

PRESS RELEASE

SINGAPORE CONCLUDES OPEN SKIES AGREEMENTS WITH BURUNDI AND THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

Singapore has concluded two Open Skies Agreements (OSAs) with the Solomon Islands and Burundi on the sidelines of the Singapore Airshow 2016. Under each Agreement, the airlines of Singapore and the respective countries will be able to fly any number of services between both countries with no restrictions on capacity or aircraft type, as well as beyond to any third country. In addition, cargo carriers will be able to base aircraft in each other's countries and use it as a hub for operations to third countries.

2. The OSA between Singapore and the Solomon Islands was signed by Mr Khaw Boon Wan, Singapore's Coordinating Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Transport, and Mr Ped Peter Shanel Agovaka, the Solomon Island's Minister for Communications and Aviation. The OSA between Singapore and Burundi was signed by Mr Kevin Shum, Director-General of the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, and Mr Emmanuel Habimana, Director-General of the Burundi Civil Aviation Authority.

3. Mr Khaw said, "The conclusion of these OSAs reflects the warm bilateral ties between Singapore and the two countries respectively. With such a fully liberal air services framework, it allows carriers maximum flexibility to respond to market opportunities."

4. Singapore has concluded Air Services Agreements with more than 130 States and Territories, of which over 60 are Open Skies Agreements.

**MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
SINGAPORE
16 February 2016**