

Visit by Deputy Prime Minister & Coordinating Minister for National Security Teo Chee Hean to Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, The People's Republic of China, 12 April 2019

1 Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security Teo Chee Hean visited Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, the People's Republic of China (PRC) on 12 April 2019, to attend commemorative activities for the China-Singapore Suzhou Industrial Park (SIP)'s 25th anniversary.

2 DPM Teo met Jiangsu Party Secretary Lou Qinjian. Both leaders reaffirmed the warm relations and strong economic ties between Singapore and Jiangsu, and expressed confidence that the SIP would continue to serve as a pathfinder for Singapore-China bilateral cooperation. Leaders from the PRC Ministry of Commerce, Jiangsu and Suzhou were also at the meeting.

3 At the SIP's 25th anniversary commemorative ceremony, DPM Teo, Jiangsu Party Secretary Lou Qinjian, PRC Vice Minister of Commerce Qian Keming, Suzhou Party Secretary Zhou Naixiang, other Chinese leaders and SIP pioneers delivered remarks. Minister (Prime Minister's Office) and Second Minister (Education) (Finance) Indranee Rajah and Jiangsu Governor Wu Zhenglong read out congratulatory letters by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and PRC Premier Li Keqiang respectively. The leaders also participated in the unveiling ceremony of the logo for the SIP's 25th anniversary.

4 Established in 1994, the SIP is the first Government-to-Government project between Singapore and China, and a hallmark of bilateral cooperation between both countries. The SIP has made good progress over the past 25 years, and is one of China's most competitive industrial parks today.

5 DPM Teo will visit Shanghai tomorrow. He is accompanied by Minister (Culture, Community and Youth) Grace Fu; Minister (Trade & Industry) and Minister-in-charge of the Public Service Chan Chun Sing; Minister (Prime Minister's Office) and Second Minister (Education) (Finance) Indranee Rajah; Senior Minister of State (Health) (Law) Edwin Tong; Senior Parliamentary Secretary (Home Affairs) (National Development) Sun Xueling; Senior Parliamentary Secretary (Foreign Affairs) (Trade & Industry) Dr Tan Wu Meng, as well as senior officials from various Ministries and agencies.

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