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FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN THE ELEVATED CHINA-SINGAPORE GUANGZHOU KNOWLEDGE CITY

1. Singapore and China signed a Framework Agreement (FA) on Cooperation in the Elevated China-Singapore Guangzhou Knowledge City (CSGKC) today to deepen bilateral cooperation by elevating the CSGKC to a State-Level Bilateral Cooperation project.
2. Minister for Education Ong Ye Kung and the People's Republic of China (PRC) International Trade Representative and Vice Minister of Commerce Fu Ziyang signed the FA in the presence of Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and PRC Premier Li Keqiang on the sidelines of Premier Li's Official Visit to Singapore. Mr Ong is also the Co-Chairman of the Singapore-Guangdong Collaboration Council.
3. Mr Ong said, "Guangdong has traditionally been at the forefront of China's reform and opening up, and will continue to play an important role in the next phase of China's development. The elevated CSGKC will serve as an important bilateral cooperation project between both countries, and contribute towards our collaboration in the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. Under this new framework, our cooperation will extend to new areas, such as innovation, entrepreneurship, talent development, modern industries and the intellectual property rights."
4. The elevation of the CSGKC will be based on the theme of "Opening-up, Innovation and High-quality Development". The elevated CSGKC will feature a Demonstration Zone for Enhanced Cooperation (DZEC) that facilitates cooperation in the areas of Technology Innovation, Intellectual Property Rights, Advanced Manufacturing and Talent Development.
5. The FA will also see the establishment of a two-tiered reporting mechanism to guide the development of the elevated CSGKC. It will consist of a Joint Working Committee (JWC) co-chaired by Ministerial-level representatives and a Joint Implementation Committee (JIC) co-chaired by Vice-Ministerial representatives.

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