

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **MR. ROY KHO, SINGAPORE CONSUL GENERAL CALLS ON GOVERNOR**

Mr. Roy Kho, Consul General of Republic of Singapore in Chennai called on Thiru Banwarilal Purohit, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu at Raj Bhavan, Chennai today (10.11.2017).

The Consul General said that India and Singapore have marked the 50 years of diplomatic relations. Singapore is the second largest foreign investor in India and both the countries share close and friendly relations for centuries together in a trade, culture, industry, education, commerce, science and technology. He said that recognizing the opportunities wide open in India, Singapore companies like Ascendas, PSA, Sembcorp etc have established their subsidiaries in India and are into Logistics in major Ports like Chennai and Tuticorin. He added that similarly there are more than 1,500 Indian companies in Singapore which include HCL, Polaris, Hexaware, Infosys, TCS, L & T and it is a pleasure to have close friendly relations with India particularly Tamil Nadu.

Thiru Banwarilal Purohit, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu said that Tamil Nadu is a destination for new ventures, a leader in IT, automobile and is an educational hub and known for its rich culture, art and tradition. The Governor said that Singapore is known for its cleanliness and Hon'ble Prime Minister Thiru Narendra Modi's mission is also to develop a Clean India under Swachh Bharat as dreamt by Gandhiji and Tamil Nadu is also active in implementing the vision and mission of Hon'ble Prime Minister. The Governor lauded Singapore for its transparency in Governance. The Counsel General added the population of Indians in Singapore is about 9% and out of them maximum are from Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

The Governor said that Tamil Nadu looks forward to many more investments and MOUs for promotion of Tourism, Educational Exchange Programmes and for sharing knowledge and technology. The Governor said that the visit of Hon'ble President of Singapore, Mr. Tony Tan Keng Yam to India and that of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Thiru Narendra Modi to Singapore in November 2015 has further strengthened the India-Singapore Bilateral Relations.

The Singapore Consul General, Mr. Roy Kho said that Singapore accounts for 3.4% of India's Foreign Trade and is keen on starting new ventures in Tami Nadu for improving trade and business and strengthening the friendly ties between Singapore and India. Mr. Roy Kho added that India is investment friendly country and especially Tamil Nadu is known for its industrial friendly policies, amazing architecture, rich culture and wonderful hospitality.

The Governor said that Tamil Nadu looks forward to establishment of more companies and industries under the 'Make in India' and for joint ventures in manufacturing sector and skill development and MOUs with Universities for faculty and student exchange programmes.

Thiru Ramesh Chand Meena IAS, Principal Secretary to Governor, Thiru K.V.Muralidharan, IAS, Deputy Secretary to Governor & Comptroller, Governor's Household and Thiru D.Mohan, IAS, Deputy Secretary to Governor (Universities) were present.

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Raj Bhavan, Chennai

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