

**News Release**

**SINGAPORE COOPERATION ENTERPRISE SHARES  
SINGAPORE'S BEST PRACTICES ON GEOSPATIAL  
INFORMATION FRAMEWORK WITH THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN**

**Kingdom of Bahrain, Thursday, 5 November 2009**

SCE's Chairman and Singapore Head of Civil Service, Mr. Peter Ho was in Bahrain on 4 November 2009 to meet with various government officials to further enhance relations and explore opportunities for bilateral cooperation. Mr. Ho was accompanied by senior SCE officials met with the Minister of Finance, H.E. Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa; Minister of Cabinet Affairs, H.E. Shaikh Ahmed bin Ateyatala Al Khalifa; Minister of Health, H.E. Dr Faisal Bin Yaqoob Al Hammer; CEO of the Bahrain Economic Development Board, H.E. Shaikh Mohammed bin Essa Al Khalifa and Chairman of the General Organisation of Ports, H.E. Shaikh Daij bin Salman bin Daij Al Khalifa.

During this trip, Mr. Ho and the H.E. Shaikh Ahmed discussed the cooperation between SCE and Bahrain and reviewed the activities that had been initiated under the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SCE and the Ministry of Finance of Bahrain that was signed in Feb 2008. Both parties were happy with the outcomes of the MOU so far and agreed to continue to focus efforts on the existing discussions and explore new areas of cooperation.

An example the cooperation is a project on Geospatial Information Infrastructure Strategy and Framework. SCE recently completed the first phase of the project to help the Kingdom of Bahrain establish a coordinated and structured approach to manage the Kingdom's Geospatial Information. This framework will provide the key requirements to properly govern and manage the information and supporting infrastructure for Geospatial Information. This project is in line with the Kingdom's 2030 Economic Vision, which requires a strong infrastructure to support and drive the services offered by the

Kingdom's different authorities. Geospatial data refers to information that depicts or describes geographic information.

For this project, SCE assembled a team of Singapore's experts from the Singapore Land Authority, Surbana and Nanyang Technological University. The team of experts combined the key elements of the regulator, user/practitioner and academic aspect to provide a complete and holistic approach to the project. The project was initiated in July 2009 and SCE presented the final report to Minister of Cabinet Affairs on 01 Nov 2009.

Dr. Mohammed Ahmed Al Amer, Chairman of the National GIS Steering Committee said: "We are happy to partner Singapore in assisting the Kingdom of Bahrain to develop the Spatial Data Infrastructure Framework and Strategy. We are pleased with the progress and outcome for this stage of the project."

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