The U.S. Embassy Consular Section's most important function is to protect U.S. citizens abroad through the provision of routine, special, and emergency services. It also facilitates legitimate travel to the United States through the issuance of U.S. passports and visas while safeguarding America's borders. Visas issued to foreign nationals help the U.S. economy, unite families through immigration, and further strengthen the bilateral and people-to-people ties between Singapore and the United States.

The United States works closely with Singapore to share best practices in aviation security methodology including the latest security technologies, policies and procedures. Singaporeans who join Global Entry are eligible for TSA Pre✓, a trusted traveler program allowing eligible participants access to expedited screening lanes in the United States when traveling with participating airlines.

The United States is constantly working with Singapore to increase airline passenger security through the use of advanced passenger information (API) and passenger name record (PNR). This gives border authorities the ability to make advance decisions on passengers of interest, including possible terrorists, prior to their boarding the aircraft.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

- **5,000** U.S. passports issued every year at U.S. Embassy Singapore
- **500** U.S. citizens born in Singapore each year.
- **40K** U.S. visa applicants at U.S. Embassy Singapore per year
- **170K** Trips by Singaporeans to the United States in 2016
- **1,000** Singaporeans approved for Global Entry since June 2016