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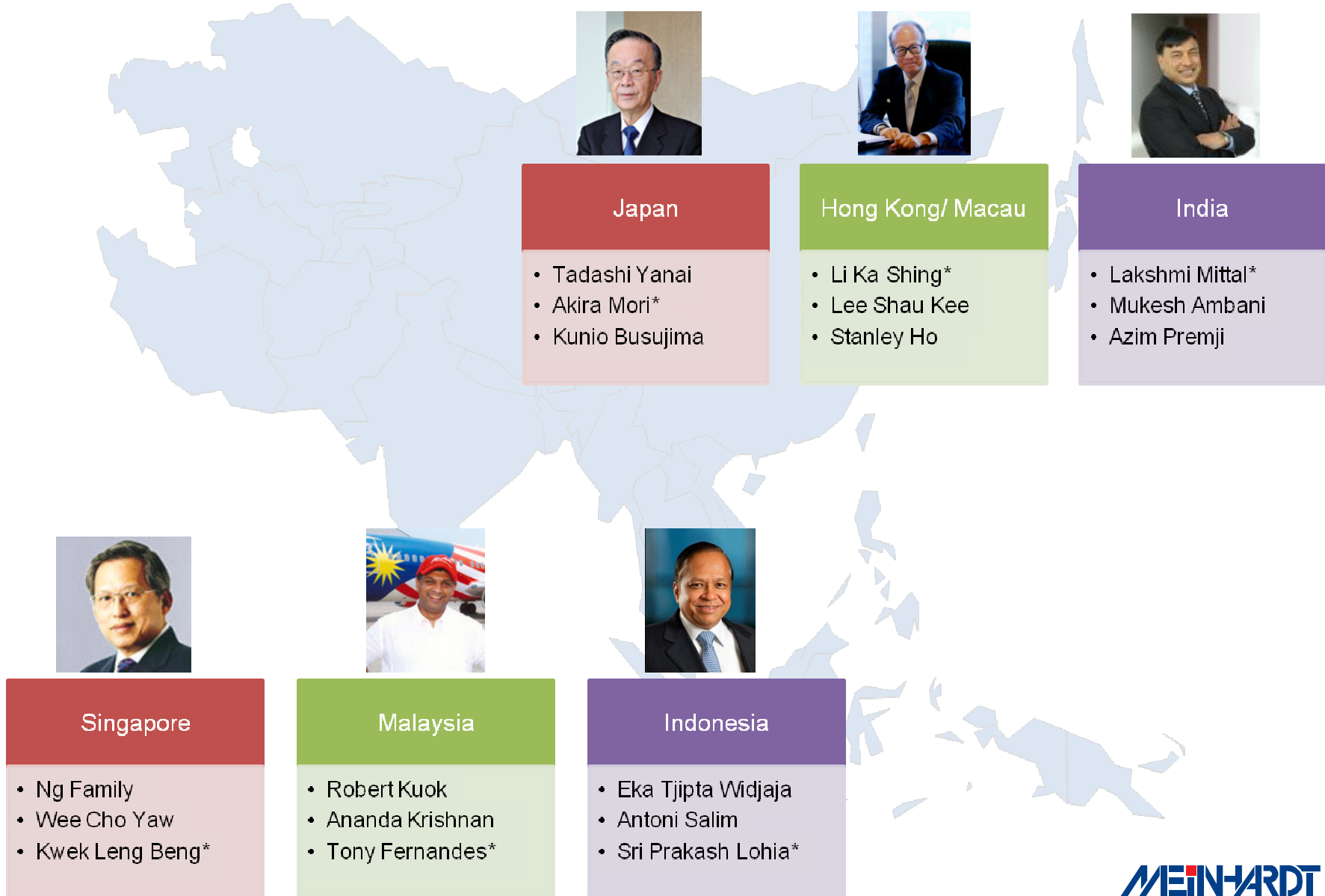
“the **innovation** and
technological change
of a nation comes from its
entrepreneurs”



