

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **VISIT TO SINGAPORE BY PRESIDENT OF JAPAN'S HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS MR CHUICHI DATE 13 TO 15 JANUARY 2019**

The President of Japan's House of Councillors HE Mr Chuichi Date is on an Official Visit to Singapore from 13 to 15 January 2019 at the invitation of Singapore Speaker of Parliament Mr Tan Chuan-Jin. Mr Date is accompanied by his spouse and a Delegation comprising five members of the House of Councillors, namely, Mr Hiromi Yoshida, Mr Yuichiro Uozumi, Mr Masayoshi Nataniya, Mr Yoshiki Yamashita and Mr Mitsuo Gima.

2 Mr Date and his Delegation paid a courtesy call on Speaker Tan at Parliament House today. They re-affirmed the strong and multi-faceted ties between Singapore and Japan, and welcomed existing cooperation in several areas including economic, air services, maritime and R&D. They also looked forward to greater collaboration between the two countries in facing common challenges such as an ageing population. In addition, they were heartened by the regular exchanges between the two countries' leaders and expressed their hopes to further strengthen existing parliamentary relations. Besides Speaker Tan, Singapore Members of Parliament were also present at the courtesy call, namely, Mr Liang Eng Hwa, who is the Chairman of the Singapore-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Group, and Miss Cheryl Chan and Mr Darryl David, both of whom are members of the Singapore-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Group. The Delegation from the House of Councillors later observed a parliamentary sitting.

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