

**SINGAPORE & CHONGQING SUCCESSFULLY CONVENE
SECOND JOINT IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING FOR
CHONGQING CONNECTIVITY INITIATIVE (CCI)**

1. The second Joint Implementation Committee (JIC) Meeting for the Chongqing Connectivity Initiative ¹ (CCI) was held today in Chongqing, People's Republic of China. Minister in the Prime Minister's Office Chan Chun Sing and Chongqing Mayor Huang Qifan co-chaired the meeting.
2. The co-chairs had reviewed the progress of the implementation of the CCI since the first JIC meeting in January 2016. They also discussed the next steps for implementation and potential project collaborations.
3. The Chongqing Transport and Logistics Master Plan was one of the key topics discussed at the meeting. The master plan seeks to develop Chongqing into the logistics hub of Western China and as part of the "Belt and Road Initiative". The master plan also articulates how Chongqing can propel its vision of being a multi-modal hub. Firstly, through closer coordination among key stakeholders across the various modes of transport as well as through greater cooperation with neighbouring cities and more direct connections to facilitate goods flow out of Western China.
4. In addition, the master plan will also make recommendations on how information connectivity can be a key enabler to improve logistics efficiency in both regional and global trade flows. This is an important success factor for a logistics hub. Both sides also reached a consensus on the master plan's preliminary recommendations and will continue to work together to finalise the plan, in preparation for the inaugural Joint Steering Council Meeting later this year.
5. Mr Chan said, "Both sides have collaborated closely in the planning and implementation of the Chongqing Connectivity Initiative (CCI). CCI projects leverage policy and regulatory innovations to boost Chongqing's connectivity. As a primary hub for the "Belt and Road Initiative", Chongqing will have a demonstrative effect for neighbouring cities and contribute to the economic success of Western China. The projects are long-term in nature and both parties are committed to tracking and supporting the progress."

¹ The formal term of the initiative is "China-Singapore (Chongqing) Demonstration Initiative on Strategic Connectivity" ["中新（重庆）战略性互联互通示范项目"].

6. The Singapore delegation to Chongqing also comprised Senior Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Transport and Foreign Affairs Mrs Josephine Teo, Minister of State for Trade and Industry and National Development Dr Koh Poh Koon, and senior officials from the Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Transport, Civil and Aviation Authority of Singapore, Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore, International Enterprise Singapore and Monetary Authority of Singapore.

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Annex: Photos of 2nd JIC Meeting

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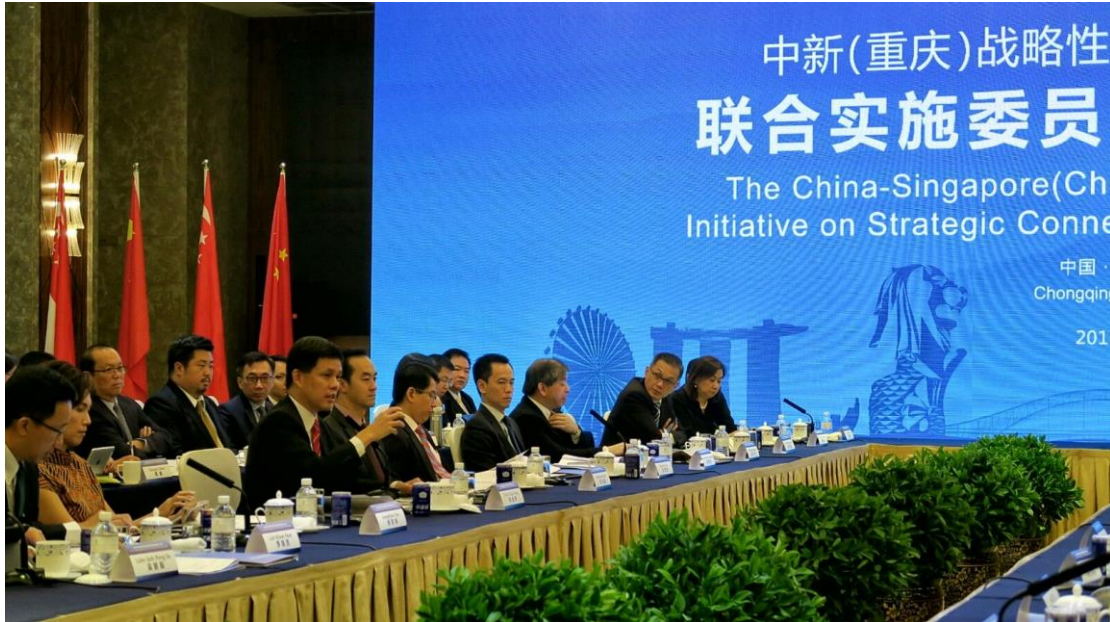
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ANNEX: PHOTO



Caption: Minister in the Prime Minister's Office Chan Chun Sing co-chaired the second Joint Implementation Committee (JIC) Meeting for the Chongqing Connectivity Initiative with Chongqing Mayor Huang Qifan in Chongqing today.



Caption: Singapore and Chongqing delegates at the second Joint Implementation Committee (JIC) Meeting for the Chongqing Connectivity Initiative in Chongqing today.