Are we ready for the future?

When Mr Yeoh Liang Keong said last June that he was stepping down as first secretary of the Singaporeans Elsewhere Foundation, it was not because he was tired or burned out. He was stepping down because he wants both a social life and more time to be with his family.

But Mr Yeoh is one of the brave few who are willing to put the future first. When he turned 54 this year, he had already served his country for three decades. He had also fulfilled his duties as a father and husband, and he was ready to take a step back.

The foundation he co-founded with Mr Lim Chong Khun is a non-profit organisation that brings Singapore to the world. It was established in 1993 to promote the country's culture and values, and to build bridges between Singapore and the world.

Mr Yeoh's decision to step down was not easy. He had to consider the impact his departure would have on the foundation and the people it serves. But he knew it was the right thing to do.

The foundation has been a valuable resource for Singaporeans living overseas, providing them with a sense of belonging and a platform to share their experiences.

With Mr Yeoh's departure, the foundation will have to find a new leader to carry on its mission. But Mr Yeoh's legacy will continue to inspire future leaders to make the world a better place.

Mr Yeoh's decision is a testament to his dedication and commitment to the future.

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