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HIS EXCELLENCY DR YUKIO HATOYAMA, PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN
“FOREIGN POLICY TOWARD ASIA OF THE HATOYAMA ADMINISTRATION”
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Four Seasons Hotel**

1. Your Excellency Dr Yukio Hatoyama, PM of Japan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Mr Teo Chee Hean, Ladies & Gentlemen.
2. Thank you Prime Minister for your thought-provoking Lecture. We are honoured by your presence today.
3. East Asia is a region fraught with numerous security challenges, many of which are rather complex in nature and transnational in character. We welcome your call for an East Asian community based on open regionalism which stems from the philosophy of “yu-ai”.
4. Whether responding to the effects of global financial crisis, pandemics, climate change, large-scale natural disasters or ensuring maritime security, East Asian states increasingly rely on multi-national coordination and multilateral cooperation.
5. To bring this about, East Asia needs strong regional leadership. Not only are effective regional institutions needed, but bold, visionary leadership is required. Japan can play a leadership role in the region.
6. These issues are the focus of RSIS. As both a professional graduate school of international studies and security affairs think tank, RSIS has been at the forefront of research on issues affecting East Asia and the Asia-Pacific.

Prime Minister

We look forward to research institutions in Japan as we examine the issues you have raised in your address today. Thank you very much.