Senior Martin Government Ministers Paul Henderson and Dr Peter Toyne travel to Singapore today to further discussions with the Singapore Government about the establishment of joint Information Communication Technology (ICT) industry development program.

Mr Henderson and Dr Toyne will meet with the Minister for Information, Dr Lee Boon Yang, and the Minister for Trade and Industry, Brigadier General George Yong-Boon Yeo.

“The idea of the joint program was raised at a preliminary level during Dr Toyne’s trade delegation to Singapore last October,” Dr Toyne said.

“The idea is to hook Territory ICT companies up with ICT companies in Singapore so they can exchange ideas and training and build their skills in this growing sector.”

Mr Denis Mackenzie, Chairman of the Export Cluster Group for the Northern Territory Division of the Australian Information Industry Association is joining Mr Henderson and Dr Toyne on the trade visit.

“The Northern Territory Government wants to help facilitate the innovative ideas from the Territory’s growing ICT sector to be developed and sold into the Asian market, and give Territory businesses better access to forming partnerships with larger overseas companies,” Mr Henderson said.

“The scope for these kinds of partnerships is particularly promising in light of the Territory’s ICT sector’s expertise in providing access to remote education and health programs, and larger companies’ access to new markets.

“Mr Mackenzie brings specialist trade skills to the visit, and will be working with us to identify business and trade opportunities for the Territory ICT industry.”

Mr Henderson and Dr Toyne return to Darwin on Friday morning.