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SUMMARY: Singapore faces uncertainties in the future, including climate change, geopolitical tensions, and technological shifts. Building resilience requires proactive strategies, strong policies, and a commitment to sustainability. Reimagining ourselves and embracing innovation, including technological, social, and cultural change processes, is crucial for Singapore's success. Involving global stakeholders and preserving Singapore's cultural heritage are essential for a prosperous future. By establishing trust, unity, and security, Singapore can navigate challenges and maintain its identity, ensuring a prosperous and cohesive future.

The future is full of uncertainties, like the sea. There are key waves that will shape our small red dot in unpredictable ways: climate change, geopolitical tensions, and shifts in technology. In this light, building resilience to confront these challenges will require proactive strategies and a collective effort from all. It is not just a question of how we respond to these changes but also how we prepare for them. Anticipate, adapt, and adjust, these will make all the difference in pointing Singapore toward a preferred future.

For our future success, resilience will be indispensable. It will always be a matter of maintaining the unity of our trust, people, and security against pressures from the outside. This should be underpinned by resilience based on strong policies, new solutions, and a commitment to sustainability. From renewable energy investments and innovative cybersecurity to cultural commitments in lifelong learning, here are things we can do today to help make tomorrow a little safer. That again would be what it would mean for resilience: to reinvent ourselves at the advent of new circumstances. This adaptability can help us turn challenges into opportunities and become competitive and forward looking.

If we are to navigate through challenges successfully in the years ahead, then we have to be prepared to reinvent ourselves and innovate. It also includes technological, social, and cultural change processes. We are able to do this through promoting business ventures, financing research and development, and embracing digital transformation. Furthermore, an inclusive and collaborative culture will allow us to draw on varied views and talents that lead to shared progress. Innovativeness and creativity are characterised by belief in our abilities, giving us the confidence required to overcome future uncertainties.

It will be very important to involve global stakeholders on the journey to 2040. As a small nation, our success is directly related to international cooperation and diplomacy. We will develop strong partnerships, working well with organisations and countries, especially those whose ideals are divergent from ours. This shall involve finding common ground, negotiating in good faith, and arguing for mutual benefit. Through cooperation and harmony, we have the opportunity to work on global challenges and strive through them, furthering our standing on the world stage.

Our culture and heritage are really the anchors that keep us together in strong headwinds. It is the richness of Singapore's food, music, and traditions that constitute the bedrock of our identity. While moving forward into the future, it is necessary to preserve and imbue these very elements of culture. They help create a sense of belonging and continuity to strengthen community bonds. Events that promote cultural heritage, such as festivals, education, programs, and digital archiving, will let our traditions pass on to our future generations and underpin our collective identity.

We move into 2040 not entirely sure of what lies ahead, but we must not forget the stamina for resilience and innovation with which to ride the waves and take our cultural heritage along. Establish trust, unity, and security, and work with relevant stakeholders around the globe. Retain diversity of identity and tread into the future confidently, with full assurance of a prosperous and cohesive Singapore. So, Captain, let us sail bravely into the future, facing every storm and coming out stronger together.