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SINGAPORE: As India continues to grow with a bigger economy and active foreign policy, its relations with Singapore will remain positive, and hugely important, said Emeritus Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong on Thursday (Jun 18).

"Going forward, I see a lot of prospects for both countries," said Mr Goh, speaking on the sidelines of a book release on diplomatic relations between Singapore and India.

"India has an activist Prime Minister. Prime Minister (Narendra) Modi has been travelling everywhere and is very keen on promoting relations, India in other countries, and of course India and Singapore would be special from our point of view.

"So we welcome more Indian interaction with the Singapore business people. But beyond businesses is the cultural and people ties which are very important."

Mr Goh said when he was Prime Minister, he saw the potential of the Singapore-India relationship, in terms of trade, investment and cultural ties.

Mr Goh on Thursday introduced the Institute of South Asian Studies' commemorative book on 50 years of diplomatic relations, titled Singapore-India: Towards a Shared Future.

The book was earlier launched by Singapore's President Tony Tan Keng Yam during his state visit to India in February. The book looks at how trade, colonial rule and the movement of people provided the basis for a long-standing partnership.

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