

MEDIA RELEASE

AAIS Strengthens International Space Partnerships at Inaugural Space Summit; Showcases 11 Singapore Companies at Singapore Pavilion

- **Three MOUs signed with space industry associations in Australia, India and Japan to expand international collaboration, exchanges and commercial opportunities**
- **11 Singapore space enterprises showcased at the Singapore Pavilion, graced by Guest of Honour Minister Tan See Leng and Minister of State Gan Siow Huang**
- **AAIS welcomes the establishment of Singapore's National Space Agency (NSAS) to accelerate sector growth and strengthen national space capabilities**

MOU signings

The Association of Aerospace Industries (Singapore) (AAIS) today announced three new partnerships with leading space industry associations from Australia, India and Japan, marking a significant step in strengthening Singapore's links with key space ecosystems across the Asia-Pacific.

The Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), signed in conjunction with the inaugural Space Summit, aim to broaden opportunities for Singapore space companies by facilitating knowledge exchange, business connections, market access, and collaboration in areas such as space supply chains, talent, research and technology development, and innovation.

Two agreements were signed onsite during the Summit with the Space Industry Association of Australia (SIAA) and the SPACETIDE Foundation (Japan), while the partnership with the Satcom Industry Association–India (SIA–India) was completed virtually earlier.

Together, the partnerships reflect AAIS' commitment to connecting the Singapore Space Community with complementary ecosystems and enabling members to participate more actively in the fast-expanding international space economy. (Refer to the FACTSHEET for more information)

"As global space applications continue to expand, collaboration across borders is *sine qua non*. These MOUs connect Singapore's space ecosystem with key partners in Australia, India, and Japan, and create practical pathways for our members to collaborate, exchange knowledge, and participate effectively in the growing global space industry," said Mr Chew Hwee Yong, Chief Executive, AAIS.

Singapore Pavilion at Inaugural Space Summit

AAIS were pleased to welcome visitors to the Singapore Pavilion, featuring 11 Singapore-based space companies spanning satellite technologies, mission services, advanced components, connectivity solutions, and downstream applications. The Pavilion highlights the growing depth and diversity of Singapore's space ecosystem and the increasing capabilities of local enterprises serving global space programmes and international markets.

The Pavilion was visited by Guest of Honour Minister Tan See Leng and Minister of State Gan Siow Huang. All participating companies had the opportunity to engage directly with the Ministers to discuss their technologies, growth plans and international ambitions, and share how their innovations support global space missions and commercial applications. CEO of JTC Ms Jacqueline

Poh and Assistant Managing Director (Manufacturing) at Enterprise Singapore Mr Wong Zeng Yi also toured the Pavilion.

Welcoming the establishment of Singapore's National Space Agency

AAIS welcomes Minister Tan's announcement on the establishment of the National Space Agency of Singapore (NSAS) from 1 April, a significant milestone that will strengthen national coordination and accelerate the development of Singapore's space sector.

The formation of NSAS is expected to strengthen national coordination and enhance capabilities across research and development, enterprise growth, and ecosystem building, positioning Singapore more strongly within the global space economy. NSAS will also develop and operate Singapore's national space capabilities, and put in place the legislative and regulatory frameworks to support a safe, sustainable and competitive space sector.

"As the national association representing Singapore's aviation and aerospace industries, including space, AAIS looks forward to working alongside NSAS to support the continued growth and future development of Singapore's space ecosystem," added Mr Chew. "We will continue to extend our networks while working closely with counterpart organisations across the Americas, Asia-Pacific and Europe to create value, accelerate partnerships and open new opportunities for local companies."

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About AAIS

The Association of Aerospace Industries (Singapore) (AAIS) is a not-for-profit organisation established in 2003 to advance Singapore as a leading aerospace hub. AAIS serves as the voice of industry, facilitates business, and engenders the development of the industry community. It represents corporate members across aviation, aerospace manufacturing and MRO, unmanned aircraft systems and an expanding space ecosystem.

To bolster support for Singapore's space industry, AAIS established the Singapore Space Community, which counts some 50 organisations from key players to start-ups, spanning hardware, downstream applications, research, engineering and talent development. AAIS also published the Singapore Space Industry Directory, the first comprehensive print directory mapping Singapore's space capabilities. At Space Summit 2026, AAIS is proud to be the partner association of Experia Events and organising the Singapore Pavilion supported by Enterprise Singapore, showcasing innovative and impactful Singapore space enterprises to the global community.

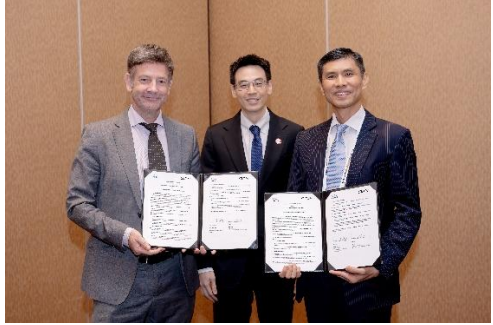
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	Signing Ceremony between AAIS and SIAA. From left: SIAA CEO Mr Dan Lloyd, OSTIn Executive Director Mr Jonathan Hung (witness), and AAIS Chief Executive Mr Chew Hwee Yong.
	Signing Ceremony between AAIS and SPACETIDE. From left: SPACETIDE President & Founder Mr Masayasu Ishida, OSTIn Executive Director Mr Jonathan Hung (witness), and AAIS Chief Executive Mr Chew Hwee Yong.
	Virtual Signing between AAIS and SIA-India. From left: AAIS Chief Executive Mr Chew Hwee Yong and SIA-India President Dr Subba Rao Pavuluri.
	CEO of JTC Ms Jacqueline Poh (2nd from right) and Assistant Managing Director (Manufacturing) at Enterprise Singapore Mr Wong Zeng Yi (third from right) touring the Singapore Pavilion.
	The Singapore Pavilion, featuring 11 Singapore-based space companies making waves in the global space industry.

