

A. Ministerial Quotes [for reporting]

Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Teo Chee Hean

“The establishment of the Smart Nation and Digital Government Group will strengthen our organisational ability to plan ahead, focus resources, orchestrate inter-agency efforts, and maintain a tight linkage between planning and implementation. This change is necessary to drive the Smart Nation initiative more effectively and to exploit the increasing opportunities offered by the accelerating pace of change in digital technology, and the increasing breadth and complexity of IT and smart systems.”

Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Minister for Communications and Information

“I fully support the establishment of the Smart Nation Digital Government Group, with GovTech moving to the Prime Minister’s Office. This will build on the strong foundation laid by MCI when we established GovTech last October, and boost the public sector’s digital transformation efforts. To realise our vision of a Smart Nation, we also need a thriving digital economy, a digitally-savvy population and a secure cyber space. MCI, IMDA and CSA will continue to work with the industry and our workers, to build a cyber-secure nation and seize the opportunities in the digital economy.”

Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister-in-charge of the Smart Nation Initiative

“Over the next year, I hope to see major progress in three signature programmes – Digital Identity, E-Payments and a national IOT/sensors system that will provide synergies for all government agencies and expand opportunities for the private sector. By consolidating GovTech and the various policy, planning and implementing agencies together in PMO, we will be able to quickly and decisively roll out these digital platforms for our citizens and businesses. These platforms are foundational to the building of a Smart Nation. They will expand job opportunities and enable our citizens and businesses to innovate and create economic value in the new digital economy.”