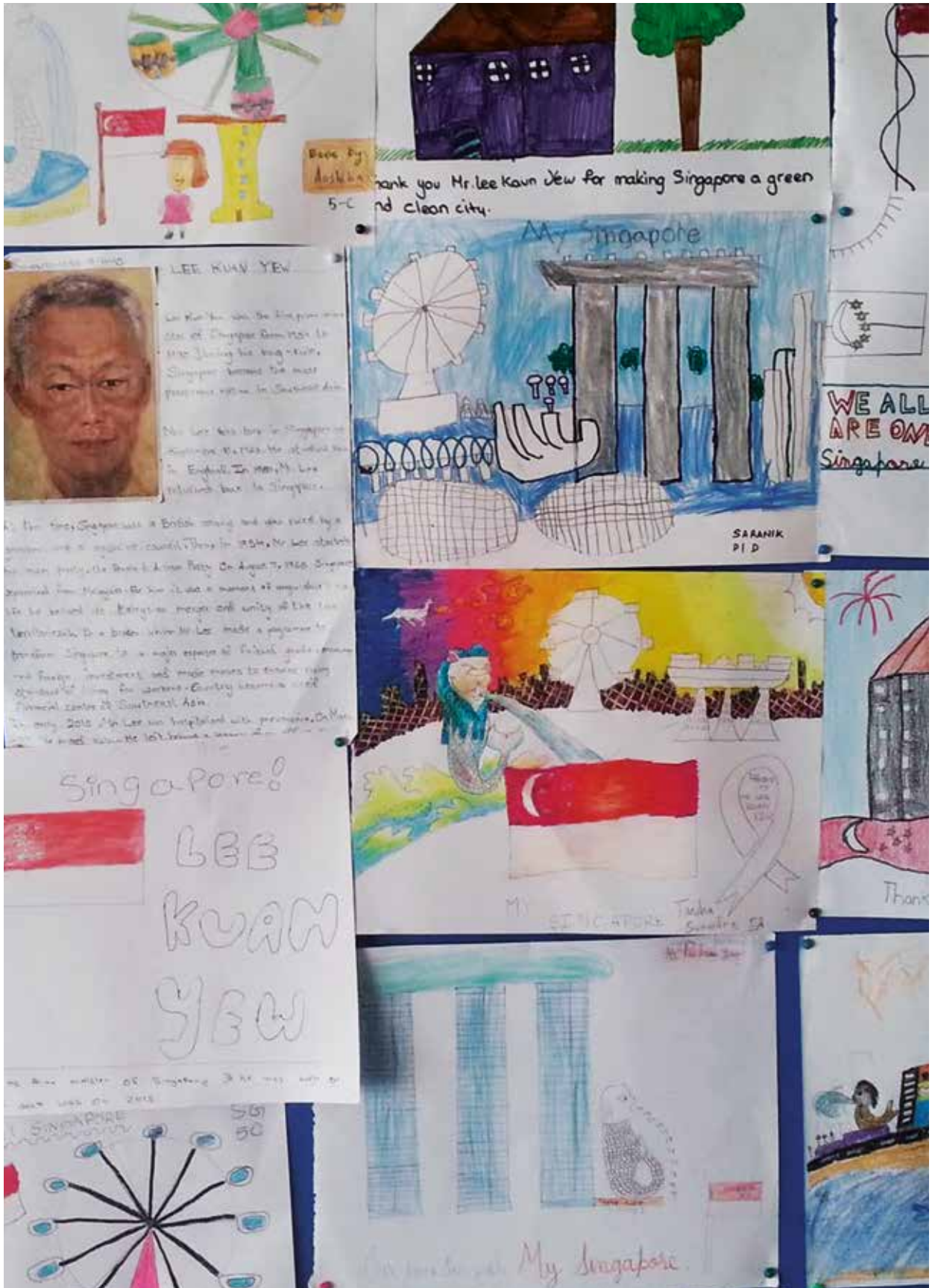


*Dear Founder of the Nation,
Your vision & hard work is like a
lighthouse for the future generation.
May your soul rest in peace.*

