

Media Release

Singapore strengthens its role as a 5G regional innovation hub, more businesses to innovate and commercialise 5G solutions

IMDA partners industry to spearhead 5G innovation requiring precision simulation, a high level of safety and large amounts of data processing

Singapore – 3rd August 2022: 5G enables technologies such as AI, Digital Twin, augmented and extended reality (XR¹) to seamlessly work together, key for businesses at the forefront of digital transformation and providing consumers with a better-quality experience. In advancing Singapore’s 5G ecosystem, the Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) is working with industry to unlock the real value of 5G by shaping new business use-cases and enabling enterprises to commercialise, locally and globally.

Mr Lew Chuen Hong, Chief Executive, IMDA said, “Singapore will continue to push the boundaries of innovation through frontier technologies such as 5G. We are excited to work with our industry partners to unlock the real impact of 5G. We look forward to seeing new and exciting ways 5G will benefit our businesses and consumers”.

Region’s First: Three new 5G projects to boost Singapore’s 5G ecosystem

Under IMDA’s [5G Innovation Programme](#), S\$30 million has been set aside to accelerate the adoption and commercialisation of 5G solutions. IMDA announces the award of projects for:

- Asia Pacific’s first 5G mobile edge computing for Mixed Reality and Holomedicine capabilities in health tech
- Region’s first outdoor mass 5G-enabled cinematic quality AR experience
- Southeast Asia’s first maritime 5G AR/VR Smart Glasses Solution

5G-enabled Mixed Reality for Health Tech

The use of Mixed Reality technology (MR) in healthcare is an up-and-coming area of development, coined as Holomedicine, which leverages on holographic displays and images to enhance and augment healthcare delivery. IMDA partners with the National University Health System (NUHS), Singapore Telecommunications, and apoQlar GmbH to develop new 5G-enabled Holomedicine capabilities that leverages on new remote rendering capabilities, and MR devices such as Microsoft’s HoloLens 2. The collaboration project will enable the Holomedicine platform to leverage on a high-speed network which is essential for the real-

¹ Extended reality or XR is an umbrella term which encompasses augmented, virtual and mixed reality technologies.

time transmission of large volumes of data from the HoloLens 2 devices. Capabilities such as real-time rendering of high-resolution 3D images and holographic projections, scan reconstructions, procedure and surgical navigation, and remote assistance will be possible in the operating theatres. Outside the operating theatres, capabilities such as enhanced visualisation of patient's veins during blood taking procedures, advanced point-of-care ultrasound imaging capabilities, and patient education and counselling will be made possible.

5G-enabled Cinematic quality AR Experience

IMDA will collaborate with Infinite Studios (local co-producers of Crazy Rich Asians and Westworld 3) and D.ink, a mixed reality (XR) company to develop the region's first outdoor 5G-enabled cinematic quality AR experience that will fully utilise the bandwidth and computational capabilities of 5G and 5G-enabled mobile devices. The collaboration will bring together creative story-telling and immersive technology, producing a unique experience at the Marina Bay Area that merges the physical world with simulated reality using AR.

5G-enabled AR/VR Smart Glasses Solution

Covid-19 has brought disruption to physical inspections, site and vessel surveys and audits, which is heavily dependent on what is possible today. IMDA partners Keppel Offshore & Marine and its collaborators M1, Hiverlab and Suga to develop and commercialise 5G-enabled solutions for the maritime sector. This project will enable Keppel O&M to address these challenges. This use-case will allow for AR to be overlaid through Smart Glasses, incorporating the digital into the physical world. This solution will also empower workers with real-time support and augmented work instructions.

Significant Progress seen from previous 5G use-cases

PSA continues to make waves as the world's first 5G mmWave port operations trial sees progress. Automated Guided Vehicles (AGVs) achieved a reduction in latency by 50% compared to current 4G network. This will enable PSA to scale AGV operations at Tuas Mega Port beyond 2000 vehicles. Automated Rubber Tire Gantry cranes (aRTG) have also seen significant stability in terms of throughput low latency. 5G will enable PSA to completely automate its RTG operations and empower its staff for higher value job roles and upskilling in new areas of work.

IMDA's partnership with Razer has also seen significant results. This first ever mmWave trial for Razer was conducted at Ngee Ann City and Singtel's Comcentre and findings from this trial enabled a re-imagining of the mobile gaming experience with 5G-enabled gaming controllers. Based on learnings from this trial, Razer has launched the Razer Kishi V2, a universal mobile gaming controller that promises a "console-class gameplay experience" for smartphones. It

also launched the Razer Arctech, a heat-dissipating mobile phone cover that supports the heavy processing load required for a seamless gaming experience.

