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## MEXICO-SINGAPORE: STRATEGIC ALLIANCE

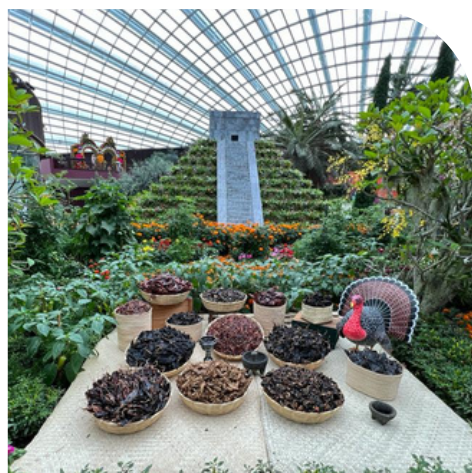
### MESSAGE FROM THE AMBASSADOR:

MEXICO AND SINGAPORE HAVE ANCIENT HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL TIES DATING BACK TO THE 16TH CENTURY. THE VISIT TO MEXICO OF SINGAPORE'S PRIME MINISTER LEE HSIEN LOONG IN NOVEMBER 2019, AND HIS MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO, ANDRÉS MANUEL LÓPEZ OBRADOR, GAVE A MAJOR BOOST TO THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.

THE COINCIDENCE IN VALUES AND PURPOSES PROMPTED SINGAPORE TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT TO JOIN THE PACIFIC ALLIANCE, WHICH IS IN THE PROCESS OF RATIFICATION BY THE MEMBER COUNTRIES. DURING THIS PERIOD, STEPS WERE TAKEN TO SET UP THE SINGAPORE-MEXICO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHICH WAS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED ON 20 SEPTEMBER.

BILATERAL TRADE BETWEEN SINGAPORE AND MEXICO AMOUNTS TO USD 7.6 BILLION, WHICH IS SET TO INCREASE IN THE COMING YEARS. DESPITE THE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTANCE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES -16,000 KILOMETRES-, SINGAPORE SEES MEXICO AS A DISTRIBUTION POINT FOR ITS PRODUCTS TO NORTH AMERICA AND LATIN AMERICA, AND MEXICO SEES SINGAPORE AS A RELIABLE PARTNER TO BOOST NEW BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES AND OFFER IN THIS CITY-STATE THE GREATEST CULTURAL PROMOTION DEPLOYMENT AND OTHER INITIATIVES WITH THE LARGEST SOCIAL IMPACT AS POSSIBLE.

AMBASSADOR AGUSTÍN GARCÍA-LÓPEZ LOAEZA.



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### Mexico's cultural heritage and botanical legacy to the world

In the framework of the commemoration of the 212th anniversary of the beginning of Mexico's independence, Ambassador García-López Loaeza, accompanied by Sim Ann, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and National Development, inaugurated the exhibition Hanging Gardens, Mexican Roots, which was open to the public from 19th August to 25th September at the iconic Gardens by the Bay.

More than 200,000 people visited this exhibition, an excellent opportunity to promote Mexico's cultural heritage and botanical legacy. It was the result of a tremendous cooperative effort between Gardens by the Bay; the Embassy, and a group of volunteers from the Mexican community, Singaporeans and other nationalities, led by Lidia Riveros, creative director and curator, who heads the organisation La Jacaranda, as well as various institutions and public and private actors from Mexico.

Among the cultural components were scale reproductions of the Chichen Itza pyramid El Castillo; the Atlantes de Tula; an Olmec monumental head; Quetzalcoatl head; replicas of the ancient codices De la Cruz-Badiano, Maya, Tonalamatl and Dresden; reproductions of emblematic figurines, sculptures and ceramics from Mexico's National Museum of Anthropology; a floral arch of 8 metres long by 5 metres high, made on-site by a team of artisans from Mexico City, headed by master craftsman Mario Aguilar; medallions made with grains and seeds by Mexican and foreign volunteers. Additionally, the exhibition showed a vast display of many agricultural and ornamental products brought to this part of the world by the Manila-Acapulco Galleon.

