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INDONESIA AND SINGAPORE FORGE DIGITAL COLLABORATION: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION ON DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION SIGNED BETWEEN THE SINGAPORE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION AND THE INDONESIA KEMENTERIAN KOMUNIKASI DAN INFORMATIKA

1. Indonesia and Singapore took a significant step towards deepening digital exchanges and cooperation through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation on Digital Transformation between Ministry of Communications and Informatics (Kementerian Komunikasi dan Informatika, KOMINFO) of Indonesia and Singapore's Ministry of Communications and Information (MCI). Copies of the MOU, signed by Indonesia Minister of Communications and Informatics Budi Arie Setiadi and Singapore Minister for Communications and Information Josephine Teo, were exchanged at a ceremony held at the sidelines of the 4th ASEAN Digital Ministers' Meeting on 1 February 2024 in Singapore. MCI Permanent Secretary Joseph Leong and KOMINFO Secretary-General Mira Tayyiba participated in the ceremony.
2. The MOU underscores both countries' commitment to strengthen their longstanding close bilateral relations through new areas of cooperation, including in the digital domain. As part of activities under the MOU, MCI and KOMINFO will work to explore bilateral cooperation initiatives that will foster digital innovation and further build the foundations of a more digitally interconnected Southeast Asia.
3. Cooperation areas in the MOU are:
 - (a) **Data:** The agreement paves the way for joint initiatives to ensure the secure and efficient movement of data between both nations, and in the region.
 - (b) **Digital Infrastructure:** Both countries will collaborate to strengthen and ensure robust and secure infrastructure to support the evolving digital landscape.
 - (c) **Tech Talent:** KOMINFO and MCI [to standardise who gets mentioned first or second] will work together to enhance digital skills and capabilities, building a skilled workforce equipped for the demands of the digital economy.
 - (d) **Digital Startups:** The MOU envisions joint efforts to support and nurture digital startups, creating an environment conducive to innovation and entrepreneurship.
4. Working groups will be formed under the committee, enabling both countries to hold regular meetings and respond more quickly to the evolving challenges and opportunities in the digital realm.

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