Entrepreneurship: a definition



Asian Entrepreneurs



Forbes Billionaires List 2011

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Lakshmi Mittal
ArcelorMittal

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Mukesh Ambani
Reliance Industries

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Azim Premji
Wipro

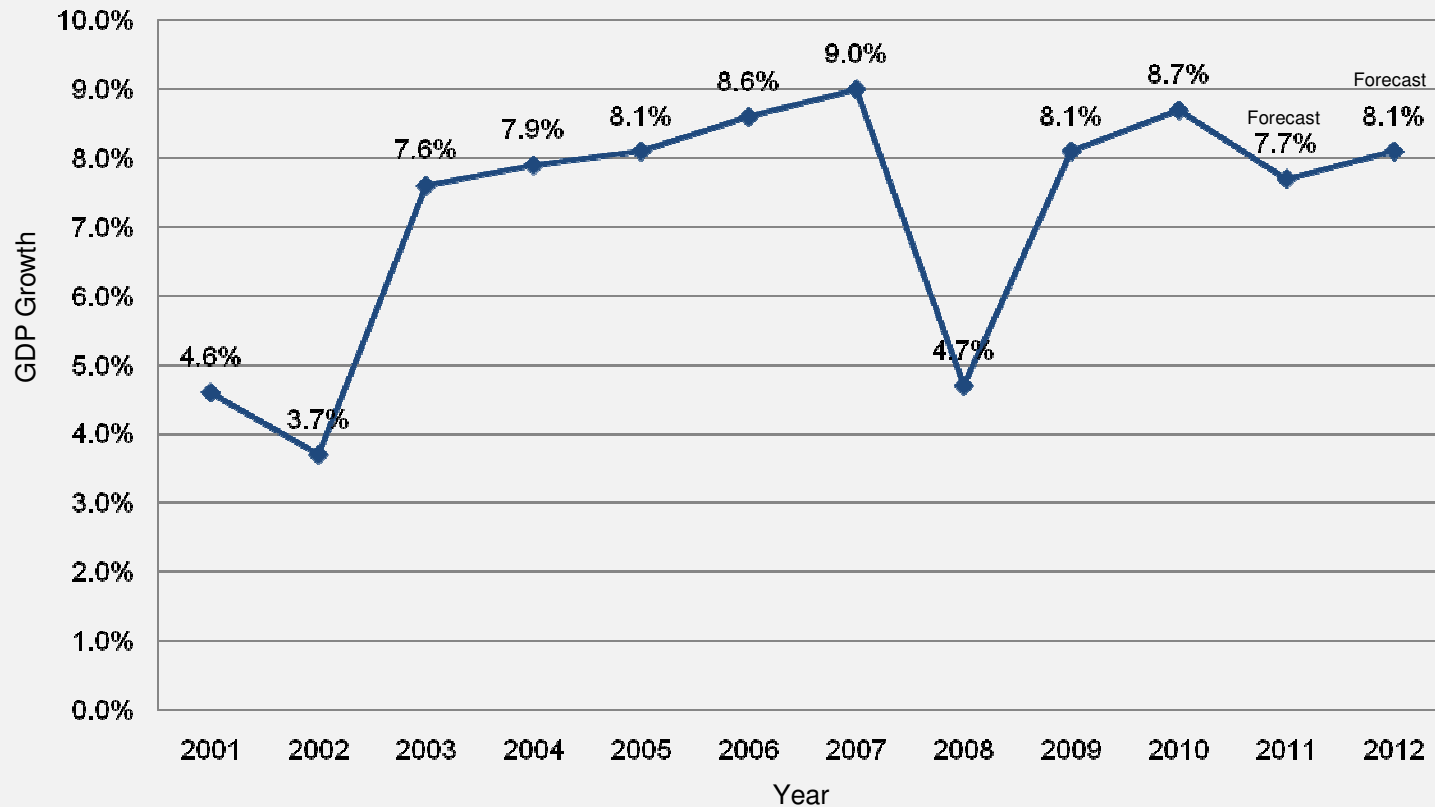
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Booming South Asia

