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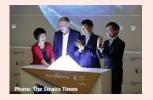
Foundations for the Future: Things are Finally Looking Up for the Built Environment Sector

Drones, machine-learning, predictive maintenance and prefabrication are no longer buzzwords to jazz up construction's image, but technologies being bedded in by companies with generous support from the government to shape Singapore's built environment sector. Source: The Straits Times.

Singapore Plans for Construction Robots

Mr Cheng Tai Fatt, BCA's Managing Director for the Built Environment Research and Innovation Institute, said that construction sites of the future would be "almost human-free", as he gave an inside look into BCA's digitalisation plans, and how it would shape the future skyline of Singapore. Source: GovInsider.





More Help for SMEs to Expand Overseas

The iTalent Solutions Map initiative was unveiled to assist enterprises to identify the critical skills needed to operate effectively when they venture out of Singapore. The system was developed by SkillsFuture Singapore and the International Trading Institute at Singapore Management University (SMU). Source: The Straits Times.

#### <u>Development of Smart Cities Among Opportunities in Belt and Road</u> Initiative

Multinational organisations, firms and financial institutions see developing smart cities, industrial estates and special economic zones as opportunities in the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Source: The Straits Times





#### Chinese Investment in Renewables Soars in South and Southeast Asia

A study published this week by environmental charity Greenpeace found China's Belt & Road Initiative has led an investment surge in energy infrastructure in the regions covered by the plan – particularly south and Southeast Asia – over the past five years. Source: PV Magazine.

# South China City Strengthens Infrastructure Construction of Transportation for Poverty Alleviation Program

In the recent years, Cenxi City, South China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, has strengthened the infrastructure construction of transportation for the poverty alleviation program. Source: Xinhua.

#### **INDIA**

India Poised to Focus on 'Energy-Efficient and High-Performance Buildings of the Future', says Building Innovative Guide







#### The Demand for Construction Equipment is on the Rise

The demand for motors graders in India is likely to grow rapidly due to the growth of construction end use industry, predominantly driven by the development of large-scale infrastructure projects, development of transportation facilities and infrastructure projects such as light rail corridors, office buildings and shopping centres. Source: Construction Weekline.

#### Highway Construction Rate in India on the Right Track, More Than Doubles in Five Years

Transportation has been a major focus of the Narendra Modi government. Highway construction and expansion in India crossed 10,000 kms during 2018-19, which translated to 30 kms a day during the fiscal, and more than doubled from 12 kms a day during 2014-15. Source: India Today.

#### **SOUTHEAST ASIA**

SMEC Awarded Railway Project in the Philippines

SMEC has been commissioned by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), through Oriental Consultants Global (OCG), to provide detailed design on the Manila Clark Railway Project (MCRP North Line) and the North South Railway Project, South Line (NSRP South Line). Source: Southeast Asia Construction.



#### Sunseap Completes Vietnam Solar Farm Amid Steady Pipeline of Asia Projects

Singapore's clean-energy provider Sunseap Group's unit has completed a US\$150 million Vietnam solar farm project ahead of its schedule. The solar farm was jointly developed with InfraCo Asia, an infrastructure development and investment company majority owned by Sunseap International. Source: The Business Times.



#### Phase 1 of Karawang New Industry City in Indonesia Completed

CFLD International has marked another milestone in Asia with the completion of Phase 1 of Karawang New Industry City (KNIC) in Indonesia. The company recently held a groundbreaking ceremony for the tenants of the development. Source: Southeast Asia Construction.

# Si Racha District in Thailand Advances from Industrial Hub to 'Smart City'

In the near future, the Si Racha district in Chon Buri will acquire an additional status as a "smart city" that uses digital innovation to improve the standard of living and create new business opportunities. The 1000-square-kilometre tract has enormous potential because it is part of the government's flagship Eastern Economic Corridor. Source: Bangkok Post.





#### 'Trans-Asean' Bullet Train Plan to Link Thailand with Laos and China

The Bang Sue District in Bangkok, Thailand, is set to become part of the "Trans-Asean Line", the government's ambitious plan to build a rail network linking Thailand to other countries as far away as Singapore and China. "Thais will be able to take high-speed trains to the Chinese capital and Singapore from a railway station in Bang Sue in the future," said Deputy Transport Minister Pailin Chuchottaworn. Source: Bangkok Post.

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