

Our Singapore Pledge

Origins:

Initially penned by Mr S Rajaratnam in 1966, the Pledge was written against the backdrop of racial riots in the '50s and '60s.

Mr Rajaratnam revealed that the dream was about building “a Singapore we are proud of”.

He believed that language, race and religion were divisive factors, but the Pledge emphasizes

that these differences can be overcome if Singaporeans cared enough about their country.

The draft text was handed to the then Prime Minister, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, who polished the text before submitting it to Cabinet.

We, the citizens of Singapore,
pledge ourselves as one united people,
regardless of race, language or religion,
to build a democratic society,
based on justice and equality,
so as to achieve happiness,
prosperity and progress for our nation.