

The Story of Singapore

Building a Nation from Scratch

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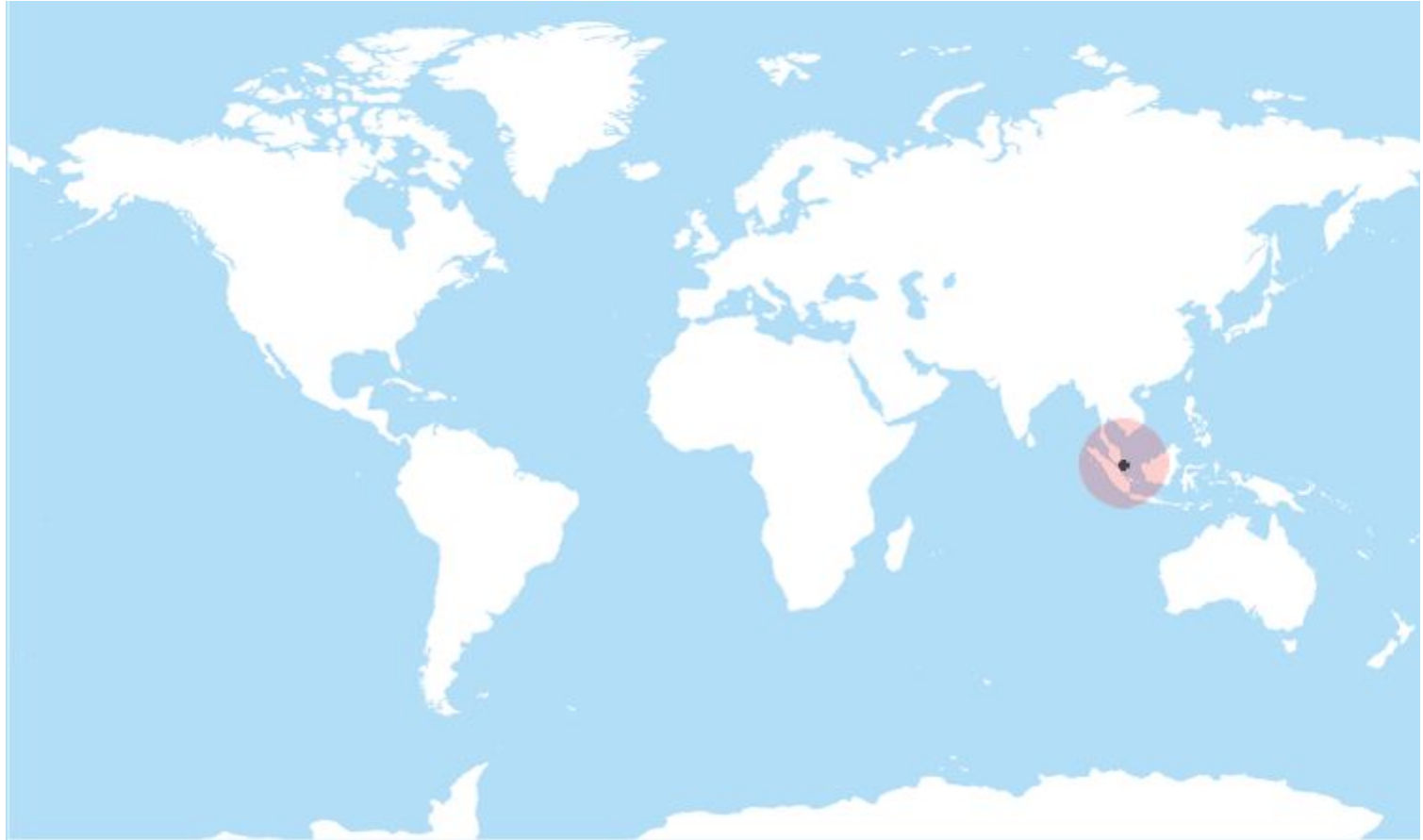
I'm not Singaporean.

I'm also not saying this is the ideal way to run a nation.

The Story Begins..



