

*Senior Minister  
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Dear Mrs Miyazawa

I am deeply saddened to learn that your beloved husband, Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, has passed away. Please accept my deepest condolences to you and your family.

Mr Miyazawa was a pillar for Japan. As Prime Minister, his leadership had set new directions for Japan. As Finance Minister during the Asian Financial Crisis, his "Miyazawa Plan" played a vital role in giving confidence to the regional countries and helped them recover from their financial difficulties. Mr Miyazawa was a statesman and a quiet but visionary leader. He will be remembered for his lasting contributions and legacy.

Mr Miyazawa was also a good friend of Singapore's. He was a strong proponent of closer ties between Japan and Singapore and played a pivotal role in strengthening bilateral cooperation. I still remember very well that it was his personal interest and strong support for my proposal that Japan and Singapore negotiate a Free Trade Agreement that helped to launch the Japan-Singapore Economic Agreement for a New Age Partnership (JSEPA).

I have known your husband for many years. A dignified man, courteous and thoughtful, he was always kind to me. I will remember Mr Miyazawa fondly. He will be missed by his many friends in Singapore.

With my deepest sympathy,

Yours sincerely



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