

**REMARKS BY MR ALVIN TAN,
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尊敬的王乙康部长，
各位嘉宾，
女士们、先生们

大家上午好！

1. 首先，我衷心感谢广东省政府的热情款待和特别的安排。今年 4 月份，我带领通商中国高级领袖研修班 19 名学员访问了广州和深圳，感受到了这个区域的经济活力也见识到了广东企业在新兴领域的蓬勃发展。我非常高兴能够再次回到广州出席第十四届新加坡-广东合作理事会并在中-新广州知识城与大家共襄盛举。
2. 今天很高兴看到中-新广州知识城和深新智慧城市在过去一年取得了显著的成绩。新加坡企业一直非常关注广东的发展，而中-新广州知识城和深新智慧城市更是新加坡企业进入广东和大湾区市场的重要着陆点。我坚信在未来，新加坡企业会把握广东高质量发展所带来的新机遇，继续在绿色经济、生物医药等新兴领域展开合作，为新加坡和广东的合作关系开启新的篇章。
3. 接下来，请容许我用英语发言。

Good progress made by China-Singapore Guangzhou Knowledge City (CSGKC) and Singapore-China (Shenzhen) Smart City Initiative (SCI)

4. It's good to be back at the China-Singapore Guangzhou Knowledge City (CSGKC). I was just here last April with our friends from Business China and had the opportunity to visit the amazing facilities such as the China-Singapore Joint Research Institute which support R&D here. We also launched the SCCCI office in Guangdong, to help our companies venture into China.
5. China-Singapore Guangzhou Knowledge City (CSGKC) and the Singapore-China (Shenzhen) Smart City Initiative (SCI) have made good progress over the years, driving

collaboration between Singapore and Shenzhen businesses to create smart, digitally-driven solutions in areas such as AI for logistics in e-commerce and green energy storage.

6. And there are more exciting plans ahead - The CSGKC plans enhance the business environment and develop the eco-system to support emerging industry clusters. This will contribute to the continued success and growth of the CSGKC as a leading hub for innovation and collaboration in high quality sectors. The CSGKC will be celebrating its 15th anniversary next year and I look forward to hearing more fruitful outcomes and partnerships.
7. The SCI also turns five later this year, and will continue to open new pathways for collaboration in the areas of digital inclusion, digital governance, and digital sustainability.

Affirm new priority areas

8. At last year's SGCC meeting, Singapore and Guangdong endorsed sustainability & green economy and healthcare & biomedical as new priority areas for our collaboration. These areas continue to be of interest for our Singapore companies and are aligned to Guangdong and GBA's strategy, which is high quality development through new quality productivity.
9. On Sustainability and Green Economy, both Singapore and China face climate challenges and aim to achieve carbon emission peak by around 2030. To accomplish this goal, we need collaboration and commitment not just from governments, but also participation from the enterprises.
 - a. One example is the collaboration between Singapore company Eagle Renewable Energy and its local partners to develop and invest in renewable energy projects in South China. Eagle Renewable has since commenced construction of a 300-megawatt agri-voltaic solar project in Guangdong's Yangjiang city, and another 350-megawatt distributed rural rooftop solar project in Guangdong's Zhanjiang city.
 - b. Later, Singrow, a Singapore agritech company will be signing an MOU with FINC Group and the GKC JV Company to build a "zero carbon" smart agriculture factory in the CSGKC.
10. On Healthcare and Biomedical, we are looking beyond generic treatment of diseases, into early detection and prevention, and also precision medicine. Singapore biomed companies can leverage on Guangdong's ecosystem of top-tier hospitals, healthcare institutions and research institutions to foster closer collaboration. For instance,
 - a. At the meeting later, the China-Singapore Technology Innovation and Translational Medicine Center for Tumour Prevention and Treatment (TMC), will sign an MOU with A*STAR and Biosyngen. A*STAR and Biosyngen are jointly developing a new generation of multi-specific antibodies for autoimmune diseases treatment in Singapore.

- b. Singapore-based company SCG Cell Therapy will be signing a collaboration agreement with the Guangzhou Development District Management Committee, to invest and cooperate in cell therapy cGMP manufacturing, making high-quality cell therapy products more accessible and affordable for patients.

Conclusion

11. In the next segment, we will hear from three Singapore companies with plans to contribute to the development of the GBA, particularly in the sustainability and biomedical sectors. On sustainability, Keppel and Surbana Jurong will share on how they use their respective strengths in energy management and sustainable urban design and planning to promote green and low-carbon development. On the biomedical front, Biosyngen will elaborate on their collaboration with local partners such as the Sun-Yat-Sen University Cancer Center on the development of advanced cell and gene therapies.
12. These joint efforts will create more opportunities for our companies on both sides to work together and bring about promising outcomes in the next phase of Singapore-Guangdong collaboration. For our Singapore companies, thank you for playing an important role, we look forward to work more closely with Chinese partners to participate in these emerging high-growth areas.
13. I wish everyone a fruitful meeting ahead.
14. Thank you!