

TRANSPORTATION

Singapore has a highly developed transportation network which continues to be expanded and improved. The country is connected by both rail and road with Malaysia and Thailand via the Johore causeway, and the island itself has a system of well-paved roads. The international airport is served by 44 international airlines including Singapore Airlines. The port of Singapore is the second busiest one in the world, with extensive facilities for passenger and cargo ships, including containerized cargo. Port management is efficient and facilities are continually being upgraded.

MARINE

Singapore has an excellent free port. The Port of Singapore Authority (PSA) operates 5 terminals providing about 2 million square meters of open and covered warehousing space both inside and outside the free-trade zones. The PSA also maintains its own police force and fire services. In 1992, Singapore was among the world's busiest ports, handling 81,000 ships, and some 238.4 million freight tons of sea cargo were handled throughout 1992. Regular shipping schedules are available between Singapore and Canada, but it can be costly to ship small orders. There continues to be substantial investment in port facilities, with the Brani container terminal inaugurated in late 1992, and there are ambitious plans for a "mega-port" at Pasir Panjang, with a container capacity three times that of all existing facilities combined.

AIR

Singapore is currently served by the ultra-modern Changi airport, with two runways which handles 44 major international carriers, and a new terminal is under construction now to increase the already excellent capabilities in Singapore. Total air cargo handled through Singapore in 1992 equalled 720,000 tons. Singapore International Airlines (the national airline) commenced direct flights to Vancouver in 1988, and Singapore is also served by Air Canada by four flights per week via the Trans-Atlantic route from Halifax, Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver to Singapore. Daily flights are also available with Air Canada and Canadian Airline International through a combination of other connecting carriers from Canada to Singapore.

ROADS

Singapore has an efficient system of well-paved roads. Singapore has 2,686 kilometres of roads, 77 kilometres of these are motorways and another 458 kilometres are main roads.

RAILWAYS

Singapore does not possess a large rail operation. However it does run 26 kilometres of 1-m gauge railway which links with the Malaysian rail system to the north. Singapore has completed construction of a mass transit system in two phases, the first phase came into effect in 1988, and the second became operational in 1990. Mass transit serves one million passengers per day, and extensions to the system are planned for the future.