

Engaging the Middle East.

Chairman,

The Middle East continues to be a key region of importance for Singapore and the world.

Over the years, we have cultivated strong ties with many Gulf countries and have had frequent high-level exchanges.

In August 2023, Singapore hosted the 8th Qatar-Singapore High-Level Joint Committee, which Qatar Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed Bin Abdulrahman Al Thani and Senior Minister Teo Chee Hean co-chaired.

In October 2023, our Prime Minister visited Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

In December 2023, Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik made the first-ever State Visit by an Oman Sultan to our Republic.

How does Singapore plan to build on these high-level engagements to strengthen its relations and cooperation with the Gulf further?

What are some emerging areas of collaboration with the Gulf countries that have embraced economic transformation and diversification?

Thank you.