

SINGAPORE AND CHONGQING CELEBRATE 10 YEARS OF THE CHINA-SINGAPORE (CHONGQING) DEMONSTRATION INITIATIVE ON STRATEGIC CONNECTIVITY (CCI)

Minister Josephine Teo and Senior Minister of State Tan Kiat How visited Chongqing to commence celebrations of this milestone

1. Minister for Digital Development and Information Josephine Teo, and Senior Minister of State for Digital Development and Information and Health Tan Kiat How visited Chongqing, People's Republic of China, from 2 to 3 June 2025. The visit marked the start of a series of bilateral visits, meetings, conferences and commemorative activities, as Singapore and Chongqing commemorate the 10th anniversary of the China-Singapore (Chongqing) Demonstration Initiative on Strategic Connectivity (CCI) this year.
2. During the visit to Chongqing, Minister Teo met with Member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and Secretary of the CPC Chongqing Municipal Committee Yuan Jiajun. Both sides reaffirmed our mutual commitment to building upon the CCI's strengths, boosting Singapore and Chongqing's positioning as twin hubs.
3. The 10th CCI Joint Implementation Committee Meeting was also held in Chongqing. The meeting was co-chaired by Minister Teo and Chongqing Municipal People's Government Mayor Hu Henghua. At the meeting, Singapore and Chongqing discussed the key priorities for the next phase of CCI's developments – deepening connectivity and expanding collaboration in emerging sectors, underpinned by digitalisation and sustainability. Minister Teo and Mayor Hu also witnessed the signing of over 20 Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) in the areas of green economy, training and talent development, and healthcare.
4. Minister Teo said, "The CCI continues to be an important platform in positioning Singapore and Chongqing as twin hubs that drive deeper and broader region-to-region connectivity between Southeast Asia and Western China. As we look towards the next phase of the CCI, Singapore and China will strengthen collaboration by building on the CCI's successful projects and policy innovations, and support our companies in seizing new opportunities in the emerging sectors of digitalisation and sustainability."
5. To commemorate the CCI's tenth anniversary this year, a series of events will be held in Singapore and Chongqing in June and September, respectively.
 - a. The China-Singapore (Chongqing) Connectivity Initiative - New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor (CCI-ILSTC) Trade and Financial Conference¹ will be held on 11 June 2025 at Conrad Singapore Orchard.

¹ 陆海新通道国际合作论坛暨中新金融峰会

The Conference brings businesses from Singapore and China together to explore trade opportunities, and digital and sustainable financing for regional trade.

- b. The “Chongqing Week in Singapore” and “China, an Opportunity: Chongqing Brands²” will be held from 10 to 13 June 2025 at Ngee Ann City. The event aims to promote Chongqing’s culture and heritage.
- c. The “Experience Singapore Week³” will be held from 30 September to 3 October 2025 at Guanyinqiao Business Circle, a popular bustling pedestrian street in Chongqing. The event will showcase Singapore’s culture and promote Singapore as a choice tourist destination.

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Annex A: Factsheet on China-Singapore (Chongqing) Demonstration Initiative on Strategic Connectivity

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

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² 2025 年“新加坡·重庆周”暨“机遇中国·品牌重庆”

³ 重庆·新加坡体验周

Factsheet on China-Singapore (Chongqing) Demonstration Initiative on Strategic Connectivity

1 The China-Singapore (Chongqing) Demonstration Initiative on Strategic Connectivity (CCI) is the third Government-to-Government project between Singapore and China, following the Suzhou Industrial Park and the Tianjin Eco-City. Launched in November 2015, the CCI serves as a key priority demonstration project for China's Belt and Road Initiative, the Western Region development, and the Yangtze River Economic Belt Strategy.

2 The CCI is not a conventional project bounded by a physical area. Instead, with Chongqing as its operating base, the CCI aims to catalyse the economic growth of Western China by enhancing connectivity within the region, between regions, and with the world. Based on the theme of "modern connectivity and modern services", the CCI's four priority areas are financial services, aviation, transport & logistics, and information and communications technology (ICT).

