



(ZENIT, Vatican City, May 30, 2016).- Pope Francis met President of the Republic of Singapore, Tony Tan Keng Yam, Saturday morning in the Vatican.

According to a statement released by the Holy See Press Office, during the cordial discussions, satisfaction was expressed “for the good state of bilateral relations between Singapore and the Holy See, as well as the collaboration between the Church and the State, especially in the educational and social fields.”

“Attention then turned to various current international themes and issues linked to the regional political situation,” it continued, “with particular reference to the importance of interreligious and intercultural dialogue for the promotion of human rights, stability, justice and peace in southeast Asia.”

After meeting with the Pope, the president met with Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, accompanied by Vatican Secretary for Relations with States, Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher.