

# Singapore companies are interested in the development of Vladivostok agglomerations

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Today Vasily Usoltcev, the first vice-governor of the Primorsky krai had a meeting with the delegation from the Republic of Singapore led by the IE Singapore CEO Toe Eng Cheong.



At the beginning of the meeting Vasily Usoltcev shared that the collaboration between Primorsky region and Singapore is developing dynamically. Thus, last year the goods turnover increased 3.4 times as compared to the rate in 2012. Today in Primorsky krai there are 22 enterprises with Singapore investments and accredited representative offices of Singapore companies.

“Our current efforts are focused on collaboration with Jurong Consulting and creation of petrochemical cluster in Partizanskiy district”, emphasized vice-governor.



Besides, he underlined the progressive experience of Singapore in city planning and infrastructure development.

“The agreement for creation of Vladivostok agglomeration has already been signed. We are looking at the possibility of collaboration with Singapore companies in the development of the conceptual idea”, highlighted the vice-governor.



One of the delegates is Liu Thai-Ker, Senior Director at RSP Architects and the founder of the comfortable housing concept. He has developed more than 45 city master plans in many countries with population from 500 000 up to 11 million people. He shared that his company is ready to contribute to the development of Vladivostok agglomeration.



One more delegate of the business mission is Prakash Kerjiwal, vice president of the Indorama Company. He expressed his interest in collaboration with Primorsky Krai as well. His company produces various polymers – polyethylene, polypropylene, etc. Every sixth plastic bottle in the world is produced by Indorama. Prakash Kerjiwal mentioned that the petrochemical cluster is the most interesting project that is currently being implemented in the region.



Collaboration in the sphere of education also took important place. Vasily Usoltcev emphasized that Primorsky universities currently collaborate with Singapore tertiary education organizations and companies in the sphere of energy saving technologies, petro gas complexes and seafaring.



Educare CEO, Mike Thiruman shared about the school teachers' professional development projects implemented by Educare in different parts of the world. A project of this scale is being implement in the Republic of Tatarstan now; it is focused on equipping school teachers with innovative teaching methods and tools to nurture 21<sup>st</sup> century skills in students, such as processing information critically, etc. and get them totally engaged into the learning process.

In conclusion Vasily Usoltcev shared that the presented projects were of great interest for Primorsky Krai. He expressed certainty in further effective collaboration between Prirmorky Krai and Singapore.