

**SENIOR MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRADE & INDUSTRY
AND EDUCATION
MR S ISWARAN VISITS NEW DELHI IN INDIA
2-4 AUGUST 2009**

Senior Minister of State for Trade & Industry and Education, Mr S Iswaran will be visiting New Delhi, India, from 2 – 4 August 2009.

Mr Iswaran will be signing an Agreement for Science & Technology Cooperation between India and Singapore, which will formalise collaboration between Singapore and India in areas of common interest, such as biotechnology and renewable energy. Mr Iswaran will also witness the signing of the Singapore India Tourism Joint Action Plan between the Singapore Tourism Board and the Ministry of Tourism, India. The plan aims to promote cooperation between both countries particularly in tourism promotion and human resource development in tourism and travel related industries.

While in India, he will be meeting ministers in the new Indian government from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Ministry of Human Resource Development to discuss bilateral cooperation.

Mr Iswaran will be accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Trade and Industry and the Singapore Tourism Board.

Economic relations between India and Singapore have been growing from strength to strength. Since the signing of the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) in 2005, total trade with India has increased at a rate of 20 per cent annually, reaching almost S\$29 billion in 2008, making India our 11th largest trading partner. Singapore is also India's 2nd largest investor after Mauritius with foreign direct investment (FDI) inflow standing at S\$3.8 billion last year.

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