

The launch of Japan-Singapore High-level Comprehensive Talks concerning Bilateral Cooperation on Land, Sea and Air Transport and Infrastructure

The first Japan-Singapore High-level Comprehensive Talks concerning Bilateral Cooperation on Land, Sea and Air Transport and Infrastructure were held in Singapore on 5 April 2017.

The head of the Singapore delegation was Mr Pang Kin Keong, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Transport (MOT), Singapore. The head of the Japan delegation was Mr Hiroshi Tabata, Vice-Minister for Transport, Tourism and International Affairs of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Japan.

The inaugural meeting was launched in accordance with the agreement reached at the summit meeting between the Prime Ministers of Japan and the Republic of Singapore on 28 September 2016 to strengthen the collaborative relationship between Singapore and Japan in the fields of transport and infrastructure in all the three areas – land, sea and air.

During this meeting, MLIT and MOT exchanged views related to wide-ranging issues, including the Kuala Lumpur-Singapore High Speed Rail project.

Both sides also exchanged views on issues such as LNG (liquefied natural gas) bunkering, capacity enhancement of metropolitan airports, reform of airport management, and positions on autonomous vehicle services, expansion plans of Changi Airport, development of Tuas container terminal and car-lite measures.

Both sides agreed to continue to cooperate closely in each of these areas.

The second round of these High-level Comprehensive Talks will be held in Japan later this year.