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## **Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City to develop green transport system**

Keppel Corp's joint venture company Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City Investment and Development (SSTEC) signed two MOUs on Wednesday, to collaborate with LTA Academy and ST Kinetics respectively to lay the foundation for a green transport system in the Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City (Tianjin Eco-City).

Fully utilising the public transport system is a key feature of the green transport system, which will also involve using electric and hybrid electric vehicles. This will contribute towards improving air quality and reducing carbon emissions in the Tianjin Eco-City.

Arranged by LTA, SSTEC signed an MOU with LTA Academy on the development of a training and research programme for sustainable land transportation for the Tianjin Eco-City.

In addition, SSTEC also signed an MOU with ST Kinetics, to undertake a feasibility study on the implementation of a green public transport network in the Tianjin Eco-City, and similar studies in the future for a green private transport.

In order to better serve the Tianjin Eco-City and northern China, ST Kinetics is also considering setting up a plant there to produce electric and hybrid-electric powertrain kits as well as an office in the Eco-Business Park.

Mr Sew Chee Jhuen, President of ST Kinetics said, "ST Kinetics is pleased to be working with SSTEC and the local authorities to jointly explore the potential applications of our suite of alternative energy technologies in pure-electric, hybrid-electric and hybrid-hydraulics powertrain solutions for city buses, commercial and passenger vehicles and heavy trucks to meet the green transportation requirements of the Tianjin Eco-City."

Mr Goh Chye Boon, CEO of SSTEC, said "Leveraging the proven track record and experience of LTA Academy and ST Kinetics, further enhances our confidence that together we will successfully develop a new benchmark for green transport systems and a model for other cities.

"Both collaborations are key in our strategy for green transportation that will demonstrate our commitment to transform the way people commute in a sustainable fashion and leading a sustainable lifestyle."

The MOUs were signed at an international seminar "Green Transport for Growing Cities" co-organised by LTA Academy and Tsinghua University's Institute of Transportation Engineering.