3 A three-tier structure has been established to implement the project:

- (a) **Joint Steering Council (JSC)**, co-chaired by Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) and Minister (Trade and Industry) Gan Kim Yong and PRC Vice Premier Ding Xuexiang;
- (b) **Joint Working Committee (JWC)**, co-chaired by Minister (Digital Development and Information) Josephine Teo and PRC Minister of Commerce Wang Wentao; and
- (c) **Joint Implementation Committee (JIC)**, co-chaired by Minister Josephine Teo and Chongqing Mayor Hu Henghua.

Collaborations in the four priority areas

4 **Financial Services.** Since its launch, the CCI has provided cross-border financing channels for enterprises in Chongqing and Western China through Singapore. In 2024, cross-border financing for these enterprises amounted to a total of US\$1.09 billion, with 22 completed projects. Cross-border financing projects have reached a total value of US\$21.3 billion cumulatively.

5 **Aviation.** Air connectivity between Singapore and Chongqing has grown steadily, surpassing pre-pandemic levels. Singapore and Chongqing are currently connected by 24 weekly flight services, operated by Singapore Airlines, Air China and Chongqing Airlines and most recently West Air, facilitating greater in-person exchanges between the people of Singapore and Chongqing.

6 **Transport & Logistics.** The Multimodal Distribution and Connectivity (DC) Centre, jointly developed by Singapore and Chongqing companies, is a key demonstration project that showcases Chongqing's multimodal capabilities. Phase I of the DC centre was completed and launched in June 2022. The DC Centre complements existing and upcoming facilities in Chongqing, integrating major road, rail, and river logistics nodes to provide a seamless experience for logistics companies. The DC Centre serves as a physical facility for multimodal operations in Chongqing and further contributes to the development of the CCI-New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor (CCI-ILSTC).

7 **Information & Communications Technology.** Singapore and Chongqing agencies have been supporting the development of innovative Infocomm Media projects through the Joint Innovation Development Fund (JIDF). Since its launch in 2019, the JIDF has funded 17 joint projects in the areas of trade logistics, smart tourism, and IoT applications, with a total funding value of S\$2.17 million and RMB 13.42 million from Singapore and Chongqing respectively.

CCI New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor (CCI-ILSTC)

8 The CCI-ILSTC is a multimodal and multifaceted economic link between Western China and Southeast Asia that aims to catalyse and support trade and economic growth in the two regions. By connecting Chongqing to Qinzhou (Beibu Gulf, Guangxi) by rail, and from Qinzhou to Singapore and beyond by sea, the CCI-ILSTC provides a more direct route between Southeast Asia and Western China. The CCI-ILSTC significantly reduces the time needed to transport goods between Chongqing and Singapore to about a week – a third of today's alternative routes.

9 Prospects for the CCI-ILSTC remain positive, with companies reporting consistent growth in the volume of goods transported along the corridor.

10 As part of the CCI-ILSTC's further development, the trade corridor will be supported by digital and sustainability initiatives such as trade digitalisation, and green financing and infrastructure.

Other Sectors of Collaboration

11 The CCI has also generated strong interest in other sectors related to the theme of "modern connectivity and modern services" such as healthcare, tourism, education, and food exports.

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Photo of the Tenth Joint Implementation Committee Meeting for the China-Singapore (Chongqing) Demonstration Initiative on Strategic Connectivity (CCI)



Caption: Minister for Digital Development and Information and Second Minister for Home Affairs Josephine Teo and Senior Minister of State for Digital Development and Information, and Health Tan Kiat How attended the tenth Joint Implementation Committee Meeting for the China-Singapore (Chongqing) Demonstration Initiative on Strategic Connectivity (CCI) in Chongqing, China on 3 June 2025.