



# Alibaba buys stake in Singapore Post for USD249m

SINGAPORE: Chinese ecommerce company Alibaba will buy a 10.35% stake in Singapore Post, the national postal system, for Sg\$312.50m (US\$249m) as part of a strategic co-operation deal.



Singapore Post's Lim Ho Kee says that they will be able to benefit from Alibaba's e-commerce experience. Image: [Keppel Corporation](#)

The two companies also signed a memorandum of understanding to discuss a joint venture in the global logistics business, particularly in Southeast Asia, the statement said.

The investment deal was announced three weeks after Alibaba filed for a potentially massive initial public offering in the United States.

Lim Ho Kee, Chairman of Singapore Post, said the company will benefit from Alibaba's expertise in e-commerce, technology and business volumes.

Alibaba combines aspects of eBay, Amazon, PayPal and other Western technology. Analysts say an investor frenzy could drive Alibaba's value as high as US\$200bn when it goes public later this year.

Daniel Zhang, Chief Operating Officer of the Alibaba Group, said the Chinese firm hopes to leverage Singapore Post's strong delivery networks and end-to-end e-commerce logistics.

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