

Surbana Jurong, CAI clinch projects in India's Pune Metropolitan Region

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TEMASEK-OWNED Surbana Jurong said it will be providing the master-plan for the fast-growing Pune Metropolitan Region in the state of Maharashtra in western India.

Separately, Changi Airports International (CAI) will be providing advisory services for the proposed new Pune Airport.

The awarding of these projects took place following the inaugural Maharashtra-Singapore Joint Committee meeting held on Wednesday, where Singapore and India agreed to jointly work on the masterplan and airport for Pune, which is Maharashtra's IT and manufacturing hub.

During the meeting, Maharashtra's Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Singapore's Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations S Iswaran signed a framework agreement to facilitate Singapore investments into Maharashtra.

Both sides also agreed to look at collaboration opportunities in Maharashtra's aviation, urban infrastructure and port and logistics sectors. The ministers also witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Enterprise Singapore and Pune Metropolitan Regional Development Authority (PMRDA) to collaborate on the planning and development of the Pune Metropolitan Region.

Singapore's Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) said that Enterprise Singapore will work with PMRDA to identify key developments in the region and facilitate the participation of Singapore companies in urban infrastructure, transport and logistics, and manufacturing. Enterprise Singapore will also conduct activities for knowledge exchange in urban planning and development with PMRDA.

In an announcement on Wednesday, Surbana Jurong said its scope of work will include a review of the existing regional plans and to provide recommendations in the form of an integrated master plan for future developments for the region.

"The planning process will be a joint effort with PMRDA and other related authorities," it added. "The master plan will guide the physical development through planning for land use, infrastructure and transportation, as well as provide a sustainability framework and identify strategic projects. The plans are expected to be delivered in 10 months' time."

This master-planning project was awarded by PMRDA, while the letter of award on advisory services for the proposed new Pune Airport was issued by Maharashtra Airport Development Corporation (MADC) to CAI.

Located close to India's financial hub of Mumbai, Pune is a growing metropolis and industrial hub with rich natural resources and heritage. The PMRDA, the planning and development authority for the region, aims to turn the city into a world-class economic hub through sustainable growth.

Surbana Jurong said its master plan will take into account the long-term needs of the region and provide a blueprint for its development decades into the future. "The plans will help transform PMRDA's vision of a sustainable city of economic opportunities and high living standards into reality," it added.

Surbana Jurong's key projects in India include providing the master-plans for the capital city of Amaravati, Mumbai Metropolitan Region and Hyderabad Pharma City, and providing design and engineering consultancy for KIMS Hospital Thonnakkal, KIMS Hospital Trivandrum East and the Kolkata East-West Metro Line.