

LAUNCH OF THE SINGAPORE-NEW ZEALAND COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (CSP)

Singapore's Prime Minister Lawrence Wong and New Zealand's Prime Minister Christopher Luxon announced the upgrade of the Singapore-New Zealand Enhanced Partnership to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) in Auckland, New Zealand, today. Singapore's Minister for Sustainability and the Environment and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations Grace Fu was part of Prime Minister Wong's delegation for the official visit.

2 The CSP aims to prepare both countries' economies and societies for challenges and opportunities, and extends our cooperation further to engage with our regional partners. It includes strengthened initiatives to be implemented over the next ten years, across six pillars: (1) Trade and Economics; (2) Defence, Security and Safety; (3) Science, Technology and Innovation; (4) People-to-People; (5) Climate Change and Green Economy; and (6) Supply Chains and Connectivity.

3 Under the CSP, Singapore's Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) and Enterprise Singapore (EnterpriseSG) announced the following initiatives during the official visit:

Pillar 1: Connecting Our Economies

- a) **Agreement on Trade in Essential Supplies (AOTES)** between MTI and New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT): Substantive negotiations on Singapore's first legally binding bilateral supply chain resilience agreement have concluded. This agreement will provide reassurance that both sides can continue to receive essential supplies during supply chain disruptions, and help to manage market distortions, give companies greater confidence and provide consumers with greater price stability and certainty.
- b) **New Zealand-Singapore Leadership Forum (NZSLF)** between MTI and MFAT: The inaugural NZSLF will be held in 2026 to foster dialogue and collaboration between both governments with business leaders, to find ways to improve the business environment and support investments both ways.
- c) **Enhanced Partnership for Growth Arrangement** between EnterpriseSG and New Zealand Trade and Enterprise: Under the refreshed MOU, both nations will deepen collaboration and promote business ties in common areas of interest such as Trade & Connectivity and Technology & Innovation.

4 Minister Fu said, "Singapore and New Zealand have a long-standing and multi-faceted partnership, built on shared strategic perspectives. This year, Singapore and New Zealand celebrate 60 years of diplomatic relations. It also marks the 25th anniversary of the Agreement

between New Zealand and Singapore on a Closer Economic Partnership (ANZSCEP) – Singapore’s very first FTA. The upgrading of our bilateral relations to a CSP underscores the depth and enduring strength of our partnership across multi-faceted areas including supply chain resilience, as demonstrated by the substantive conclusion of the Agreement on Trade in Essential Supplies (AOTES). Together with our New Zealand counterparts, we will work to deliver these priorities while pursuing new areas of cooperation.”

Annex A: EnterpriseSG’s Factsheet on the Partnership for Growth Arrangement

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**REFRESHED ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP FOR GROWTH ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN
ENTERPRISE SINGAPORE AND NEW ZEALAND TRADE AND ENTERPRISE**

1. Enterprise Singapore (EnterpriseSG) and the New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE) have reaffirmed commitment between Singapore and New Zealand to strengthen bilateral trade and investment, with the signing of the refreshed Enhanced Partnership for Growth Arrangement. This latest three-year arrangement was signed by Ms Cindy Khoo, Managing Director of EnterpriseSG, and Mr Peter Chrisp, Chief Executive of NZTE. It builds on an earlier agreement that was first established in 2019 between both nations.
2. Under the refreshed partnership, both agencies will continue to deepen collaboration and promote ties between Singapore and New Zealand businesses in common areas of interest such as Trade & Connectivity and Technology & Innovation. This includes leveraging Singapore's well-established position as a regional hub to facilitate New Zealand's exports across Southeast Asia as well as fostering cross-border collaboration by connecting startups and businesses to each of our innovation ecosystems and relevant partners.
3. For a start, EnterpriseSG is working with NZTE to organise the first trade mission under the latest partnership. It will feature a Singapore business delegation visiting New Zealand this week, aimed at exploring supply chain opportunities and strengthening business ties. The visiting delegation will get to connect and engage with a range of New Zealand businesses including food and dairy exporters.

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