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Pre-Independence

- Sir Stamford Raffles, 1819
 - British East India co.
- Japan WW2 Invasion, 1942-45



Pre-Independence

- 1948 Self-governance as British colony
- 1963 Merger with Malaysia
 - Political/cultural tensions
- 1965 Expelled from Malaysia by vote

The Situation

- No natural resources, no fresh water
- Low levels of education
- ~10-15% unemployment rate
- Lack of viable housing
- In middle of military conflict
- Has no military



But We Know How The Story Ends!

Singapore 2016

- A major hub for international business
- \$85,300 GDP p.c. (6th in world)
 - 11000% increase from 1965
- #1 “Ease of doing business” index
 - World Bank 2006 – 2016

Singapore 2016

- 719 sq. km, 5.7M people (3rd in density)
- 97% literacy rate
- Low crime rates
- “Healthiest country” in the world
 - WHO 2013



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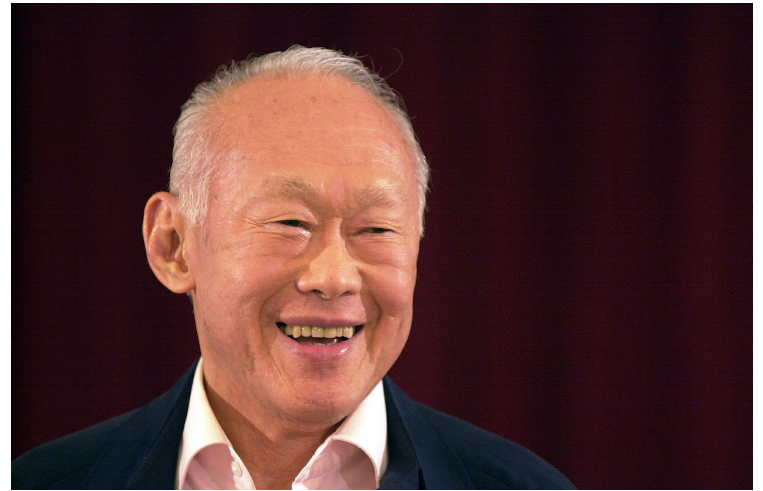
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Building a Nation 101

Lee Kuan Yew

- Singapore PM (1959–1990)
- Founder of People's Action Party (PAP)
- Father of Singapore
- Passed away March 2015



**“No matter what problem Singapore encounters,
somebody, somewhere, has solved it”**

- Dr. Goh Keng Swee, former deputy prime minister

1960s - 1970s

- Make friends. Lots of friends.
 - UN Member 1965
 - 5 year foreign tax relief plan
 - USA, Western Europe, Japan, Hong Kong, Australia investing
 - Naval Trade (3rd busiest port in 1975)

1960s - 1970s

- Leverage the population.
 - Strict labour laws (1968)
 - National service program, aided by Israel (1967)

1960s - 1970s

- Housing and Development Board (HDB)
 - Demand/income based pricing program
 - Affordable: 90% of residents are homeowners
 - Ethnic Integration Policy (1989)
 - Must be 35 or married. Must live there if bought.



Racial Harmony Day

Celebrating Singapore!



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Traffic Jams in China



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1980s - 1990s

- Avoid transportation woes.
 - Certificate of Entitlement program
 - Compact : S\$71,999 - S\$89,500
 - Mid-size : S\$81,999 - S\$149,000
 - Full-size sedan : > S\$150,000
 - Build a world class MRT

1980s - 1990s

- Garden City Plan.
 - Less cars, less pollution
 - 47% green space coverage
 - Urban Redevelopment Authority
 - Build self-sufficient isolated districts



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WHERE URBAN LIVING
MEETS NATURE



<http://newlaunchguru.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/The-Interlace-Bldg-Prospective.jpg>

Laws in Singapore

Eliminate “Crime”

- Things you can't do:
 - Chew gum
 - Spit
 - Drink or smoke in public
 - Have long hair (lifted in 90s)
 - Forget to flush a public toilet

Ruling with the “Iron Fist”

- Death penalty for drug smugglers
- Public caning for vandals
 - Michael Fay (1994)
- Low press freedom
 - Reporters Without Borders ranked 154/180 in freedom of press

Closing Remarks



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The Future

- A hypothetical future
- Will Singapore continue to be tightly controlled and optimized?
- Will they need to be?

Thanks!

