

**OPENING SPEECH BY MINISTER INDRANEE RAJAH,  
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COUNCIL (SJCC) AT THE 19TH SJCC MEETING, 3 DECEMBER 2025**

His Excellency Governor Liu Xiaotao

Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

1. A very good afternoon to everyone. It is my pleasure to co-chair the 19<sup>th</sup> Singapore-Jiangsu Cooperation Council (SJCC) meeting with Governor Liu today. I would like to thank the Jiangsu Provincial People's Government and the Nanjing Municipal People's Government for extending your kind hospitality.

2. This year holds special significance for both Singapore and China as we celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of bilateral relations. Today's meeting follows a series of high-level bilateral visits. This includes Premier Li Qiang's official visit to Singapore in October, as well as Prime Minister Lawrence Wong's and Deputy Prime Minister Gan Kim Yong's official visit to China in June and September respectively.

**Robust and progressive bilateral Singapore- Jiangsu relations**

3. For almost two decades, the SJCC has been a key platform for deepening collaboration across diverse areas between Singapore and Jiangsu. While the global environment has become increasingly complex and uncertain, Singapore and Jiangsu partnership has demonstrated consistency, resilience and robustness. Our bilateral trade increased 24% year-on-year in the first half of 2025, and Jiangsu continues to attract significant share of Singapore investments to China, with over 4,300 projects across the province.

4. The Singapore-Jiangsu partnership is also anchored by two flagship projects, namely the Suzhou Industrial Park (SIP) and the Singapore-Nanjing Eco Hi-Tech Island (SNEHTI). Both projects achieved good progress in areas of mutual interest. This strong foundation that we have built provides confidence and momentum for continued partnerships.

### **Deepening Partnerships in areas of common interest**

5. I am delighted to witness many collaborations between Singapore and Jiangsu enterprises, as evidenced by the 19 MOUs to be signed at today's meeting. These partnerships span diverse sectors, reflecting the depth and breadth of our cooperation with Jiangsu. We have also made progress in areas of mutual interest, such as innovation, green economy and biomedical sciences.

6. For innovation, we have continued the good momentum in catalysing co-innovation between companies from Singapore and Jiangsu.

a. We started the **Singapore-China Yangtze River Delta (Jiangsu) Joint Innovation Call (JIC)** since 2022, and to date, we have more than 80 applications received and over 20 projects jointly supported. One example is the strategic partnership between Singapore **Suntar Environmental Technology**<sup>1</sup> and Jiangsu Haifei Biotechnology to expand Suntar's capabilities into synthetic biology. Both parties successfully developed a separation and purification system for glucosamine and will continue to optimise the technology.

b. I understand that there are close to 15 projects submitted jointly by Singapore and Jiangsu enterprises for this year's JIC, and the projects are in areas such as

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<sup>1</sup> Suntar is a Singapore company with technical capabilities in large-scale fermentation, contributing to the production and process optimisation of vitamins, amino acids, and antibiotics.

sustainability, advanced manufacturing and digitalisation. This shows the continued interest from enterprises on both sides to partner for co-innovation.

- c. Apart from the JIC, industry partners are also actively collaborating to enhance two-way flows for innovation exchanges. One example is the cooperation between **SGInnovate and China-Singapore Suzhou Industrial Park Development Group (CSSD)**. Leveraging on their respective strengths and networks, both parties will support Singapore tech companies to access the China market, while integrating Chinese companies into Singapore's ecosystem, through joint programmes and talent exchanges.

7. Green economy is another area where there are opportunities to learn from each other and exchange best practices. As both Singapore and China work towards reducing carbon footprint, we can leverage our respective experience in working together.

- a. I have invited Singapore Building Construction Authority (BCA) and a delegation of built environment professionals such as architects, engineers and urban planners to join me on this trip to conduct exchanges with Jiangsu counterparts in areas of mutual interest.
- b. The delegation engaged in productive discussions with the Jiangsu Inspection and Design Association this morning, exchanging insights on green and sustainable development as well as architecture and engineering best practices. We look forward to fostering more of such professional exchanges, particularly in sustainable urban development and smart city solutions.

- c. In **green financing**, the partnership between Singapore company, Climate Impact X (CIX)<sup>2</sup>, DBS and China-Singapore Suzhou Green Development (CSSGD) will see the establishment of a framework to advance international carbon asset management and trading. Such initiatives lay the groundwork for both regions to remain relevant and competitive in the evolving global carbon markets and sustainable finance landscape.

8. On Biomedical sciences, Jiangsu has a rapidly expanding pool of home-grown innovative biotech firms offering strong R&D and manufacturing capabilities. On the other hand, Singapore brings proven regulatory expertise, strong translational and IP frameworks, and strategic access to ASEAN and the global market. We can leverage these complementary strengths by connecting both of our ecosystems and deepening collaboration.

### **Singapore as a strategic partner in Jiangsu companies' internationalisation journey**

8. Despite current global headwinds, Southeast Asia remains one of the fastest growing regions and an increasingly important node in global trade flow. Singapore can be a strategic partner and gateway to the region as more Jiangsu enterprises look beyond your shore.

- a. Today, over 800 Jiangsu companies such as TrinaSolar<sup>3</sup> and Genscript<sup>4</sup>, have established their presence in Singapore, representing cumulative investments of USD 6.37 billion.

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<sup>2</sup> Headquartered in Singapore, CIX is a leading exchange in the environmental markets that manages the trading of carbon credits and renewable energy certificates, backed by major financial institutions including DBS Bank, Temasek's GenZero, Mizuho Financial Group and Standard Chartered.

<sup>3</sup> TrinaSolar is a leading solar energy company engaged in photovoltaic products, systems, and smart energy solutions, committed to facilitating the transformation to net-zero power systems through comprehensive solar technology development, production, and smart grid innovations.

<sup>4</sup> GenScript is a biotech company with main business in life science application and services.

9. The Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants (ISCA) and the Singapore International Business Cooperation Centre (IBCC) continues to play a role as enablers in facilitating Jiangsu enterprise's internationalisation plans through Singapore.

a. Since its establishment in Nanjing last year, **ISCA** has developed a platform that brings together Singapore professional services firms to provide a suite of services that support Jiangsu companies' internationalisation plans. I am pleased to note that ISCA will be expanding its footprint in Nanjing to widen its reach and serve as a gateway for Jiangsu enterprises expanding regionally.

b. The **IBCC** has continued to be a landing pad for Chinese companies looking to access the region through Singapore since its establishment by CSSD in 2021. The centre welcomed 27 Chinese companies to Singapore this year, which include enterprises across the Yangtze River Delta (YRD) region such as Shanghai-based ChemLex, and Jiangsu firm, Dogain Optoelectronic Technology.

## **Closing**

10. As we move forward, I am confident that the partnership we have forged will continue to advance our bilateral cooperation and shared goals. I would like to encourage more partnerships between Singapore and Jiangsu companies, and I look forward to working closely with Governor Liu to advance the next phase of Singapore-Jiangsu cooperation.

11. I wish all participants a fruitful meeting today.

12. Thank you.