

## **INNOVATION DRIVES PROGRESS IN CHINA-SINGAPORE (CHONGQING) CONNECTIVITY INITIATIVE**

1. The fourth Joint Implementation Committee (JIC) Meeting for the China-Singapore (Chongqing) Demonstration Initiative on Strategic Connectivity (CCI) was successfully concluded in Chongqing, People's Republic of China today. The meeting was co-chaired by Minister for Trade and Industry Chan Chun Sing and Chongqing Mayor Tang Liangzhi.
2. The co-chairs reaffirmed the good progress achieved by the CCI since its launch, and deliberated its next steps. 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). The co-chairs also explored piloting and implementing measures to facilitate the seamless movement of a greater variety of goods between China, Singapore and the rest of the world through the CCI New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor (CCI-ILSTC).
3. Mr Chan said, "Having set up the framework for the CCI-ILSTC, we can now focus on strengthening this network by bringing in more partners, closing the last mile in physical and non-physical connectivity, and continually looking for new ideas to take 21<sup>st</sup> century connectivity to the next level. Progress will be a powerful testimony to how greater connectivity and integration can benefit our people by leveraging our comparative and collective strengths."
4. Earlier today, Mr Chan and Mr Tang witnessed the signing of nine Memoranda of Understanding among different organisations for CCI collaborations in sectors such as financial services, transport and logistics and ICT. The co-chairs also jointly witnessed the inauguration ceremony for the Sino-Singapore Airport Commercial Management Co., Ltd., a commercial joint venture formed between Changi Airports International and the Chongqing Airports Group Co., Ltd to manage the non-aeronautical businesses at Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport. Mr Chan also attended a forum on CCI-ILSTC in the morning where he delivered the opening speech on the CCI-ILSTC's role in strengthening regional integration.
5. Yesterday, Mr Chan met Chongqing Party Secretary Chen Min'er. During the meeting, Mr Chan and Mr Chen reaffirmed the good progress made by the CCI in 2018, and discussed the use of innovative measures and software development in the implementation of key CCI collaborations. Mr Chan and Mr Chen also discussed how the CCI-ILSTC catalyses both conventional and modern dimensions of connectivity such as data, technology, talent and finance, resulting in greater integration of Southeast Asia and Western China. Mr Chan also graced the ground breaking ceremony for the Multi-Modal Distribution and Connectivity (DC) Centre and attended the plaque unveiling ceremony for Raffles Hospital Chongqing yesterday.

6. Mr Chan was accompanied by Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Home Affairs Josephine Teo, Senior Minister of State for Health and Transport Lam Pin Min and senior officials from the Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Transport, Enterprise Singapore, Infocomm Media Development Authority of Singapore, Monetary Authority of Singapore and Singapore Customs.

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**Annex A: Photo of the fourth China-Singapore (Chongqing) Connectivity Initiative Joint Implementation Committee (JIC) Meeting**

**Annex B: Photo of the CCI-related MOUs Signing Ceremony**

**Annex C: Photo of the Inauguration Ceremony for the Sino-Singapore Airport Commercial Management Co., Ltd**

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**Annex A: Photo of the fourth China-Singapore (Chongqing) Connectivity Initiative Joint Implementation Committee (JIC) Meeting**



Minister Chan Chun Sing and Chongqing Mayor Tang Liangzhi co-chaired the fourth CCI-JIC meeting

**Annex B: Photo of the CCI-related MOUs Signing Ceremony**



Signing ceremony of nine CCI-related MOUs

**Annex C: Photo of the Ceremony on the Joint Venture between Changi Airports International and Chongqing Airport Group**

