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Segregated Travel Lane Boosts Singapore's Efforts to Re-open Borders in a Controlled and Safe Manner

1. A new Segregated Travel Lane (STL) was announced today by Minister for Trade and Industry Chan Chun Sing. The STL is part of Singapore's efforts to re-open our borders in a controlled and safe manner. This will facilitate essential global business exchanges and support the revival of Singapore's air hub status and hospitality sector.
2. The STL will be open to a limited number of business, official, and high economic value travellers from all countries who are coming to Singapore for short-term stays of up to 14 days. Applications will open in the middle of January 2021 and the first travellers will be able to arrive from the second half of January 2021. The STL will complement other travel lanes that have already been established such as the Reciprocal Green Lane.
3. The STL will have strict health and testing protocols to protect travellers and the local community. For the entire duration of their stay in Singapore, STL travellers will be housed in a "bubble" within dedicated facilities (Segregated Facilities), undergo regular testing, and strictly observe all prevailing Safe Management Measures (SMMs). The STL travellers will be able to conduct meetings with local visitors and with other STL traveller groups (with SMMs in place) while in the Segregated Facilities. They would also have to undergo Antigen Rapid Tests (ART) as part of the health and safety protocols.

Health and testing protocols

4. STL travellers will be required to undergo an enhanced testing regime. Travellers will have to present a valid negative COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test prior to leaving their home country, obtain a PCR test on arrival in Singapore, and Antigen Rapid Tests (ART) on days 3, 5, 7, and 11, insofar as the traveller remains accommodated in the SF.
5. Travellers entering Singapore under the STL will be required to stay within a "bubble" at Segregated Facilities. The Segregated Facilities will have to put in place measures to segregate STL travelers from non-STL individuals. For example, while travellers will be allowed to meet with

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local visitors, there will be floor-to-ceiling dividers separating travellers from local visitors. Staff serving STL travelers in the Segregated Facilities will undergo routine testing.

6. Within the Segregated Facility, travellers will have to stay within their pre-declared travel group of up to five travellers. They will not be allowed to mingle with other travellers outside of this group. They will also have to abide by all prevailing national SMMs, and use Trace Together and Safe Entry.
7. MTI has been working with Connect@Changi on its possible appointment as a facility under the STL. A collaboration between Temasek and The Ascott Limited, Changi Airport Group, Sheares Healthcare Group, SingEx and Surbana Jurong, Connect@Changi will incorporate a rigorous COVID-19 testing regime for guest travellers, and deploy innovative solutions to minimise contact between guests and frontline staff, such as self-service meeting rooms. Guests can meet their local and international counterparts safely in specially designed meeting rooms outfitted with air-tight glass panels, reducing the risk of transmission. As a living laboratory, Connect@Changi will feature various initiatives related to COVID-19, such as wastewater testing for early detection, latest rapid point-of-care tests to complement established lab-based tests, and automated contact tracing within the facility. MTI plans to appoint additional Segregated Facilities in the next few weeks.
8. Facility operators interested in serving as a Segregated Facility may submit their proposals through the Singapore Tourism Board (STB) no later than 31 December 2020. STB will be releasing more information on the application in due course.

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