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MUFG Commemorates Singapore-Japan 60th Anniversary and 70 years of Growing with Singapore

Singapore, 29 September 2026 – Japan’s largest banking group, MUFG Bank, Ltd. (MUFG), commemorated 60 years of diplomatic relations between Singapore and Japan (SJ60) and its 70 years of presence in Singapore at a gala event with more than 300 dignitaries and guests on 28 September 2026.

The event was graced by Gan Kim Yong, Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore, Minister for Trade and Industry (Trade), and Chairman of the Monetary Authority of Singapore and His Excellency Hiroshi Ishikawa, Ambassador of Japan to Singapore, alongside senior leaders from government, business and finance, as well as MUFG senior executives from Japan and across the Asia Pacific (APAC).

Held at Capella Singapore, the evening reception brought together MUFG’s global, regional and Japanese corporate clients to celebrate one of Asia’s most enduring and successful bilateral partnerships.

Junichi Hanzawa, MUFG President and Group CEO, said in his toast remarks: “For MUFG, Asia is our second home market after Japan and an important growth region. Singapore plays a central role in our Asia strategy serving as our regional headquarters.

“MUFG is proud to grow alongside Singapore for seven decades, contributing to the enduring ties between Singapore and Japan, while creating value together with our customers, partners, and communities in Asia,” he added.

President and CEO of MUFG Bank Masakazu Osawa, who previously served as the bank’s APAC chief executive based in Singapore, expressed gratitude for the deep trust and support that clients, partners, colleagues and other stakeholders have continued to provide MUFG: “What we have built is a unique platform, a client franchise that began with Japanese corporates and now extends across Singaporean and global companies, together with a broad network of partner banks, our strategic alliance with Morgan Stanley, and partnerships with leading digital businesses.

“Looking ahead to the next 60 to 70 years, we intend to make full use of these strengths. We will not only pursue solutions through even closer collaboration with our partners, but also connect clients with one another, creating new business opportunities, and continue to strengthen the flow of capital supporting Asia’s future,” he added.

MUFG opened its Singapore Branch in 1957, when the nation was laying the foundations of its modern economy. In 2013, MUFG established its regional headquarters here, reflecting its confidence in Singapore’s position as a financial hub and gateway to Asia.

MUFG’s strategic investments in APAC have exceeded USD20 billion, resulting in a powerful regional network comprising financial institutions in ASEAN and digital start-ups and expanding its physical footprint. Today, over 1,400 employees in Singapore provide regional support for clients and business activities across 18 markets in APAC.

In his closing remarks, Yukinobu Saeki, MUFG Bank’s current Chief Executive for APAC said: “Time and again, Singapore has shown the world what ambition, resilience, and reinvention can achieve.

“As Asia Pacific continues to play a vital role in MUFG’s long-term growth and development, Singapore will remain at the heart of our Asia growth strategy,” he added.

Please refer to DPM Gan’s keynote address [here](#) and Ambassador Ishikawa’s speech [here](#).

Please also refer to the photos and captions below.

Photo 1:



(From left to right) Masakazu Osawa, President & CEO, MUFG Bank; Leong Sing Chiong, Deputy Managing Director, Monetary Authority of Singapore; Hironori Kamezawa, Chairman, MUFG; Gan Kim Yong, Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore, Minister for Trade and Industry (Trade) and Chairman of the Monetary Authority of Singapore; Junichi Hanzawa, President & Group CEO, MUFG and Tomoaki Tagami, Country Head of Singapore, MUFG Bank, at MUFG's gala reception commemorating the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Singapore and Japan and the bank's 70 years of presence in Singapore.

Photo 2:



(Left) Hironori Kamezawa, Chairman of MUFG Group, during MUFG's SJ60 and Singapore 70th anniversary reception at Capella Singapore with Gan Kim Yong, Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore, Minister for Trade and Industry (Trade) and Chairman of the Monetary Authority of Singapore.

Photo 3:



Senior government leaders and MUFG executives gather onstage for a commemorative group photograph at MUFG's gala reception marking the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Singapore and Japan and the bank's 70 years of presence in Singapore. The reception brought together more than 300 guests to celebrate one of Asia's most enduring and successful bilateral partnerships.

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About MUFG

Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. (MUFG) is one of the world's leading financial groups. Headquartered in Tokyo and with over 360 years of history, MUFG has a global network with approximately 2,300 locations in more than 50 markets. The Group has about 160,000 employees and offers services including commercial banking, trust banking, securities, credit cards, consumer finance, asset management, and leasing.

The Group aims to "be the world's most trusted financial group" through close collaboration among our operating companies and flexibly respond to all the financial needs of our customers, serving society, and fostering shared and sustainable growth for a better world. MUFG's shares trade on the Tokyo, Nagoya, and New York stock exchanges.

MUFG Bank, Ltd. is Japan's premier bank, with a global network spanning more than 40 markets. Outside of Japan, the bank offers an extensive scope of commercial and investment banking products and services to businesses, governments and individuals worldwide.

In Asia Pacific, MUFG has a presence across 18 markets – Australia, Bangladesh, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.

It has also formed strategic partnerships with some of the most prominent banks in South-east Asia, further augmenting its unrivalled network across the region – VietinBank in Vietnam, Krungsri in Thailand, Security Bank in the Philippines and Bank Danamon in Indonesia.

For more information about our Asia Pacific network, see <https://www.bk.mufg.jp/global/globalnetwork/asiapacific/index.html>

About MUFG Singapore

MUFG's presence in Singapore dates to 1957, making it one of the bank's longest-standing operations outside Japan. Over nearly seven decades, MUFG has supported Singapore's development as an international business and financial centre while facilitating trade, investment and capital flows between Singapore, Japan and the wider region. Services offered in Singapore include lending, transaction banking, trade finance, foreign exchange, treasury, project finance and advisory solutions.

Singapore serves as MUFG's Asia Pacific headquarters and a strategic hub for the group's regional operations, supporting clients across Asia Pacific through one of the region's most extensive banking networks.

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