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**GREATER CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN SINGAPORE AND CHONGQING
WITH THE CHINA-SINGAPORE (CHONGQING) CONNECTIVITY
INITIATIVE - SOUTHERN TRANSPORT CORRIDOR**

1. The third Joint Implementation Committee (JIC) Meeting for the China-Singapore (Chongqing) Connectivity Initiative ¹ (CCI) was successfully concluded in Chongqing, People's Republic of China today. The meeting was co-chaired by Minister in the Prime Minister's Office Chan Chun Sing and Chongqing Mayor Zhang Guoqing.
2. The co-chairs reaffirmed the good progress of the CCI and its contribution to the development of Western China. They discussed ways to deepen collaboration under the CCI's four priority sectors, namely, financial services, aviation, transport and logistics, and information and communications technology (ICT), as well as the next steps for the CCI.
3. The CCI Southern Transport Corridor (CCI-STC) was one of the key topics discussed at the meeting. First mooted at the inaugural CCI Joint Steering Committee Meeting in February this year, the CCI-STC will enhance connectivity between Western China and Southeast Asia. The CCI-STC, when completed, will connect the overland Silk Road Economic Belt with the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road and offer a shorter, more direct trade route between Western China and Southeast Asia, and beyond to Europe.
4. To facilitate the implementation of the CCI-STC, the co-chairs also witnessed the inauguration of two joint ventures between Singapore and Chinese consortiums, namely, the Chongqing Logistics Development Platform (CLDP) and the Multi-Modal Distribution and Connectivity (DC) Centre. Both the CLDP and DC Centre will help develop Chongqing into an inland international logistics hub and contribute to the development of the CCI-STC.
5. After the third CCI JIC meeting, Mr Chan met Chongqing Party Secretary Chen Min'er. During the meeting, Mr Chan reaffirmed the strong and broad-based ties between Singapore and China, and the two leaders also discussed ways to deepen collaboration under the CCI to achieve the CCI's aims to have a demonstration effect, enhance connectivity and drive the development of Western China through projects like the CCI-STC. Mr Chan and Party Secretary Chen also discussed how Singapore can further complement Chongqing's

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"].

developmental priorities through the CCI. Party Secretary Chen said the CCI is an important project and reiterated his commitment to its success.

6. Mr Chan said, “The China-Singapore (Chongqing) Connectivity Initiative – Southern Transport Corridor will boost trade and connectivity between Western China and ASEAN via Chongqing and Singapore. It will also offer opportunities for Singapore businesses to contribute to the development in areas such as transportation and logistics. I am glad that Chinese and Singapore businesses have made good progress on the CCI-STC and I look forward to greater collaborations.”

7. Mr Chan, who is in China for an official visit from 30 Aug – 2 Sep, will visit Guangxi and Guizhou, key nodes along the CCI-STC, after Chongqing. He will meet with Guangxi Party Secretary Peng Qinghua and Guangxi Party Chairman Chen Wu as well as Guizhou Party Secretary and Governor Sun Zhigang. In Nanning, Guangxi, he will grace the ground breaking ceremony of the Singapore-Guangxi Integrated Logistics Park and he will visit Qinzhou Port, the departure point for goods leaving China to Southeast Asia.

8. The Singapore delegation to Chongqing also comprised Minister in the Prime Minister’s Office and Second Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs Mrs Josephine Teo, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information & Ministry of Health, Chee Hong Tat, 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 A: Photos of the third China-Singapore (Chongqing) Connectivity Initiative Joint Implementation Committee (JIC) Meeting

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Minister Chan Chun Sing met Chongqing Mayor Zhang Guoqing and co-chaired the third Joint Implementation Committee (JIC) Meeting for the China-Singapore (Chongqing) Connectivity Initiative in Chongqing today.



From left to right: Minister Josephine Teo, Minister Chan Chun Sing, Chongqing Party Secretary Chen Min'er and Chongqing Mayor Zhang Guoqing.



Minister Chan Chun Sing and Chongqing Mayor Zhang Guoqing unveiling plaques to mark the inauguration of the Chongqing Logistics Development Platform and the Multi-Modal Distribution and Connectivity (DC) Centre, joint ventures between Singapore and Chinese companies.