The exhibition was accompanied by animated film projections, a photographic exhibition, dance classes and performances, a music concert and culinary demonstrations.

### Grito de Independencia Ceremony

The Embassy hosted a reception on 15 September to commemorate the heroic feat of Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla in the Flower Field Hall of the Gardens by the Bay Botanical Garden, after two years of pandemic, against the backdrop of a scale reproduction of the pyramid El Castillo de Chichén Itzá and a Chac Mool. More than 650 people, including Singaporean authorities, the diplomatic corps, businessmen, and members of academia, culture, press and the Mexican community, participated in the Grito de la Independencia ("Call for Independence") ceremony led by Ambassador Agustín García-López Loaeza, and enjoyed Mexican music, dance, and gastronomy. Mr Tian Kiat How, Senior Minister of State of the Ministry of Communication and Information and Ministry of National Development, participated as the representative of the Government of Singapore.

In his speech, he expressed his government's satisfaction with the dynamism of the economic relationship, stating that Mexico is Singapore's third most important trading partner in Latin America.

He stated that the year 2022 is a significant year for the trans-Pacific engagement with Singapore, given that in January, Singapore and the Pacific Alliance (comprising Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru) signed the Singapore-Pacific Alliance Free Trade Agreement (ALCAPS/PASTFA), the ratification process for which is underway, initiating the transition for Singapore to become the first associate state of the Alliance.







## Singapore-Mexico Chamber of Commerce Inauguration

After almost three years of hard work, and as a result of the initiative of the Embassy of Mexico in Singapore, the official launch of the Singapore-Mexico Chamber of Commerce took place on 20th September, also in Gardens by the Bay.

The launch was opened by Alvin Tan, Minister of State for Trade and Industry of Singapore. It was attended by more than 350 participants (diplomatic corps, authorities, associations, chambers of commerce and industry, etc.).

The mission of the Singapore-Mexico Chamber of Commerce is to identify, promote, and develop commercial investment projects between Asia, through Singapore, and the Americas, through Mexico. Five committees comprise the Chamber: Agri-Food and Hospitality; Global Value Chains; Digital Economy; Infrastructure, Logistics and Services; General Management and Community.



## Business mission to visit Mexico in October 2022

Ambassador Agustín García López Loaeza met with members of nine Singaporean high-tech and precision manufacturing Singaporean companies from the high-tech and precision manufacturing sector, which will be part of a trade and investment mission to Mexico from 3 to 7 October, led by the Singapore Precision Engineering and Technology Association (SPETA), Enterprise Singapore, with the collaboration and support of the Singapore-Mexico Chamber of Commerce and the Embassy of Mexico in Singapore.

During the session before their trip, the agenda was reviewed and included: working meeting in Guadalajara, Jalisco; participation in the industrial conference "Transformation Mexico" ("Hannover Messe") in León, Guanajuato; and meetings in Mexico City, including with officials from the General Directorate of Global Economic Impulse of Mexico's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## ST Engineering Aerospace wants to invest in Mexico.

Representatives from the Singaporean company ST Engineering Aerospace made a working trip to Mexico. They visited different entities to analyse the possibility of establishing an Aircraft Maintenance and Repair Centre in our country. Executives visited the airports of Chihuahua, Toluca, Monterrey, and Puebla and held meetings with business associations and local and federal authorities.



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## Forbes Global CEO Conference

Singapore hosted the Forbes Global CEOs Conference, where more than 400 business leaders discussed issues related to inflation, de-globalisation, technology, investment, innovation, and sustainability. The uncertain economic climate resulting from rising consumer prices and the impact of de-globalisation on companies' cost and productivity due to de-globalisation were some of the most discussed topics during the two-day conference.

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## Milken Institute's Annual Asia Summit

The Milken Institute's annual Asia Summit, a think tank in Singapore, brought together more than 1,000 leaders from around the world to participate in a dialogue and exchange of ideas under the theme "A Transformed World". In his opening speech, James Cleverly, the British Chancellor, acknowledged that the Indo-Pacific region is strategic regarding trade, defence and security, climate change, education, science and technology. He said sixty per cent of the world's trade transits the Indo-Pacific sea lanes.

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