South Asia's GDP Growth*

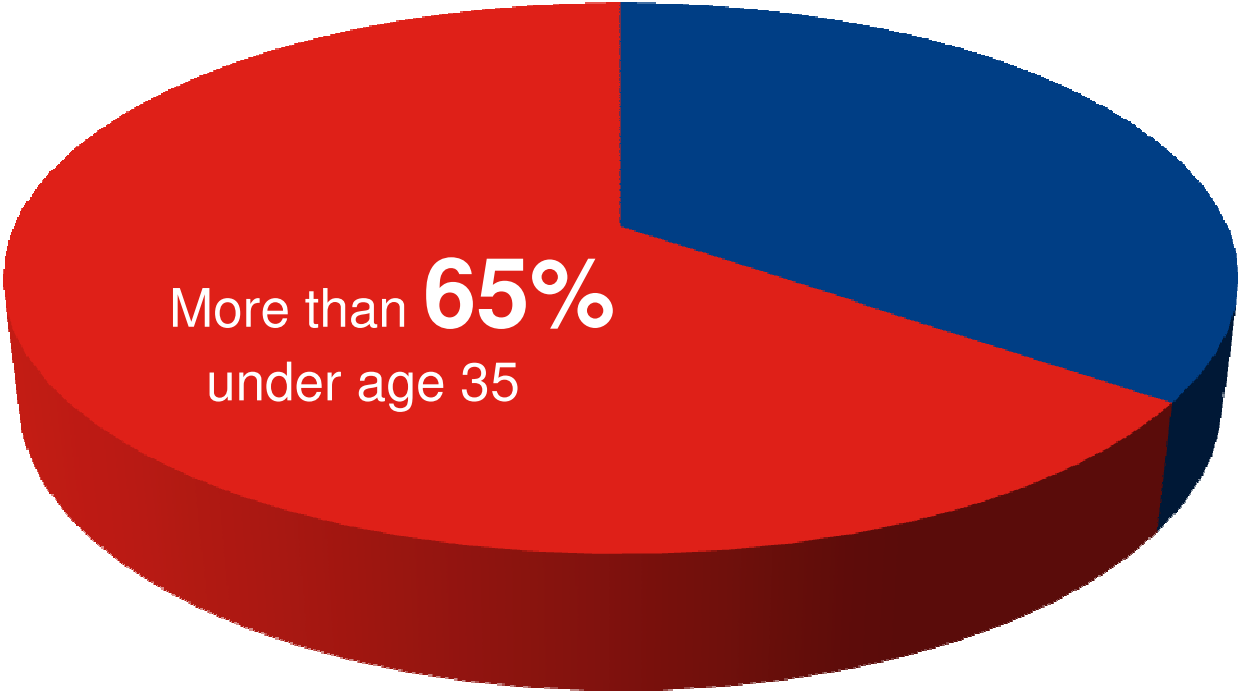


- **Per capita GDP:** US\$1,593.80 in 2011; \$1,754.40 in 2012.
- **India:** the largest economy in South Asia, making up 82% of the regional economy, followed by Pakistan and Bangladesh. India's economy grew 8.6% in 2010; forecast to expand 8.2% in 2011 before strengthening 8.8% in 2012.