*Jyoti Athalye, Class teacher of 6A,
GIIS East Coast Campus*

Tribute board at GIIS Balestier Campus





Tribute board at GIIS Balestier Campus



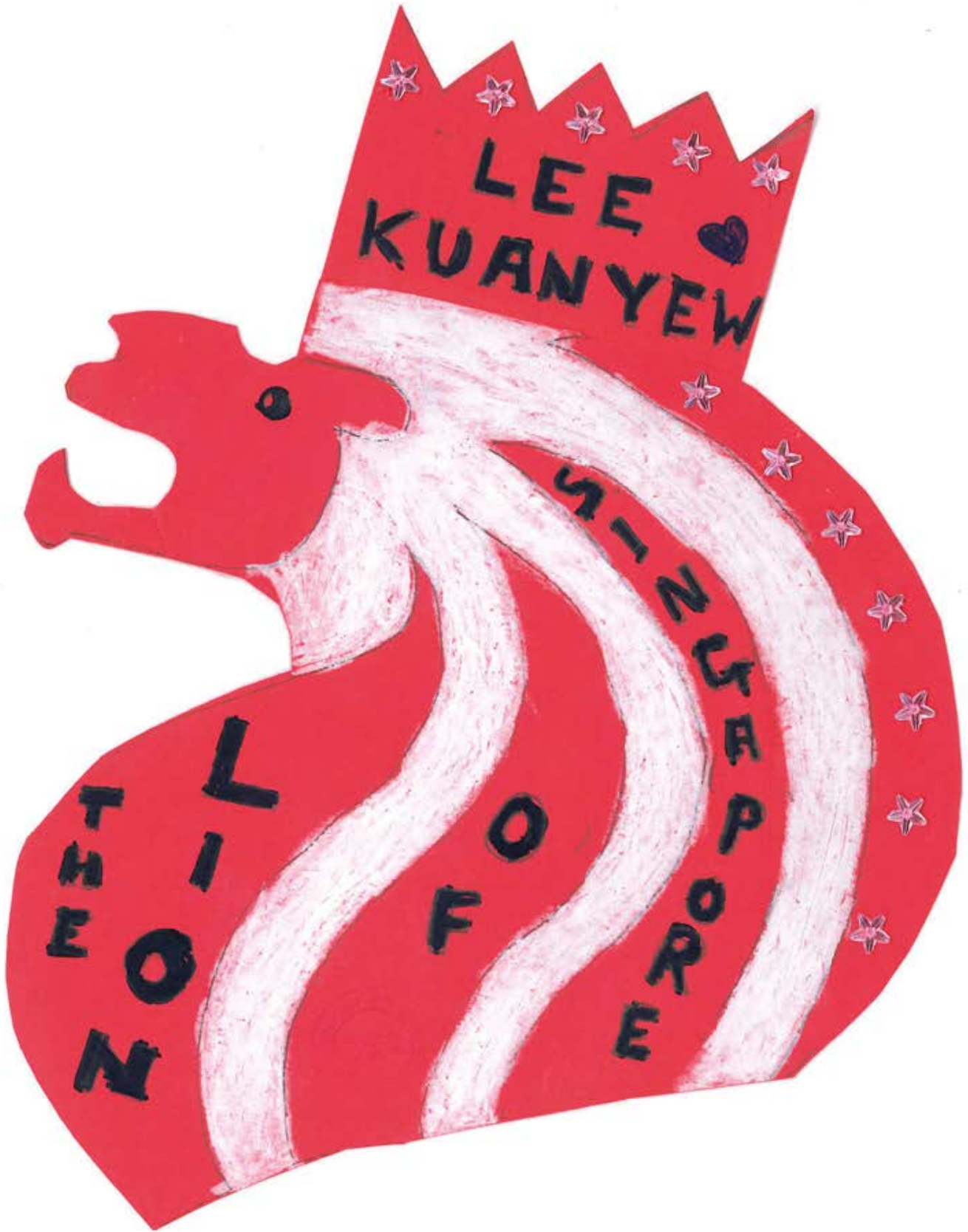
GIIS Queenstown Campus students shared their grief by painting and penning their messages for the First Prime Minister of Singapore – Mr Lee



Thank you Mr Lee Kuan Yew for making Singapore a better place to live in for our generation.

