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SINGAPORE AND POLAND AGREE TO STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND CONNECTIVITY TO TACKLE COVID-19

1. Minister for Trade and Industry Chan Chun Sing had a videoconference with Republic of Poland Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Development Jadwiga Emilewicz today. Both parties affirmed their commitment to strengthen bilateral economic cooperation in the combat against COVID-19. They also issued a Joint Ministerial Statement on their intent to enhance connectivity between the two economies by expediting the flow of essential goods, including food and agricultural products, and ensuring that trade lines such as air and sea freight, are open, efficient and effective.

2. Mr Chan said, "Poland and Singapore share longstanding and warm relations. The entry-into-force of the EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement in November 2019 marked a significant milestone in our relations and opened up new opportunities for Poland and Singapore. In these challenging times, it is crucial that we reinforce our trade and economic linkages to ensure that our supply chains and networks, in particular for food and agricultural supplies, remain resilient. The Joint Ministerial Statement is a testament to our shared desire to support our people and businesses in tackling the COVID-19 pandemic, so that we can emerge stronger together from this crisis."

Ministry of Trade and Industry
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Annex A: Photo and Caption

Annex B: Joint Ministerial Statement by Poland and Singapore Affirming Commitment to Strengthen Economic Cooperation

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Annex A: Photo and Caption



Caption: Minister for Trade and Industry Chan Chun Sing at a videoconference meeting with Republic of Poland Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Development Jadwiga Emilewicz.

Annex B: Joint Ministerial Statement by Poland and Singapore Affirming Commitment to Strengthen Economic Cooperation

1. Poland and Singapore enjoy a longstanding and robust relationship based on shared interests and values. We recognize the potential to further expand our cooperation to foster economic growth as well as connectivity.
2. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we reaffirm our commitment to strengthening bilateral cooperation to the benefit of our people and businesses. We will work closely to identify and make use of trade opportunities to connect supply chains and improve and expedite the flow of goods, in particular essential goods, including food and agricultural products.
3. We recognize that it is in our mutual interest to ensure continued strong connectivity between our economies. We will coordinate our efforts to ensure that trade lines, including via air and sea freight, are open, efficient and effective in facilitating the flow of goods, making our economies stronger and more resilient.
4. The cooperation mentioned in this Statement is consistent with the rights and obligations of the Republic of Poland arising from its membership in the European Union.

**DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
REPUBLIC OF POLAND,
HON JADWIGA EMILEWICZ**

**MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY,
REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE,
HON CHAN CHUN SING**

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