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TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SINGAPORE CITIZENS

In order to prevent travel difficulties, an agreement has been reached between the Singapore and Malaysian Governments that Singapore citizens at present holding Malaysian Passports can continue to hold and use them until they expire or are replaced by Singapore Passports.

Provisional Singapore Passports are already being prepared and will shortly be available for issue to citizens requiring travel documents to proceed overseas. In the interim, those citizens requiring to travel urgently will be issued with temporary documents to enable them to travel.

In the absence of Singapore consular representation overseas at the present time, the Malaysian Government has agreed to undertake Passport and Visa work on behalf of the Singapore Government in those countries where the Malaysian Government maintains diplomatic missions.

The U.K. Government has also been approached to provide similar assistance in those countries where there are no Malaysian diplomatic missions and where British diplomatic missions are established.

Students and others of Singapore citizenship now abroad are asked to refer to Malaysian or U.K. missions if they have problems relating to travel facilities.

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