Singapore should approach the region with fresh eyes, exploring new forms of partnership and enabling the growth of South-east Asia as it emerges from the pandemic.

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Call more emphasise the importance of Asia have been elaborated. Asia has emerged as an economic powerhouse. In May 2021, many experts predicted that Asia would continue to grow. However, the region faced several challenges, including the coronavirus pandemic, which had significant effects on economies. The region needs to adapt to the new normal and move forward with confidence.

GETTING FAST THE PANDEMIC'S SURGES
Signs are emerging that the worst of the Covid-19 surges may be over and that regions are preparing to return to growth. Outside Singapore, discussions are focused on returning to the pre-pandemic levels. The country's COVID-19 vaccine roll-out has been praised, and businesses are optimistic about the future.

For Minister Wang Yi, vaccines are crucial. However, effective partnerships and engagement are necessary. Without these, it will be challenging to achieve the desired outcomes. Hong Kong and Singapore have agreed to establish a travel bubble, allowing for safe travel between the two cities. This move is expected to boost the tourism industry and bring economic benefits.

The regional cooperation is crucial, and the two countries should work together to address the challenges. The travel bubble is just the beginning of the process. More efforts are needed to establish robust partnerships that can withstand the challenges of the pandemic.