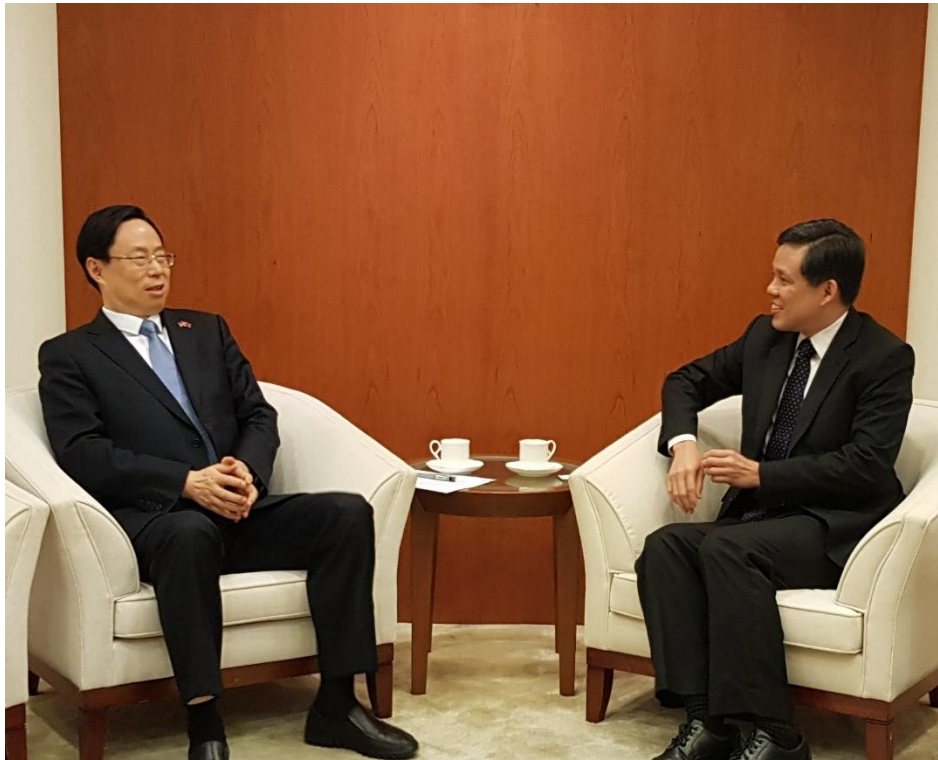


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**MINISTER CHAN CHUN SING REAFFIRMS SINGAPORE'S
LONGSTANDING AND ROBUST TIES WITH SUZHOU**



Suzhou Party Secretary Lan Shaomin called on Minister for Trade and Industry Chan Chun Sing this afternoon. During the call, they reaffirmed the warm and longstanding ties between Singapore and Suzhou. Both parties discussed how we could deepen our bilateral cooperation through the Suzhou Industrial Park(SIP), such as by going beyond a traditional industrial park towards innovation-driven growth and development of modern services, going beyond Suzhou to contribute to integrated development of the Yangtze River Delta region, and exporting the SIP model and projects to third party markets. The SIP, which is the first Government-to-Government project between Singapore and China, celebrates its 25th anniversary this year.

Mr Lan, who was appointed Suzhou Party Secretary in September 2019, is in Singapore for an introductory visit from 1 to 5 December 2019.

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