

Wee Koon San

My dearest Tasha,

Sweetheart, all too soon we will be celebrating our birthdays on 4th September together; you will be nine and I, your grandpa, will be sixty-six.

As this auspicious day approaches, I wonder how you, my dear, will be coping in ten, twenty, thirty years' time. Singapore is changing ever so rapidly.

By all means, keep abreast with the latest in IT. Go global, be adventurous, be a 'man' of the world; but do not lose sight of your values and your roots.

Remember when your great-great-grand father migrated to Malacca from China many decades ago, life was a real struggle. It was through sheer hard work, perseverance, thrift and strong family ties that we have 'arrived' - and have a comfortable life today.

Do not forget, dear, to work hard for yourself, your family and your country. Integrity should be your motto. If you can cherish all these, then I say my devotion to you is rewarded.

I love you, my darling granddaughter.

Happy Birthday.

Grandpa.