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

1. The second Joint Working Committee (JWC) Meeting for the China-Singapore (Chongqing) Demonstration Initiative on Strategic Connectivity (CCI) was held via video-conference today. The meeting was co-chaired by Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Home Affairs, Josephine Teo, and PRC Minister of Commerce, Zhong Shan.

2. During the meeting, the co-chairs reaffirmed the good progress achieved in the CCI and its four priority areas: Financial Services, Aviation, Transport and Logistics, and Information and Communications Technology. Both sides also discussed next steps for the CCI-New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor (CCI-ILSTC), including strengthening the CCI's existing framework through improving infrastructure, enhancing services and welcoming all interested partners to achieve the desired network effect.

3. Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office and for National Development, Tan Kiat How, was also introduced as a new member of the CCI Joint Steering Council, JWC and Joint Implementation Committee.

4. Mrs Teo said, "This year marks the 30th anniversary since the establishment of bilateral relations between China and Singapore, and the 5th anniversary of the CCI. Even as both countries continue to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic, collaborations under the CCI and the CCI-ILSTC continue to strengthen. This highlights our longstanding and mutually beneficial relationship and allows us to look beyond the pandemic and into the revitalisation of our economies."

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Annex: Photos of the second Joint Working Committee (JWC) Meeting for the China-Singapore (Chongqing) Demonstration Initiative on Strategic Connectivity (CCI)

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