

Annex A: SCI Media Factsheet, MOUs for 2nd SCI JIC Meeting with Partners' Quotes

SINGAPORE-CHINA (SHENZHEN) SMART CITY INITIATIVE (SCI)

The Memorandum of Understanding (**MOU**) on the Singapore-China (Shenzhen) Smart City Initiative (**SCI**) between Ministry of Communications and Information (**MCI**) and the Shenzhen Municipal People's Government was signed on 15 October 2019 at the 15th Singapore-China Joint Council for Bilateral Cooperation (**JCBC**) meeting in Chongqing, China.

The SCI reaffirms Singapore's commitment and support to develop digital connectivity, contributing to the digital economy development of the Greater Bay Area (**GBA**) and Southeast Asia (**SEA**).

Cooperation between Singapore and Shenzhen will enable enterprises and talents from both cities to better seize the economic opportunities through deeper digital linkages between the two innovation ecosystems. Singapore-based enterprises will be able to access greater market opportunities in the GBA. As a global-Asia node, Chinese companies will be able to enter the Southeast Asian markets through Singapore with ease.

Priority Projects

Under the MOU, both parties will explore cooperation in the following focus areas:

- Digital Connectivity. To build digital connectivity and linkages in data, digital standards, finance and trade.
- Talent Exchange and Development. To promote and develop two-way talent exchange and development.
- Technology Collaboration, Innovation and Entrepreneurship. To explore technology collaboration as well as develop innovation and entrepreneurship activities.
- Demonstration Zone. To support the establishment of smart city demonstration zones in both cities.

The Joint Implementation Committee (JIC)

A Joint Implementation Committee (**JIC**), co-chaired by Permanent Secretary for MCI Yong Ying-I and then-Shenzhen Mayor Chen Rugui had been established to oversee and guide the implementation of the SCI projects. Current Shenzhen Mayor Qin Weizhong is now cochairing the JIC. IMDA and the Shenzhen Bureau of Commerce serve as the Joint Secretariat and work closely with businesses and government agencies in both countries.

List of projects committed in the 2nd SCI JIC Meeting

Focus Area(s)	MOU	MOU Signing Parties	
		Singapore	Shenzhen
Digital Trade	<p>MOU on Cross-Border Electronic Invoicing for International Trade</p> <p>Pilot B2B cross-border electronic-invoicing to enable companies in Singapore and Shenzhen to issue or process invoices for international trade through the Pan-European Public Procurement On-Line (Peppol) electronic invoice system, to promote efficiency for international transactions.</p> <p>Establishing the Peppol e-Delivery Network will allow businesses to work with the same standards, enhance overall operational efficiency, reduce cost, minimise errors and disputes and enjoy quicker payment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singapore: DataPost Pte Ltd • Shenzhen: Kingdee Software (China) 	
Innovation and entrepreneurship	<p>MOU on IoT and Blockchain Solutions Platform</p> <p>NCS will partner AIToS to build joint innovative solutions focusing on IoT and Blockchain integration. The collaboration will chart digital transformation where a trusted platform for track and trace, financing and smart contracting use cases in manufacturing and trade finance targeting both the China and Southeast Asia market will be built.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singapore: NCS • Shenzhen: Shanghai MoLian Information Technology (AIToS) 	
Innovation and entrepreneurship	<p>MOU on Robotics Development</p> <p>Shenzhen smart agriculture robots provider Roboworks and NCS aims to develop intelligent agriculture products, go-to-market strategies and incubation. Both parties will cooperate on designing robots and explore the setting up on a platform service for their operations, with a joint lab in NCS NEXT Shenzhen Innovation Centre.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singapore: NCS • Shenzhen: Roboworks 	
Innovation and entrepreneurship	<p>MOU on Digital Twins</p> <p>Both parties will co-develop smart city infrastructure and create IoT and digital twins enabled solution for Southeast Asia and China clients. The collaboration will chart digital transformation with digital twins, mixed reality and smart city infrastructure.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singapore: NCS • Shenzhen: MeiXXX (Shenzhen) Digital Twins Technology 	

Quotes from Partners

“This MOU collaboration represents a key milestone for DataPost to extend its recognition and expertise in the area of Peppol E-Invoicing internationally, allowing us to be diverse in our presence in today's global digital market.

We thank IMDA for allowing us to be part of the Singapore-China (Shenzhen) Smart City Initiative.

We also like to thank Kingdee for their interest and enthusiasm in our collaboration to introduce Peppol E-Invoicing on a wider international scale. This will create opportunities for companies to digitalise, and will also promote and demonstrate the value of trade digitalization. This will enable a comprehensive digital trade channel between Shenzhen and Singapore.

We are looking forward to working closely together.”

Mr Reynold Seah, CEO, Secured Data Handling Group, Adera Global

“The NCS collaboration includes building of trusted platform with 5G usage to develop industry solutions in manufacturing, agriculture and trade finance. NCS and our partners from China will come together for areas like developing technology, product research as well as go to market for China and ASEAN.”

Mr Howie Lau, Managing Director of NCS Group