

## Appendix I – Partners Quotes

- Robotics engineers in NTU Robotics Research Centre are given a chance to work with an interdisciplinary team of education experts and teachers to develop the first interactive robotics apps appropriate for Early Childhood Education in Singapore,” said **Prof Chen I-Ming, Director, Robotics Research Centre, Nanyang Technological University.**
- "We are very honoured to partner IDA for this interesting yet meaningful pilot study to introduce robots, and specifically Pepper to our young children. Our children love to play with and learn together with robots, hence we believe that robots can benefit our children in schools, and this partnership supports a new paradigm for us to plan and design learning and creativity to allow our children to explore and co-construct knowledge. We know that children blur the lines between playing and learning, and hence the opportunity for us with this pilot study is to make learning fun and for play to become knowledge and skills acquisition for our children. For our children at My First Skool, Jurong Point, they see Pepper as "human" and Pepper is now their friend in school, whom they play and learn comfortably and together with," said **Ms Thian Ai Ling, Deputy General Manager, My First Skool.**
- “M1 is proud to partner with IDA and Sentosa to launch to the Green Wi-Fi pilot initiative. As the choice provider of Wireless@SG on Sentosa island, M1 is confident that the Green Wi-Fi pilot will drive innovation in the area of environmentally sustainable Wi-Fi deployments,” said **Mr Willis Sim, Chief Product Development and Corporate Solutions Officer, M1 Limited.**
- “In building a fun, smart and sustainable Sentosa, we have implemented a range of mobile solutions over the years to enhance guest experience. The expansion of Wireless@SG coverage on Sentosa, as well as the piloting of new technologies and solutions, such as Green Wi-Fi and the improved MySentosa app, will enable us to ride on improving wireless infrastructure as Singapore builds on its Smart Nation vision. We will continue to tailor and improve our digital solutions to provide seamless and engaging experiences

for all our visitors,” said **Mr Eu Kwang Chin, Divisional Director for Information Technology, Sentosa Development Corporation**

- “The TeSA is an important national initiative and ITMA is privileged to be on the Governing Council, charting the directions for Singapore’s ICT manpower development. With our stable of more than 500 CIOs, we believe ITMA can contribute valuable input to continuously refine the programmes under TeSA to better meet industry needs, as well as engendering greater industry support for TeSA,” said **Mr Alvin Ong, President, IT Management Association.**
- SiTF is pleased to be appointed to the TeSA Governing Council and support the TeckSkills Accelerator initiative. As the representative for the ICT industry, SiTF is well poised to play a leading role in identifying the industry relevant skills: SiTF will help to drive tangible outcome by aggregating job placement and aligning training needs and job requirements,” said **Mr Lim Kang Song, Co-Chairman of Talent Committee and Co-Chairman of ICM Sector for TeSA Council.**
- “It is critical that PMETs and other ICT professionals stay curious, competent, connected - which includes upgrading their IT skills in order to stay competitive in the fast-paced digitally driven economy. That is why Singapore Computer Society, as a trusted partner to the local ICT industries, is working with IDA to support the TechSkills Accelerator. This is key to ensuring the continued healthy development of Singapore’s IT and Infocomm industries as we continue to be recognized as a vibrant hub of innovation in tech,” said **Mr Howie Lau, President, Singapore Computer Society.**
- “The TESA governing council brings the employers, IT professionals, training providers and government together in a collaborative and inclusive manner to implement programs that identifies, develops and values skills required for the ICT professions to drive industry and government in a sustained way for our smart nation. In recognition of the value that ICT professionals bring to the progress of industry and government, this platform aims to recommend their

development and career fulfilment in meaningful ways," said **Dr Chong Yoke Sin, CEO, Integrated Health Information Systems.**