

**JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT: JAPAN MINISTRY OF ECONOMY,
TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND SINGAPORE MINISTRY OF TRADE
AND INDUSTRY HOLD THE THIRD JAPAN-SINGAPORE
ECONOMIC DIALOGUE IN SINGAPORE**

11 February 2026

1. Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (METI) Matsuo Takehiko and Singapore Ministry of Trade & Industry Permanent Secretary (Energy & Trade) Augustin Lee co-chaired the 3rd Japan-Singapore Economic Dialogue (JSED) in Singapore on 11 February 2026. The dialogue brought together public and private sector representatives to discuss ways to enhance bilateral economic cooperation.

2. At the Dialogue, Permanent Secretary Lee and Vice-Minister Matsuo reaffirmed the long-standing economic partnership between Japan and Singapore, which is underpinned by mutual trust and a shared commitment towards deepening economic integration. Recognising the growing trade and investment linkages between both countries, they also underscored the importance of fostering business-to-business partnerships through the JSED and other platforms such as the Japan-Singapore Co-Creation Platform and Singapore-Japan Fast Track Pitch Event.

3. Both sides had an exchange of views on international developments, economic security, as well as on critical sectors such as, artificial intelligence, data interoperability, quantum computing, semiconductor development, and low-carbon energy policies. To mark the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Singapore and Japan this year (SJ60), MTI and METI agreed to further collaborations on supply chain resilience and energy, as well as on technology development, including offshore wind.

4. Participants also took the opportunity to discuss developments in the following areas:

- a. **Energy transition and regional energy cooperation.** Participants shared their respective efforts in advancing the energy transition, including efforts in Hydrogen/Ammonia, Offshore Wind, Civil Nuclear Energy, Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS), LNG, Biofuels and Sustainable Aviation Fuels. Additionally, both sides exchanged views on the future direction towards the outcomes of Asia Zero Emission Community (AZEC). They also agreed that public-private collaboration is needed to meet the region's growing energy needs while advancing the region's energy transition. Both sides discussed the Energy, Sustainability and Climate Change Cooperation Framework and explore ways to deepen cooperation in these areas.
- b. **Innovation, digital economy and related industries development.** Participants highlighted the complementarities between Japan and Singapore's digital economies and underscored the opportunities that enterprises can explore. Both sides agreed to continue working together to promote open innovation and facilitate partnerships between the startup ecosystems of both countries. In addition, participants discussed the impact that technological disruptions in areas such as artificial intelligence, automation and quantum computing may have on the various industries such as aerospace. Through these discussions, participants agreed on the need to enhance cooperation and share best practices in technology adoption and transformation.

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The third Japan-Singapore Economic Dialogue (JSED) is a Commemorative Event for the 60th anniversary of diplomatic ties between Singapore and Japan.

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