## **Session 5:** Harnessing the Benefits of New Technologies

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## What are the Global Challenges?



Urban Density Two-thirds of the world will live in cities by 2050.<sup>1</sup>



**Ageing Population** The world is ageing fast. By 2050, more than 2 billion people will be over 60.<sup>2</sup>



Mobility People are moving more into congested centres, with urban travel to triple by 2050. Traffic congestion could bring cities to a standstill.<sup>4</sup>



Energy Sustainability Global demand for energy will rise by up to 37% by 2035.<sup>5</sup>



**Healthcare** By 2025, there will be 8 billion people, 800 million of whom will be over 65 with high health needs.<sup>3</sup>



## **Urban Density**

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Singapore is the world's third most densely populated nation

**Food for thought:** How do we cope with the expected swell of new residents by 2050?



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**UK** 265 people per square kilometre

**Singapore** 8,000 people per square kilometre



Mobility

with limited land space, we can no longer increase the number of vehicles or add more roads.



## 1 million

cars on the road in Singapore (approximately)

## 12%

land space in Singapore used for roads

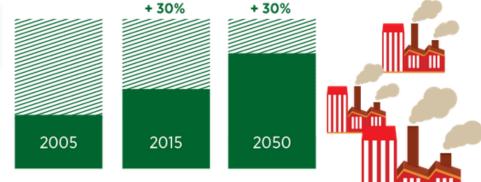


**Food for thought:** How do we improve traffic planning, faced with this resources challenge?



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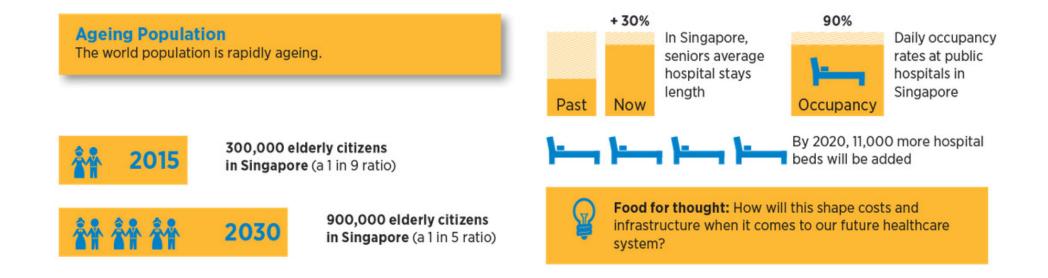
## **Energy Sustainability**



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**Food for thought:** How do we keep up with energy demands without building more power plants?







# Singapore's Vision: Towards a Smart Nation



"As our city becomes increasingly complex and diverse ... We will **make full use of new technologies** to develop sustainable and innovative solutions... We will make Singapore a **Smart Nation.**"

- President's Address to Parliament, May 2014



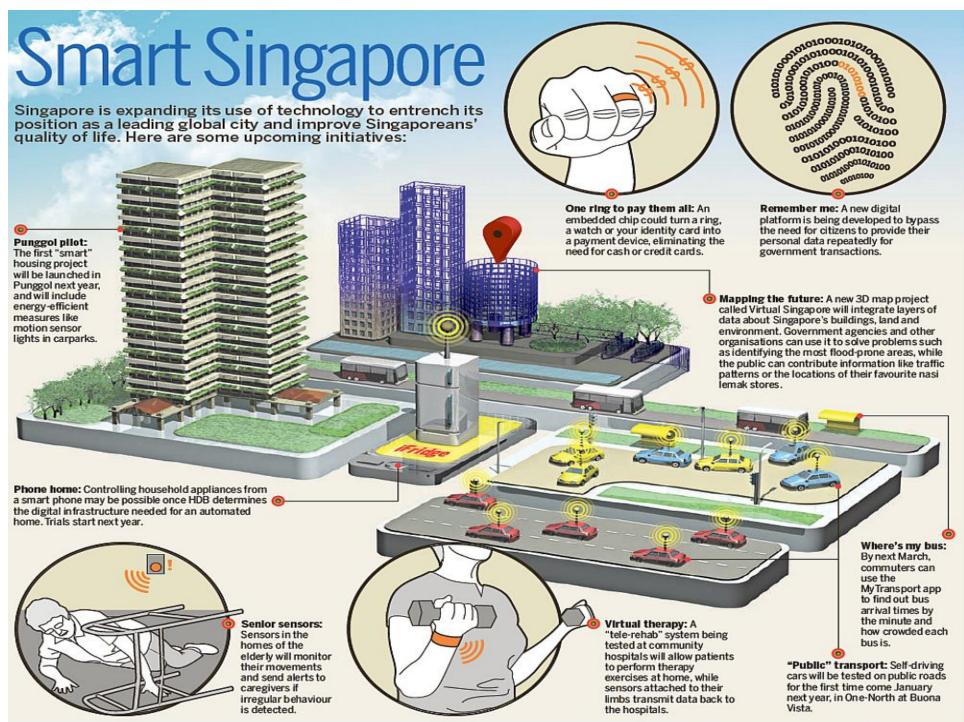
"Our vision is for Singapore to be a Smart Nation . A nation where people live meaningful and fulfilled lives, enabled seamlessly by technology, offering exciting opportunities for all."

- PM Lee Hsien Loong, Smart Nation Launch, Nov 2014

<sup>56</sup> Technologies are an important source of bringing to life Singapore's vision of a Smart Nation.

