

SINGAPORE AND BRAZIL SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION

1. Singapore and Brazil signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Science and Technology Cooperation in Brasilia yesterday on the occasion of Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong's visit to Brazil.
2. The MOU was signed by Singapore's Minister for Foreign Affairs George Yeo and Brazil's Minister for Science and Technology Sergio Rezende. The signing ceremony was witnessed by PM Lee Hsien Loong, President of Brazil Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and officials from Singapore and Brazil.
3. The MOU demonstrates the growing bilateral relations between the two countries. It will facilitate the implementation of joint projects and programmes between Singapore and Brazil research institutes in areas of mutual interest, in particular on infectious diseases, pharmaceuticals and renewable energy. The MOU will also facilitate the exchange of students, scientists, technical and other experts and act as a useful platform for future collaborations.
4. To kick off collaboration, Singapore's National Environment Agency and Brazil's Ministry of Health will be exploring a joint research project on Dengue Fever. This will tap on each country's existing strengths in infectious disease research.

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