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**Response to media queries on the World Economic Forum's
cancellation of the Special Annual Meeting**

The World Economic Forum has informed the Singapore Government that due to the continuing global uncertainties caused by COVID-19, it will be cancelling its Special Annual Meeting for 2021, which was scheduled to take place in Singapore from 17 to 20 August. In its media statement issued today, the Forum highlighted the difficulty of organising a meeting of this scale, involving business, government and civil society leaders from different corners of the world, in light of evolving international travel rules aimed at containing new variants of the COVID-19 virus.

The Forum will now plan to hold its next Annual Meeting in the first half of 2022, with the final date and location to be determined later.

The Singapore Government fully appreciates the challenges caused by the ongoing global pandemic, particularly for a large meeting with a broad span of international participants. We will continue to work actively with the World Economic Forum and other key international organisations to promote collaborations between stakeholders on issues of global concern.

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