

SINGAPORE CONCLUDES FIFTH JOINT IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE CHINA-SINGAPORE (CHONGQING) DEMONSTRATION INITIATIVE ON STRATEGIC CONNECTIVITY

1. The fifth Joint Implementation Committee (JIC) Meeting for the China-Singapore (Chongqing) Demonstration Initiative on Strategic Connectivity (CCI) was held via video-conference today using the CCI International Dedicated Connectivity (IDC). The meeting was co-chaired by Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Home Affairs Josephine Teo and Chongqing Mayor Tang Liangzhi.
2. During the meeting, the co-chairs reaffirmed the good progress achieved by the CCI since its launch and deliberated its next steps. Notably, in the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector, following the launch of the IDC in September 2019, a Working Group on Policy Innovation (WG-PI) and a Working Group on IDC Adoption (WG-IDCA) were officially formed last month to promote policy innovation in cross-border data flows, data protection, telco & infocommunications services and trade, as well as provide policy support for the application and development of the IDC. To date, 34 project proposals including solutions in areas such as Trade Logistics, Smart Manufacturing, Smart Tourism and IoT have been submitted, greatly enhancing industry partnerships. In addition, Singapore and Chongqing agreed to work on a business matching platform portal, allowing companies to seek potential partners and develop innovative solutions and projects virtually.
3. Minister Teo and Mayor Tang also discussed ways to deepen collaboration under the CCI's three other priority sectors, namely financial services, aviation, and transport and logistics. The co-chairs also explored how both sides could further strengthen the CCI-New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor (CCI-ILSTC) network by welcoming all interested partners to work with Singapore and Chongqing to achieve the desired network effect.
4. Earlier today, Mrs Teo and Minister for Trade and Industry Chan Chun Sing also spoke to Chongqing Party Secretary Chen Min'er to reaffirm the strong, broad-based ties between Singapore and Chongqing. During the call, the ministers discussed utilising the CCI-ILSTC as a viable alternative for the flow of essential goods such as food supplies, and the importance of maintaining trade routes and supply chains amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.
5. Mrs Teo said, "Singapore and China are important economic partners that share a longstanding and mutually beneficial relationship. Through the CCI-ILSTC initiative, we will bolster the resilience of our trade routes and supply chains to facilitate the smooth flow of essential goods such as food and medical products in support of COVID-19 management efforts."
6. Eight Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) were also signed among different organisations for collaborations in sectors such as financial services, trade in food products, transport and logistics. The signing of the MOUs was witnessed by Mrs Teo, Mr Chan, Mr Chen and Mr Tang.

Annex A: Photo of the fifth Joint Implementation Committee (JIC) Meeting for the China-Singapore (Chongqing) Demonstration Initiative on Strategic Connectivity (CCI)

Annex B: Photo of the MOU Signing Ceremony

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Caption: Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Home Affairs Josephine Teo and Chongqing Mayor Tang Liangzhi co-chaired the fifth CCI-JIC Meeting, held via video-conference, on 12 May 2020

Annex B: Photo of the MOU Signing Ceremony



Caption: Signing ceremony of eight Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)