



**JOINT STATEMENT
ON COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF LAND, INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT AND
TOURISM OF JAPAN
AND ENTERPRISE SINGAPORE
ON MARKET ENTRY AND COOPERATION,
FOCUSING ON COASTAL PROTECTION
AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION**

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1. On the occasion of building on the Strategic Partnership between Japan and the Republic of Singapore, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan (MLIT) and Enterprise Singapore (EnterpriseSG) reaffirm their commitment to enhancing bilateral cooperation in coastal protection, resilient infrastructure, and sustainable development. This commitment reflects the common ambition of both countries to enhance resilience against climate-related challenges, advance climate adaptation efforts, and create new opportunities for sustainable growth opportunities in Japan, Singapore and the wider ASEAN region.
2. In support of these objectives, MLIT and EnterpriseSG convened the inaugural Singapore-Japan Industry Roundtable on Coastal and Flood Resilience on 25 September 2026. This roundtable is hosted by Singapore Minister for Sustainability and the Environment and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations Grace Fu and Japan Vice-Minister for Engineering Affairs (MLIT) Hirose Masayoshi. The roundtable brings together government and industry leaders from both countries to exchange views on coastal and flood resilience strategies, and explore opportunities for collaboration in innovation, research and development, and project partnerships. Held in conjunction with the 60th anniversary of Singapore-Japan diplomatic relations, the roundtable builds on the renewed Memorandum of Cooperation on Climate Science and Climate Adaptation between MLIT and Singapore's Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and underscores the strong and enduring partnership between Singapore and Japan in addressing shared climate and infrastructure challenges.

3. Climate change poses increasing challenges, including sea-level rise, coastal erosion, and extreme weather events, with Japan, Singapore, and most ASEAN Member States being especially vulnerable to coastal risks. MLIT and EnterpriseSG recognise the complementary strengths of Japanese technology, engineering expertise, and infrastructure solutions, as well as Singapore's research capabilities, policy planning, and systems-level implementation expertise. They acknowledge the importance of strengthening coastal resilience and the opportunities for greater collaboration among government agencies, academia, and the private sector.
4. Both sides aim to facilitate market access and explore opportunities for regional engagement and knowledge sharing between Japanese and Singaporean stakeholders, contributing to sustainable and climate-resilient development in Singapore and the wider ASEAN region.

Joint Seminar in Singapore in 2027

5. EnterpriseSG and MLIT agreed to co-organise a Joint Seminar on Coastal Protection and Climate Change Adaptation in Singapore in 2027, and will work together on the planning and implementation of the seminar.

Implementation

6. MLIT and EnterpriseSG intend to maintain regular consultations to review progress and identify further opportunities for cooperation.
7. Through this cooperation, both sides reaffirm their commitment to strengthening bilateral economic collaboration, facilitating business opportunities, and contributing to resilient and sustainable coastal development in Singapore and the ASEAN region.