

# **WELCOME ADDRESS BY MS LOW KHAH GEK, CEO/ITE, AT THE MOU SIGNING CEREMONY BETWEEN ITE AND PANDUIT SINGAPORE, ON 27 JANUARY 2022, 1400HRS AT PANDUIT SINGAPORE PTE LTD**

Mr Harry Woo  
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Panduit Singapore Pte Ltd

Friends from Panduit

ITE colleagues and students

Ladies and Gentlemen

## **Introduction**

1. ITE's collaboration with Panduit started more than 15 years ago in 2006. Our focus areas then were mostly on cabling systems for buildings and today, we are extending our partnership to a very critical and essential area of Information Network Infrastructure Solutions for data centres.
2. Singapore is already a hosting services and data centre powerhouse in the ASEAN region and is set to see further demand for such services in the coming years as cloud adoption and remote working trends continue to rise. The strong push to be a 'Digital Society' and numerous initiatives to gear up for a 'Digital Economy' augur well for increasing the demand for data centres and hosting solutions in Singapore.

## **ITE-Panduit Centre for Information Network Infrastructure Solutions**

3. ITE welcomes this partnership with Panduit to collaborate in manpower skills development to provide network infrastructure solutions for the hundreds of data centre facilities in Singapore and the region. Panduit will enable ITE to set up the ITE-Panduit Centre for Information Network Infrastructure Solutions. This training centre will be equipped with the latest technologies, allowing students to learn through hands-on experience dealing with fiber optic and copper systems that deliver high performance, reliability and scalability.
4. ITE students will also be given internship opportunities at Panduit's strategic partner companies such as iBMS and Lantro. Our ITE graduates will be well-positioned to take on jobs and build their careers in the data centre industry.
5. ITE staff and students will also have access to eLearning resources through the University of Panduit Online platform to augment their knowledge and understanding of Information Network Infrastructure solutions.
6. Panduit's staff have also committed to supporting ITE in updating our curriculum to include the latest know-how on Fiber Infrastructure and Infrastructure Optimisation.
7. Panduit's generosity also include sponsorship of Data Racks, Cabinets and Cold Aisle Containment to ITE's Data Centre Laboratory for the training of our WSDip trainees in Data Centre Infrastructure and Operations.

## **WorldSkills Singapore 2021**

8. AT WorldSkills Singapore 2021, Panduit was the industry expert and sponsor for the skills area of Information Network Cabling. We are glad that the Gold Medal for this category is our ITE student, Winnie Leow from the Nitec in Electrical Technology (Power & Control) course. Winnie is now undergoing intensive training to represent Singapore on the world stage at the WorldSkills Shanghai 2022. We wish her the very best.
  
9. We highlight Winnie to illustrate that ITE students possess skills and talents to work in and contribute to the Data Centre industry by providing the critical IT Network Cabling solutions.

## **Conclusion**

10. My ITE colleagues, students and I look forward to the new ITE-Panduit Centre for Information Network Infrastructure Solutions as well as the new opportunities for training and learning. I thank Panduit for your strong support to equip ITE graduates with deep skills to embark on jobs and careers in the data centre industry.
  
11. I am confident that this collaboration between Panduit and ITE will yield much benefits and impact on our students as well as contribute towards our collective journey towards a Digital Economy and a Digital Society.

Thank you.