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## SINGAPORE SIGNS OPEN SKIES AGREEMENT WITH MICRONESIA



The Honourable Mr Francis Itimai, Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure of the Federated States of Micronesia and Mr Lui Tuck Yew, Minister for Transport, signed the open skies agreement.

Singapore concluded an Open Skies Agreement (OSA) with the Federated States of Micronesia on 28 April 2014. Signed in Singapore by Minister for Transport Mr Lui Tuck Yew and Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Honourable Mr Francis Itimai, this agreement will enable airlines from both countries to fly between Singapore and any points in the Federated States of Micronesia, via and beyond to any third country, without restrictions in capacity, frequency or aircraft type.

Welcoming the move, Mr Lui said, "The signing of this OSA reflects the warm bilateral ties between Singapore and the Federated States of Micronesia, and underscores both countries' commitment to establish a fully liberal air services framework that will allow our carriers to react quickly to market demand when opportunities arise."

With this OSA, Singapore has now established more than 120 Air Services Agreements, of which more than 50 are Open Skies Agreements. Singapore's active pursuit of such partnerships showcases its commitment towards providing free-flowing air services based on mutual cooperation on an international scale.