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## **Singapore and The Netherlands: Forging New Frontiers in the Semiconductor Sector**

**Singapore, 2 December 2022** – The Embassy of the Kingdom of The Netherlands in Singapore and Singapore Semiconductor Industry Association (SSIA) co-organised an inaugural industry-led event in the semiconductor space today.

**Titled – “Singapore and The Netherlands Semiconductor Forum”**, the afternoon event was attended by close to 100 participants from the semiconductor industry. The event was graced by Her Excellency, Ms Liesje Schreinemacher, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation from The Kingdom of The Netherlands and Mr Soh Leng Wan, Assistant Chief Executive of Enterprise Singapore.

The event started with an overview of Singapore’s Electronics Transformation Map (ITM) 2025 specifically in the sphere of microelectronics and its long-term development goals. Mr Soh also shared about the Singapore Government’s support and plans to build and strengthen the semiconductor industry.

A discourse on “Singapore and The Netherlands - The Future of Semiconductors” was held. The panel discussion where 4 industry leaders from companies that have an active presence in both the Netherlands and Singapore; and moderated by SSIA’s Strategic Programs Director, Julie Koh, was a highly engaging one. The companies shared insights on the semiconductor industry’s developments and their view on public and private partnerships and collaboration between our countries.

Her Excellency, Ms Liesje Schreinemacher, also emphasized the important role both Singapore and the Netherlands play in the global value chain: “The semiconductor sector is very much a global sector that requires global collaboration. Both Singapore and the Netherlands are key players. By working together our countries can expand our position in the sector.”

Ang Wee Seng, Executive Director of SSIA adds, “It has always been one of SSIA’s key endeavors to collaborate beyond Singapore to put the SMEs in a better position to be more competitive in the arena. Research and Development is also one of the pivotal areas that we would like to focus on to amplify the technological advancements that drive the industry. This event hopefully, will be the catalyst to galvanise efforts to kickstart a long-term future partnership between Singapore and Dutch semiconductor companies; adding to the vibrancy of the landscape.”

Photos can be found [here](#).

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### **About Singapore Semiconductor Industry Association**

Singapore Semiconductor Industry Association (SSIA) has more than 180 members today including companies and organisations throughout all parts of the complex and comprehensive value chain - IC design companies, Manufacturers, Fabless companies, Equipment suppliers, Photovoltaic companies, EDA and material suppliers, Training and service providers, IP companies, research institutes and Academia, as well as individual members. Since 2013, SME membership has grown exponentially and SMEs now account for close to half of SSIA's membership. For more information about SSIA, please visit: <https://ssia.org.sg/>

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### **About the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Singapore**

The team of the Netherlands embassy assist Dutch citizens and companies in Singapore as well as Singaporean companies who are interested in doing business with the Netherlands, as their gateway to Europe. The Netherlands has strong ties with Singapore, dating back to the 19th century. More than 1600 Dutch companies are active in Singapore, including many small and medium-sized companies. Besides trade focused activities, the Netherlands Innovation Network at the Netherlands Embassy in Singapore supports international cooperation between companies, research institutes and public authorities in the fields of innovation, technology and science, such as on next generation semiconductor.

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