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Annex A: Details of New 5G use-cases

IMDA and NUHS 5G Use-case for Health Tech

Associate Professor Ngiam Kee Yuan, Group Chief Technology Officer, NUHS, said: “Public healthcare institutions are making fuller use of AI tools to enable medical practitioners to make faster, more accurate diagnoses and precise treatments. NUHS is at the forefront in terms of development and deployment of mixed reality technology in healthcare. This partnership with IMDA will further enhance NUHS’ capabilities to develop MR modules and solutions to enhance clinical capabilities, clinicians’ abilities, optimise patient trajectories and improve the quality of patient care and patient outcomes.”



- **Pre-procedure planning:** For surgeries, a realistic 3D hologram would provide for better spatial reference to the operating field. Such holograms would allow surgeons to manipulate and shape the holograms with a real model and high level of feedback and perspectives compared as compared to a 2D computer screen. This enables the surgeon to perform pre-arrangement of fracture fragments into proper alignment and positions and identification of suitable surgical implants in relation to contours of a patient’s bone structure.
- **Intra-Operative Surgical Navigation:** Holographic scanned images or guides converted from CT/MRI scans are then overlaid on the patient, providing real-time guidance for the surgeons during an operation to a single location in the operating theatre to support surgical use cases.
- **Point-of-Care Imaging and Reconstruction:** A point-of-care device which allows for real-time 3D reconstruction of an ultrasound scan enables clinicians to perform bedside screening of potential donors without going through a full work-up. Real-time 3D

reconstruction would also reduce the ambiguity of inter-operator interpretation of ultrasound images. Machine learning would be used for auto-segmentation of intra-hepatic structures, prediction of percentage fat, and image reconstruction. The machine learning algorithm would be trained for existing imaging and histology data and compared with MRI scans and histology from prospective patients.

- **Point-of-Care Superficial Vein Mapping:** AI software would be developed and used with Microsoft HoloLens 2 to detect a patient's veins. The software will identify and help the and locate the veins on a patient's arm. Through the headset's visor, a nurse will be to view the digital images of the veins superimposed on the patient's arm, guiding the nurse on where to insert the needle to draw blood or deliver fluids to the patient. Using the AR headset frees up both hands, making it easier for the nurse to draw blood.
- **Patient Education and Counselling:** With the aid of 3D holograms from patient's own scans, patients and clinicians would be able to interact within the same environment and share the same 3D holographic image. Clinician will be able to fully explain the procedure using these 3D images. A surgeon would also be able to perform a simulated run-through of the patient's surgery using the holograms.

IMDA and Infinite Studio 5G AR for Consumers



- Synopsis of *Youri 2071*: Unravel in an action-packed immersive experience adventure of Youri, a young girl from the future who travels back in time in search of her father. She is desperate to find her father before robots sent by greedy tech corporations get hold of her father and the secrets of time travel which he holds. Journey with her on her travels through significant moments of Singapore's history and discover how Singapore has grown from its humble beginnings to megacity in the future.
- A live AR performance at Marina Bay area that will simultaneously immerse visitors in a performance of larger-than-life AR renders with true cinematic quality featuring Singapore's skyline. This application will be an innovative platform for Digital Marketing

agencies and their customers, allowing them a more immersive way to reach out to consumers. Further possible extensions of the App ecosystem, already under evaluation, will include a dedicated Metaverse and a companion game. End-users of Apple 5G mobile devices will be able download the AR Application and unlock it with performance tickets bought through Marina Bay Sands web portal.

IMDA and Keppel FELS 5G use-case for Maritime Sector



- 5G AR-enabled Smart Glasses for Site Inspection:** The Smart Glasses are used to digitalise the process of inspection and asset maintenance. Inspection personnel wearing Smart Glasses can view work instructions, that can be controlled through voice-commands, via the display headset. This replaces labour-intensive manual check sheets and drawings. Remote expertise and coaching can also be provided via the platform. This application can reduce the manhours required for on-site quality inspection by as much as 50%.
- Digital Twin Virtualisation Remote Monitoring:** This AR applications allow the monitoring of equipment performance and on-board system parameters via real-time sensor data. Using AR-enabled Smart Glasses, field engineers will be able to capture and stream live data to their main office to receive real-time remote guidance. Sensor data can also be overlaid on the site engineer's field of vision, displaying key information such as the equipment's real-time critical performance and condition during operations. This will also provide a common platform for field engineers and office-based support to troubleshoot and rectify issues. This application aims to improve field engineers' efficiency by 40%.

- **Remote Virtual Walkthrough:** Using Smart Glasses to conduct remote virtual walkthroughs of a vessel will allow Keppel engineers, clients, and Classification Societies to perform pre-construction feasibility assessments simultaneously and this will enable potential engineering design issues to be identified earlier, thus helping to mitigate pre-construction risks. In addition, during the construction phase, engineers can use Smart Glasses to validate that the project is being constructed to the correct specifications. The solution can also facilitate collaboration across different yards and locations where various vessel components are being constructed.

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