Following his stay in Kuala Lumpur, the SSEA will pay an official visit to Singapore, from June 29 to July 1, where he will hold discussions with the Singapore Government and attend Canada Day celebrations.

For many years, Singapore and Canada have enjoyed close ties founded upon a shared membership in the Commonwealth and many similar perceptions of international issues. Dr. MacGuigan's visit will reinforce this relationship and highlight the fact that Singapore is Canada's most important trading partner in South East Asia.

Dr. MacGuigan will then visit Hong Kong from July 1 - 3. During his stay, he will meet with Hong Kong officials including the Governor of Hong Kong, Sir Murray MacLehose. He will also make a major address to the local and Canadian business community on Canada's growing links with the Pacific region.