

Press Release

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LTA and UITP to foster closer knowledge sharing

Launch of UITP Centre for Transport Excellence (CTE) and website for inaugural LTA-UITP Singapore International Transport Congress and Exhibition (SITCE) 2013

The Singapore Land Transport Authority (LTA) and the International Association of Public Transport (UITP) moved a step forward to foster closer knowledge sharing today, with the launch of the UITP Centre for Transport Excellence (CTE) and the website for the inaugural LTA-UITP Singapore International Transport Congress and Exhibition (SITCE) in October 2013.

UITP Asia Pacific Centre for Transport Excellence

2. UITP Secretary General, Mr Alain Flausch and LTA Chief Executive, Mr Chew Hock Yong, officially launched the UITP Centre for Transport Excellence (CTE) for the Asia-Pacific Region on 2 July 2012. The centre is located within the LTA Academy.
3. The CTE is an all-encompassing centre for land transport researchers, particularly in the public transport and sustainable mobility domains. The centre will provide training and support to land transport administrations and practitioners in the Asia-Pacific region.

LTA-UITP Singapore International Transport Congress and Exhibition

4. At the sidelines of the World Cities Summit 2012, Mr Flausch and Mr Chew unveiled the website for the inaugural LTA-UITP Singapore International Transport Congress and Exhibition (SITCE). To be held in October 2013, the SITCE is one of the key initiatives by the UITP CTE. This biennial international congress, jointly organised by LTA, UITP and MSI Global Pte Ltd, will combine the existing World Urban Transport Leaders Summit (WUTLS), World Roads Conference (WRC) and World Urban Transit Conference (WUTC), which had been organised by LTA, with the series of the Asia-Pacific Congresses organised by UITP.
5. Through the synergy between LTA and UITP, SITCE 2013 will cover the entire urban transport spectrum, from transport policy and planning, to design and construction of rail and road infrastructures, as well as intelligent transport systems and other innovations. The SITCE 2013 will take place from 7-10 October 2013 at the Singapore Suntec City Convention Centre. Interested parties from all over the world are invited to submit their paper abstracts through the SITCE website – www.sitce.org.
6. Mr Alain Flausch, UITP Secretary General commented "Singapore is a natural choice for locating UITP's Centre for Transport Excellence for the Asia-Pacific Region given that Singapore has the World's Best-Practices of Public Transport in the last two years. LTA has also demonstrated convincingly to the international community of public

transport experts and decision-makers that the application of UITP's PTx2¹ strategic objectives is feasible and viable."

7. Mr Chew Hock Yong, LTA's Chief Executive said, "We are honoured that UITP has chosen to site their Centre for Transport Excellence in Singapore, at the LTA Academy. This is the first such centre that UITP is setting up anywhere in the world. The Centre for Transport Excellence and the co-hosting of Singapore International Transport Congress & Exhibition is a testament to the strong friendship and co-operation between LTA and UITP in the pursuit of knowledge sharing and innovations in land transport. LTA looks forward to working closely with UITP to facilitate knowledge sharing among land transport administrators and practitioners in the Asia-Pacific region. "

About Singapore LTA (lta.gov.sg)

The Singapore LTA is a statutory board under the Ministry of Transport that spearheads land transport developments in Singapore.

LTA plans the long-term transport needs of Singapore, taking care of those who drive as well as those who take public transport. The ultimate goal - a smooth and seamless journey for all.

About LTA Academy (ltaacademy.gov.sg)

LTA Academy was established by [LTA](http://lta.gov.sg) to serve as a one-stop focal point for governments, organisations and professionals around the world to tap Singapore's know-how and exchange best practices in land transport management and development.

About UITP (uitp.org)

The International Association of Public Transport (UITP) is the international network of public transport authorities and operators, policy decision-makers, scientific institutes and the public transport supply and service industry. It is a platform for worldwide cooperation, business development and the sharing of know-how between its 3,400 members from 92 countries. UITP is the global advocate of public transport and sustainable mobility, and the promoter of innovations in the sector.

About MSI Global Pte Ltd (msi-global.com.sg)

MSI Global Pte Ltd (MSI) was incorporated in Singapore in 1995 as a wholly owned subsidiary of LTA. MSI brings together many years of practical experience, well-developed knowledge and finely-honed skills to provide quality customised services and solutions for its clients in key aspects of land transport management. This includes Transportation Planning, Project Management and Implementation, Rail Systems Engineering, Automatic Fare Collection and Ticketing System, Infrastructure Management, Intelligent Transport System and Demand Management.

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¹ PTx2 strategy refers to UITP's aim for the public transport sector to double their market share by 2025. For more information, please refer to UITP's website: <http://www.ptx2uitp.org/content/ptx2-project>

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