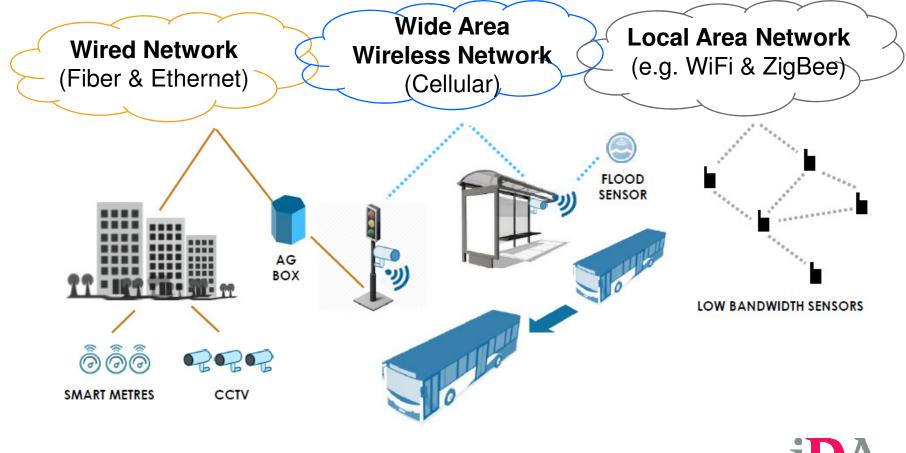
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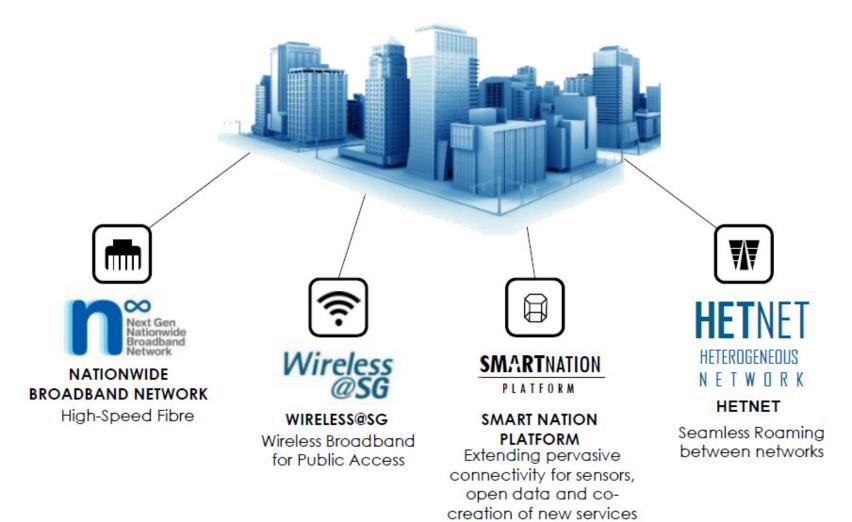
## **Providing Pervasive Connectivity**

## **Various Trusted and Resilient Networks**





## **Providing Pervasive Connectivity**





# **Nationwide Broadband (Fibre) Network**

Competitive Prices For both wholesale and retail broadband services

Innovative Services Supports R&D efforts in and delivery of innovative services such as high-definition video conferencing, healthcare, education and security

### Ultra-High Access Speeds Minimum access speeds of 50Mbps uplink and 100Mbps downlink per end-user connection; scalable up to 1Gbps and more

Pervasive Nationwide Coverage Ensure that all segments in Singapore benefit



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# IoT is a key enabler for Singapore's vision to be a Smart Nation

- Beyond economic opportunities, IoT can also enrich the quality of life for citizens
- Some of the challenges and questions related to IoT, highlighted below, need to be addressed



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## Availability of network resources for IoTs

• IPv6 will be key to support billions of IoT devices



Telephone numbers

Today, IDA allocates number access code 144XX for M2M



Ensuring ISPs support IPv6

IDA launched regulatory and industry initiatives to support IPv6 in Singapore (e.g., No-Islanding Principle)



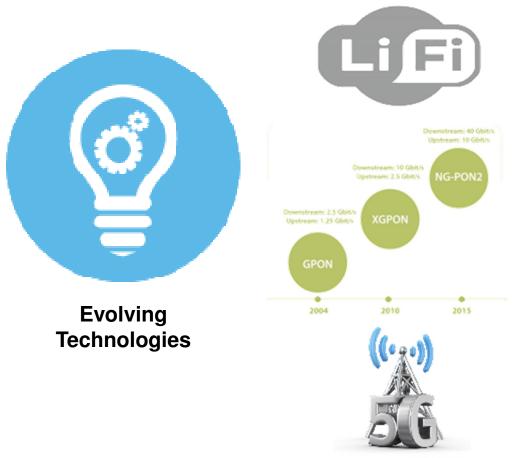
e-SIM

Conducting trial of GSMA's specification for the Over-The-Air ("OTA") subscription management for M2M devices



# **New & Emerging Technologies**

Most of these technologies are still in their developmental phase



Light Fidelity (Li-Fi) – Uses visiblelight communication instead of radio-frequency spectrum - trial is able to send data at up to 1GBps.

New fibre technologies – Can increase broadband speed from 2.5Gbps to 40Gbps (XGPON and NG-PON2).

5G (IMT-2020) – Focus on consolidation of wireless networks to provide better coverage and reliability, and increase in data speeds and reduction in latency.



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# **Thank You**





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