*Varrya Saxena, Class 7A (Age:12)
GIIS East Coast Campus*

Janessa Iyer, Class 3D,
(Age: 8 years), GHS Balestier Campus



GIIS Queenstown (Primary) Campus
wrote messages for their beloved leader



*Singapore is the dream of
many that you have fulfilled.
Thank you, sir.*

*Deeksha Ramesh, Class 8D
(Age: 13 years) GIIS East Coast Campus*

To commemorate the passing of the departed leader, a 35-metre scroll was created with messages from GISS East Coast Campus students





*Dear Mr Lee,
You have inspired the world with your determination and courage.
I thank you from the bottom of my heart for what you have done for
this nation. Thank you, Mr Lee.*

*Pramath Mehta, Class 7C
(Age: 12 years) GIIS East Coast Campus*





Mr Atul Temurnikar

*Chairman and Co-founder
Global Schools Foundation*

Mr Lee Kuan Yew had an extraordinary life, and he lived it with utmost simplicity. Being the epitome of selflessness and affection, he dovetailed his love for Singapore and his love for students in a manner only a true leader can — insightful and futuristic. He believed that meritocracy is a must for building the nation. He empowered schools to deliver education in the best possible manner. Eventually, his vision triumphed when Singapore became a first-world country.

He had a magnanimous life, which turned out to be a voyage of discovery. We learnt about the amazing life and work done by this man who dedicated his life to the development of Singapore. Mr Lee's amazing willpower and single-minded pursuit of high goals cannot be described in words. He was a man of convictions. His contribution to the field of education is quite substantial. His scrupulous learning ability was evident even at the age of 91; he was still receiving coaching to improve his Mandarin language skills. For generations to come, he will be remembered for his mastery of language and the gift of oratory that placed him in a league of great leaders.

As we honour his memory, let us never forget the single quality that made him unique, the quality that made him powerful, made him beloved: the quality of character. As he could persuade, he could be persuaded. His respect for others' points of view lent weight to his own. That tolerance and sympathy were elements of his character and that character gained him the affection and esteem of millions of his fellow Singaporeans.

A lifelong learner, a true statesman, and a visionary, is how I would describe Mr Lee's personality. He will continue to inspire us with his rich legacy.

Kamal Gupta

*Chief Operating Officer
(COO) and Regional Director,
Middle East and Africa
Global Schools Foundation*

Mr Lee Kuan Yew was an important figure for Singapore as he emphasised on the ideals of democracy and good governance. Mr Lee is still a towering figure because he established practices of non-corruption, integrity and meritocracy. His willingness to do so steered Singapore on the path of development and built it as one of the world's most shining examples in many ways. He has truly been an inspirational leader, not only for Singaporeans, but also many other countries in world who admire the Singapore model of national harmony and growth.

Kaustubh Bodhankar

*Deputy CEO
Global Schools Foundation*

The impact of Mr Lee Kuan Yew's life reaches far and wide. Before ascending to the office of the Prime Minister of Singapore, Mr Lee stood by his convictions. His legacy will always be one of strength, courage, and genuine love for the good of people.

Mr Prafulla Rout

*Group Finance Controller
Global Schools Foundation*

In the face of great odds and through acts of courage and conviction, Mr Lee transformed a nation and its people. And although he professed to be an ordinary man who became a leader only because of extraordinary circumstances, he exemplified the characteristics of leadership we value most highly: integrity, morality, compassion, and humility.

