SCCCI TECH SYMPOSIUM 2026
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Ms Jasmin Lau, Minister of State for Digital Development and Information,

Your Excellencies,

Trade Association Leaders,

SCCCI Council Members and Members,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning!

1. On behalf of the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCCI), I welcome all of you to our

inaugural Tech Symposium. This Symposium signifies our shared recognition that technology is no longer a supporting function, but a central driver and enabler of enterprise competitiveness and long-term growth.

2. In his New Year Message, Prime Minister Lawrence Wong reminded us that Singapore's economy is being confronted with heightened uncertainty, rapid technological advancement and intensified global competition. To remain resilient and relevant, enterprises must continue to adapt, innovate and make technology an integral part of how they grow, compete and create value.

3. On Singapore's digital priorities, Minister for Digital Development and Information Josephine Teo has emphasised on the importance of building strong digital infrastructure, deepening our AI capabilities and establishing partnerships that underpin Singapore's Smart Nation vision. Building on this foundation, Senior Minister of State Tan Kiat How also highlighted that effective technology adoption, including AI, must be closely aligned with workforce capabilities and business needs.

4. Against this backdrop, initiatives such as the Digital Enterprise Blueprint and the Cyber Resilience Centre provide a clear and coordinated framework to help companies strengthen digital capabilities while managing cyber risks. SCCCI is pleased to play our part as a key partner in these efforts, working closely with government agencies to bridge national policy objectives with the practical needs of enterprises on the ground.

5. These priorities guide SCCCI's efforts in serving as a melting pot for enterprises, trade associations and partners to come together to facilitate entrepreneurship, technology adoption and collaboration, while SCCCI's key task is pivoted around three key pillars: Digital 2.0, AI Enablement and Cyber Resilience.

6. First, under our Digital 2.0 pillar, SCCCI supports companies moving beyond basic digitalisation towards deeper integration of digital tools into their business models, operations and decision-making processes. This shall enable businesses to enhance productivity and boost competitiveness.

7. In 2025, SCCCI has organised 23 technology-focused seminars, workshops and webinars, engaging more than 850 SME participants. These programmes focussed on practical applications, helping businesses to understand how digital solutions and cyber hygiene measures can be applied effectively in their day-to-day operations. This approach is reflected in today's Symposium, which is designed not only to share insights, but also to provide opportunities for enterprises to move from morning discussions to afternoon workshops, turning insights into actionable next steps.

8. Second, in the area of AI enablement, SCCCI has been working with partners such as Nanyang Polytechnic, Temasek Polytechnic and Singapore University of Technology and Design to open up opportunities for companies to explore artificial intelligence through pilot projects and proof-of-concept initiatives. We also

collaborate with Singapore Polytechnic to organise the "Best-in-Class in Artificial Intelligence" Overseas Programme, providing companies with insight on cutting-edge AI technologies, practical applications, and valuable networking opportunities. SCCCI hopes these collaborations would encourage enterprises to identify practical and business-relevant AI use cases to enhance efficiency, innovation and growth. We look forward to an exciting fireside chat on how these partnerships have helped businesses to reimagine possibilities and build new capabilities.

9. Today, SCCCI will be signing MOUs with 7 partners, comprising 3 IT partners and 4 Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs). Working with industry partners, we aim to accelerate digital adoption through structured programmes and capability-building workshops, while our collaborations with IHLs will help enterprises to build AI readiness through education, proof-of-concept and pilot initiatives. Congratulations!

10. Finally, cyber resilience remains a primary foundation for sustainable digital growth. Collaborating with the Cyber Resilience Centre, SCCCI will roll out Cyber Health Clinics on a quarterly basis to help businesses assess and strengthen their cyber readiness, beginning with the first clinic held in conjunction with today's Symposium. In addition, SCCCI will support enterprises in benchmarking their cyber readiness against CSA's "Cyber Essentials" framework, and where applicable, guide them towards accreditation.

11.   Together, we hope our effort and initiatives will present a holistic approach to business transformation — helping businesses to adopt digital and AI solutions with confidence, while ensuring that cyber resilience is an integral part of this journey. Looking ahead, with the upcoming Digital Enterprise Blueprint workshops, Cyber Health Clinics under the Cyber Resilience Centre, and SCCCI's AI Enablement Programme, we are well positioned to support our trade association members and member companies to drive industry transformation and seize new opportunities in the digital economy.

12.   To ensure that workforce readiness keeps pace with technological adoption, SCCCI's learning and development institution, the Singapore Chinese Chamber Institute of Business (SCCIOB, in short) also works closely with IHLs and industry partners to equip enterprises with practical and future-ready digital, AI and cyber skills. We welcome all to join SCCCI and SCCIOB to tap into our extensive network, partnerships and initiatives to kick-start or accelerate your digital journey.

13.   In closing, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to MOS Jasmin Lau for gracing this inaugural event as Guest-of-Honour. I would also like to thank all our sponsors, partners, and government agencies, IMDA and CSA for their unwavering support, and for collaborating with us to make this Symposium possible. To all our participants, I wish everyone a fruitful and enjoyable Symposium over the next two days, and great success in your business and endeavours! Thank you!

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