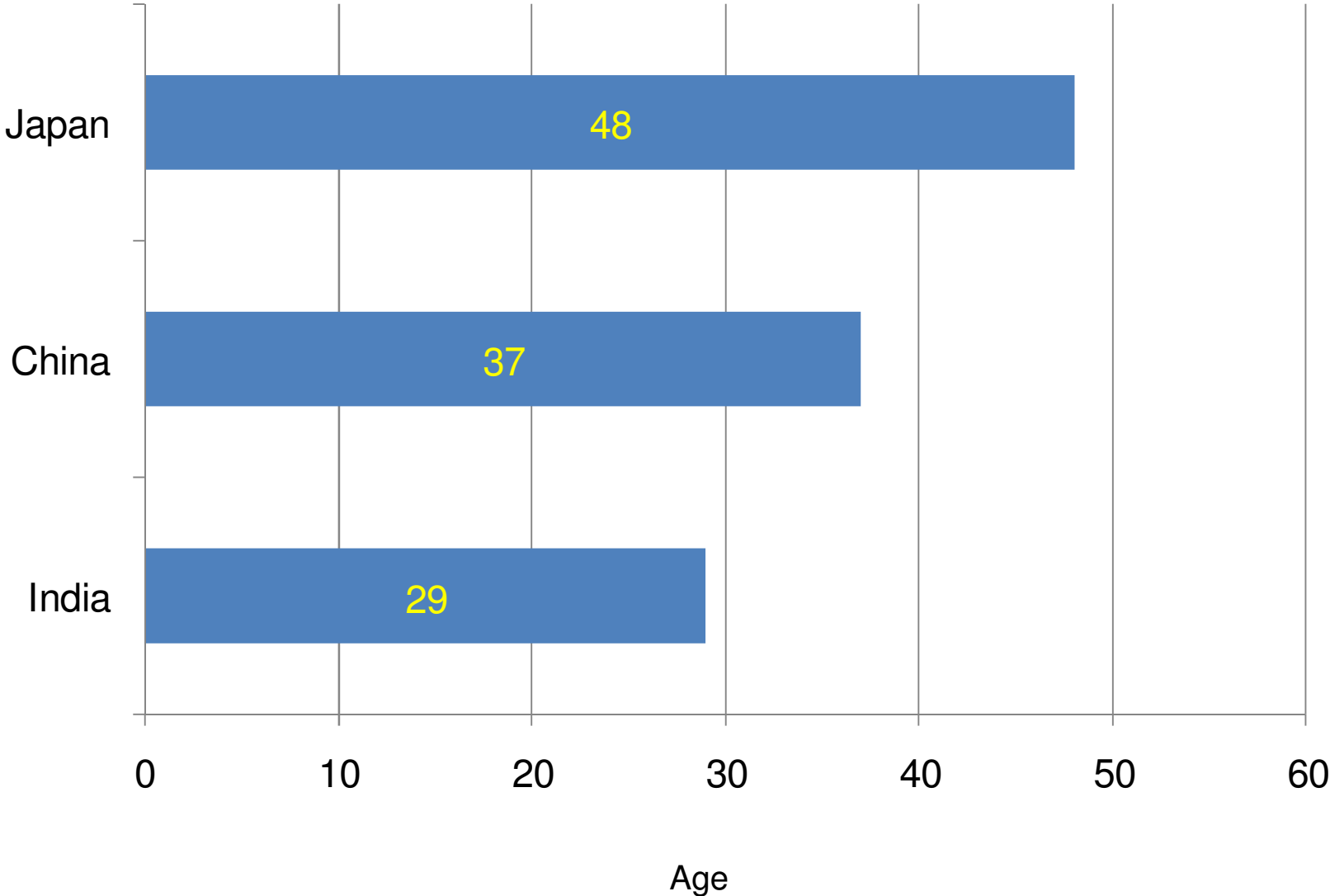
*Source from World Bank

India's Demographics

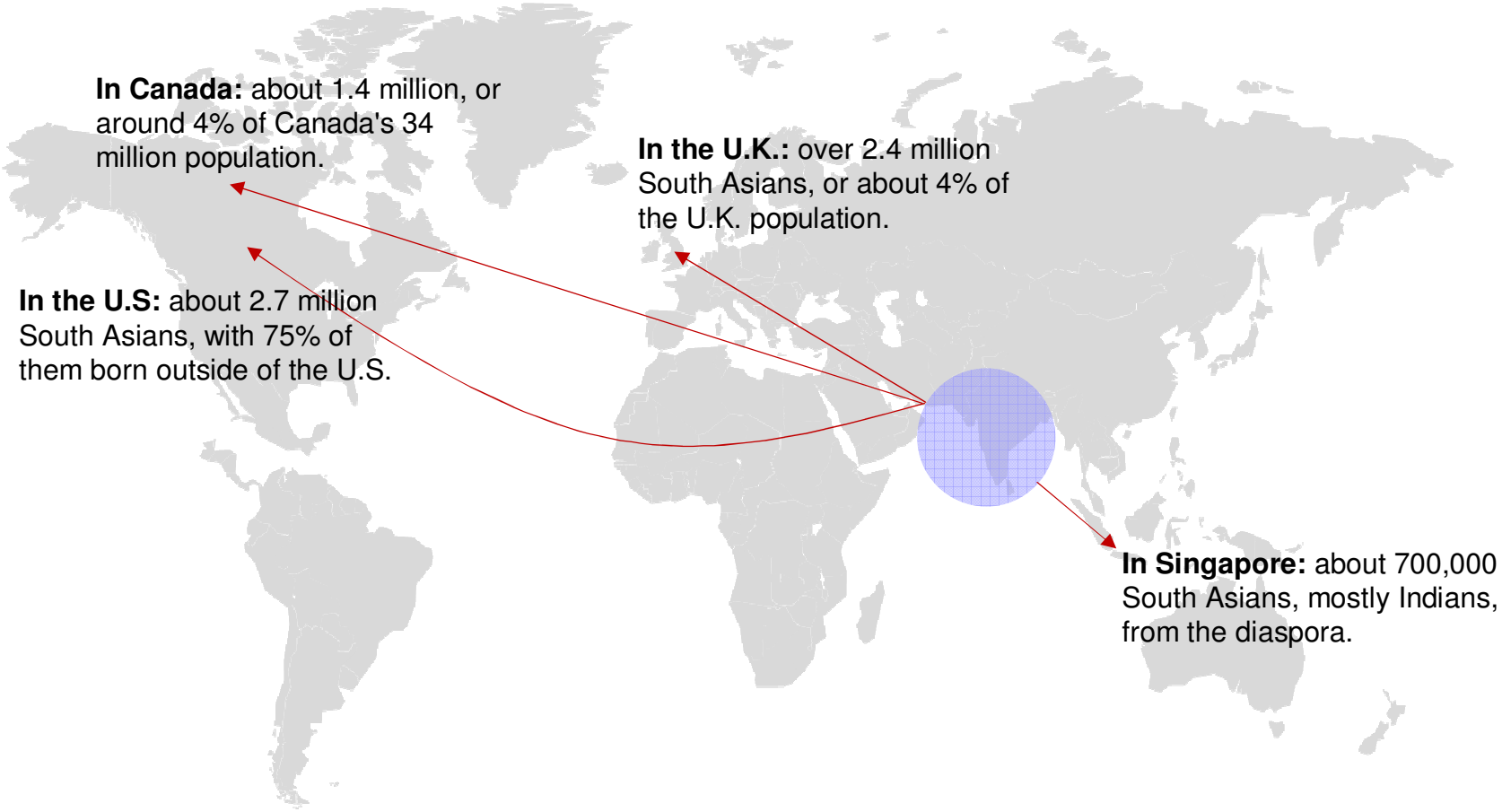
A youthful population



Average Age in Asia in 2020



Snapshot of where the diaspora has landed ...



South Asia (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) Total population: 1.6 billion

Singapore: factors making it an Entrepreneurship Enabler



Ways Singapore fosters Entrepreneurship



Springboard To The Region

Singapore Inc has a fantastic name both regionally and internationally

Being based in Singapore gives instant branding

FTAs and treaties to avoid double taxation with many countries

Convenient base to plug into the region

Excellent infrastructure and connectivity to the world.

Talented, hardworking and disciplined work force

Despite 4 official languages, everything happens in English

Truly multi-cultural and multi-religious society which works on merit

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**5,000 Indian companies in Singapore
(Up from 4,000 last year)**

Some 400,000 South Asians in Singapore

**120 India-based companies incorporating
every month**



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