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Singapore and India sign Letter of Intent to Cooperate on Maritime Digitalisation and Decarbonisation

Singapore and India have signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) to cooperate on maritime digitalisation and decarbonisation. The LOI was inked by Mr Teo Eng Dih, Chief Executive of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, and Mr R. Lakshmanan, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MOPSW) of India, and witnessed by Dr Amy Khor, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and Ministry of Transport, Singapore, and Mr Sarbananda Sonowal, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways of India.

2. Under the LOI, both sides will collaborate on maritime digitalisation and decarbonisation projects, including identifying relevant stakeholders who could contribute to the effort, and work towards formalising the partnership through a memorandum of understanding on a Singapore-India Green and Digital Shipping Corridor (GDSC).
3. India is a leading player in information technology with the potential to become a major producer and exporter of green marine fuels. Singapore, as a key transshipment and bunkering hub, also supports a dynamic research and innovation ecosystem.
4. The Singapore-India GDSC, when established, will enhance collaboration from both countries and help accelerate the development and uptake of zero or near-zero GHG emission technologies and the adoption of digital solutions.

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About the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)

MPA was established on 2 February 1996 with the mission to develop Singapore as a premier global hub port and international maritime centre, and to advance and safeguard Singapore's strategic maritime interests. MPA is the driving force behind Singapore's maritime and port development, taking on the roles of maritime and port regulator and planner, international maritime centre champion, national maritime representative, and a champion of digitalisation and decarbonisation efforts at regional and international fora such as at the International Maritime Organization and the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation. MPA partners industry, research community and other agencies to enhance safety, security, and environmental protection, facilitate maritime and port operations and growth, expand multi-domain capabilities, and support the cluster of maritime ancillary services and manpower development. MPA is responsible for the overall development and growth of the maritime multi-domain and the Port of Singapore.

For more information, please visit www.mpa.gov.sg/

About Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, India

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways (MoPSW) serves as the pivotal authority overseeing India's maritime infrastructure, encompassing ports, shipping, and inland waterways. Recognizing maritime transport as a critical component of the nation's socio-economic development, the Ministry is dedicated to enhancing the efficiency and sustainability of these sectors. In its role, MoPSW is responsible for formulating and implementing policies that promote investment, aiming to expand and modernize India's maritime infrastructure.

India's extensive maritime sector features 12 Major Ports, and over 200 Non-major Ports. The cargo handling capacity at Indian ports has reached approximately 2,690 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) and it is expected to reach 10,000 MTPA by 2047 underscoring the sector's significant potential. MoPSW plays a vital role in advancing India's maritime infrastructure, promoting sustainable practices, and reinforcing the nation's position in global trade.

For more information, please visit <https://shipmin.gov.in/>

About Singapore Maritime Week 2025

SMW is an annual gathering of the international maritime community to advance key industry issues and exchange ideas to bring the sector forward. Driven by MPA, in collaboration with industry stakeholders and research and educational institutions, SMW brings together key opinion leaders and industry leaders through conferences, dialogues and forums.

The range of activities and events organised by MPA, industry stakeholders and research and educational institutions, as well as the cosmopolitan profile of participants, reflect the vibrancy and diversity of Singapore as a global hub port and leading international maritime centre.

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