Mr Rajiv Vasudeva

*Country Director
(Singapore), Global Indian
International School*

Today's resurgent Singapore is a result of his farsightedness. The immensity of his contributions will always continue to project him as one of the most idolised leaders. His acumen gave direction to the country and helped Singapore develop, prosper and progress in every field.

Mr Lee, a great statesman, will always be remembered for his conviction and eloquence. I salute his endeavours.

Mr GSS Rao

*Director - Operations
(Singapore) Global Indian
International School*

Known to be self-assured, righteous and ambitious, Mr Lee Kuan Yew built Singapore's success story and will be remembered in the nation's history. For Mr Lee, morality and integrity were synonymous. He made it clear that he wanted Singapore to achieve success in all fields and promoted meritocracy. It was his conviction that clearly gave him the courage to act the way he did on various occasions.

Mr B G Shenoy

*Director, Global Centre for
Education Excellence*

Mr Lee's departure is an irreparable loss to the nation. We owe him so much. He was a man of vision and had great sense of responsibility. He always stood up for what he believed was right and good for the life of the people of Singapore.

Tribute to Mr Lee Kuan Yew

*As we look at the horizons now
We bend our head in a bow,
To a man, mighty and sole
Who nurtured Singapore as a whole.*

*Today, Singapore a land of plenty,
Was yesterday an island of scarcity,
What gave Singapore her fame?
Was it not Mr Mentor Lee's name?*

*A great leader and visionary
Single handedly put the nation on a trajectory
Today Singapore has wealth and prosperity
Mr Lee ensured a safe and secure life for posterity*

*He has forever led from the front
He withstood all and faced the brunt
His insistence on hard work and progress
Helped Singapore move ahead and never digress.*

*What a sad day it was for us to know
Mentor Lee, the great leader was no more
The Nation that day lost a father figure
Singapore was filled with grief far bigger*

*But we will together strive forward
Never let anything go untoward
We will uphold Mentor Lee's dreams
Make Singapore always move upstream*

*Mentor Lee Kuan Yew; there can never be
another you...*

Ms Melissa Maria

*Principal
GIS East Coast Campus*

*You will be remembered today and always...
Thank you for being you...*

Ms Madhu Khanna

Principal

GIIS Queenstown Campus

I, like many others, admire Mr Lee Kuan Yew for his remarkable leadership to Singapore. He was certainly a man of conviction, like all good leaders should be. But he was extraordinary in the sheer intensity of his vision and his belief in his dream. When Malaysia terminated the union with Singapore, Mr Lee, though initially shattered by the setback, emerged with such remarkable determination that he turned what was a great adversity into a unique opportunity. He and his team made tireless efforts to ensure that Singapore makes an indelible mark on the map of the world. Truly, the country is Mr Lee's glowing dream.

Ms Sheela Karia

Principal

GIIS Balestier Campus

A statesman par excellence who catapulted a third world island country to first world status. I salute the resilience and your strength of conviction. A visionary, who stood tall like a lighthouse, guiding as we sailed the uncharted ways into a golden future with determination, dedication, and unconditional love for Singapore, dear Mr Lee may you be enshrined in our memories forever.

Ms Rekha Varghese

Vice Principal

GIIS Queenstown Campus

In his varied roles as the first Prime Minister of Singapore, Minister Mentor, father and grandfather, and even when in poor health, he continued to believe in serving and protecting others, forever, and he has done so with an eternal smile. For generations who will follow in his footsteps, he will be a visionary leader who knew how to inspire others.

CVK Sastry

Vice Principal

GIIS East Coast Campus

Mr Lee Kuan Yew was a shining example of grace and dignity. He advocated the concept of togetherness to build a strong multiracial society. His words, work, and persistence is reflected in Singapore's success.



Life is what you
make of it.
You are dealt a
pack of cards,
your DNA is to
make the best
of the cards that
have been handed
out to you.