

## **Singapore to ensure no single issue dominates ties with Malaysia – report**

**BERNAMA**

**12/08/2018**

SINGAPORE, Aug 12 (Bernama) -- Despite a recent spate of back-and-forth over the water agreement and a "game-changing" rail project, Singapore and Malaysia share more common interests than differences, and the Republic will work to ensure no single issue will dominate bilateral ties, TODAYOnline reported late Saturday.

"Our relationship is not dependent on one single project. We will work with every Malaysian government of the day... on the basis of mutual benefit and mutual respect," Singapore Trade and Industry Minister Chan Chun Sing was quoted as saying.

Chan, who is also a Member of Parliament for Tanjong Pagar Group Representation Constituency, was reportedly as saying this to his constituents at the Tanjong Pagar-Tiong Bahru National Day dinner.

"We see... opportunities for us to work together for mutual benefit. So, it's on this basis that we will continue to make sure that no one single issue will dominate bilateral ties between the two countries... We hope and we look forward to working closely with our new Malaysian counterparts to take the relationship forward."

In his wide-ranging speech, Chan addressed global uncertainties over the US-China trade war, as well as those closer to home, such as questions over Singapore's relationship with the new Malaysian government helmed by Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The report said Chan noted that Singapore, since independence in 1965, has built up its water capacity and diversified its water sources.

-- BERNAMA

© 2018 BERNAMA. All Rights Reserved. Disclaimer | Privacy Policy| Security Policy

Source: <http://www.bernama.com/en/news.php?id=1631515>