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It could boost external trade and employment, which, in turn, will contribute to the 2022 gross domestic product growth projections of between 5.5 and 6.5 per cent, said Senior International Trade and Industry (Miti) Minister Datuk Seri Azmin Ali in a statement yesterday.

"Miti plays a pivotal role in facilitating the movement of the workforce and citizens between Malaysia and Singapore that was disrupted by the global pandemic."

Realising the need to accelerate the reopening of the borders, a Joint Steering Committee co-chaired by Miti with the Singaporean counterpart was established to work towards resuming land border travel in a gradual, safe, systematic and sustainable manner.

The Vaccinated Travel Lane-Land between Malaysia and Singapore, launched on Nov 29 last year, has facilitated quarantine-free, seamless cross-border movement of nearly 125,000 travellers by integrating health protocol, security and Immigration clearance, which resulted in the gradual resumption of bilateral and economic relations between Malaysia and Singapore so vital in advancing the economic recovery efforts. **Bernama**

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