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### **PRESS STATEMENT**

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### **IDC CONGRATULATES INDIAN-ORIGIN THARMAN SHANMUGARATNAM WINNING SINGAPORE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**

The Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC) and its global affiliates congratulate Tamil-origin economist Tharman Shanmugaratnam in his landslide victory in Singapore's presidential election on September 8, 2023.



Prime Minister elect Tharman Shanmugaratnam said his win is a vote of confidence in the city-state's future and vowed to build a 'future of optimism'. Tharman received a resounding mandate with 70.4 per cent votes in a three-way contest to elect the city-state's ninth President.

"It's a vote of confidence in Singapore," said Tharman, most recently a senior minister in Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong's cabinet, after a sample count before the release of official results showed him clinching a clear lead. "It's a vote of optimism for a future in which we can progress together and support each other as Singaporeans." He added, "It will be my duty to use the roles and responsibilities of the president to advance this future of optimism."

In a statement after the results were announced, the prime minister said, "In this election, both voters and candidates have shown a greater understanding of the roles and duties of the president, which bodes well for Singapore. Mr. Tharman has a long and distinguished record of public service. I have every confidence that he will carry out his duties as president with distinction."

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