FACTSHEET – AAIS MOU Signings at the Space Summit

On the occasion of the inaugural Space Summit, AAIS marked two signings and an additional partnership that was completed virtually.

Scope of Collaboration

Under the MOUs, AAIS and its partners will explore opportunities to:

- Facilitate knowledge sharing on market developments and key topics safety, sustainability, and dual use of space; supply chain; and talent development.
- Enable networking and business engagement among members and visiting delegations.
- Support mutual promotion of industry capabilities and content.
- Extend cross-invitations to relevant events, conferences, and industry platforms organised by the respective parties.

Partner Highlights

Space Industry Association of Australia (SIAA)

Signatory: Mr Dan Lloyd, CEO

Australia's space sector is gaining strategic relevance, supported by strong research foundations, world-leading space infrastructure, and a wide range of innovative start-ups and "scale ups" across the full breadth of the space ecosystem. The country offers unique advantages for space operations, including a breadth of southern hemisphere and equatorial launch, return and ground segment capabilities.

There are many areas of growing collaboration across the Singaporean and Australian space ecosystems. Singapore-based Equatorial Space Systems, for example, has established a site in Darwin's Hidden Valley for the assembly and hot-firing of its hybrid propulsion rocket systems.

SIAA is the national peak body representing Australia's space industry. It was host of the International Astronautical Congress (IAC) 2025, one of the most well-attended editions to date, with ~75% of attendees drawn from the Indo-Pacific region and nearly 100 from Singapore alone, underscoring Australia's rising profile and leadership in advancing Indo-Pacific space engagements.

SPACETIDE Foundation (SPACETIDE), Japan

Signatory: Mr Masayasu Ishida, President & Founder

Japan's space industry has developed to become a strategically vital sector, contributing to national security, industrial competitiveness, and economic growth through an expanding public-private partnership model. The Space Strategy Fund, launched in 2024, represents a key policy initiative, supporting a sustainable cycle from technology development and early demand creation to commercial expansion.

Amid this growing commercial momentum, Singapore-based startups have expanded into Japan, partnering with Japanese companies to develop innovative solutions in areas such as disaster response, laser communications, and IoT.

SPACETIDE serves as a neutral industry hub, connecting Japan's space ecosystem with global scene and convening industry, government, and other stakeholders to advance cooperation, talent

development, and new business creation, including through the annual SPACETIDE Conference focused on commercial space.

[Virtual Signing]

Satcom Industry Association – India (SIA-India)

Signatory: Dr Subba Rao Pavuluri, President

India's space sector has evolved from a primarily government-led programme into a commercially oriented and globally engaged ecosystem. A growing base of start-ups, integrators, and suppliers has emerged, underpinned by India's strengths in aerospace and defence manufacturing, which provide scale, engineering depth, and cost competitiveness.

More than 20 Singapore-made satellites have been launched on Indian rockets, and universities such as Nanyang Technological University have sent payloads into space through Indian launch services. Singapore-based Zero-Error Systems and India's Dhruva Space are collaborating on advanced satellite subsystems.

SIA-India fosters the Indian space ecosystem development, advocates for the global south in policy reforms, engages in regulatory and international developments. It hosts the annual Indian Space Congress and DefSat conferences.

National Alignment

The partnerships also align with wider bilateral frameworks that promote space exchanges and collaboration.

- Singapore and India recently strengthened cooperation through a broad space agreement signed between its Prime Ministers in September 2025, covering joint work on policy, industry promotion, and research and development.
- As part of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership 2.0, the Prime Ministers of Australia and Singapore announced in October 2025 the intent to deepen cooperation and expand collaboration between Singapore and Australian space sectors.
- Singapore and Japan have also strengthened their bilateral technology partnership with the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation on Quantum Science, Technology and Innovation in January 2026, marking Singapore's first quantum-specific government-to-government agreement.

Quotes from MOU Partners

Mr Dan Lloyd CEO Space Industry Association of Australia (SIAA)	<i>The Space Industry Association of Australia (SIAA) is delighted to be deepening its important partnership with Singapore's space industry through the conclusion of this MOU with AAIS. This MOU reflects the rapidly increasing cooperation between nations as reflected in the Australia-Singapore Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. SIAA hosted the highly successful IAC 2025 in Sydney Australia and was determined to ensure that IAC 2025 showcased not only Australia's increasing space capability, but the enormous capability and potential of the entire Indo-Pacific region. Singapore has long been one of the most important and innovative business and technology hubs, and there is no limit to the potential of collaboration to ensure enhanced prosperity, resilience national security and defence for both nations and the broader region.</i>
Dr Subba Rao Pavuluri President Satcom Industry Association – India (SIA-India)	<i>India and Singapore already share a strong track record of collaboration in satellite launches, space-enabled services, and emerging space technologies. This MoU between SIA-India and AAIS marks a decisive shift from project-level cooperation to sustained industry-to-industry engagement—enabling joint innovation, supply-chain integration, and co-development across space and aerospace domains.</i>
Mr Masayasu Ishida President & CEO SPACETIDE Foundation	<i>We are delighted to play our part in the regional cooperation of APAC countries' space industries and look forward to a long a fruitful relationship with AAIS and the Singapore space sector, together with our friends from SIAA and SIA-India. SPACETIDE has had a long-standing relationship with OSTIn and Singaporean companies, and we fully intend to take it to the next level with this MOU, leveraging the strengths and innovation of both countries to 'unlock space for all Humanity'.</i>