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**OFFICIAL VISIT OF SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT TO  
TURKEY  
FROM 23 JUNE TO 29 JUNE 2019**

Speaker of Parliament Mr Tan Chuan-Jin will make an Official Visit to Turkey from 23 to 29 June 2019 at the invitation of Mr Mustafa Şentop, Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey (TBMM). Mr Tan will be accompanied by Members of Parliament Dr Teo Ho Pin, Prof Fatimah Lateef, Dr Chia Shi-Lu and Ms Joan Pereira. The visit will cover Ankara, Izmir and Istanbul. Mr Tan's visit marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Singapore and Turkey, and reciprocates the visit to Singapore of then-Speaker Ismail Kahraman in May 2016.

2 In Ankara, Mr Tan is expected to pay a courtesy call on President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and visit TBMM to meet with his counterpart Mr Mustafa Şentop. The delegation will also interact with Turkish deputies from the Turkey-Singapore Parliamentary Friendship Group to exchange views and enhance parliamentary dialogue. To mark the occasion, Mr Tan will present the Turkish parliament with 50 books on Singapore curated by the National Library Board.

3 During the visit, Mr Tan will attend official receptions in Ankara and Istanbul to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In Ankara, the reception will showcase an archival exhibition featuring milestones in Singapore's relations with Turkey over the past 50 years, while in Istanbul, Mr Tan will launch several Singapore-Turkish fusion dishes to commemorate the anniversary and meet Singaporeans living in Turkey. In Izmir, Turkey's third largest city, Mr Tan will meet the Acting Mayor of Izmir and interact with municipal legislators.

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