

## **MEDIA FACTSHEET**

### **Leveraging Commercial Cloud to Accelerate Digital Transformation**

The Singapore Government will systematically shift less sensitive Government ICT systems onto the commercial cloud, to allow us to use leading-edge private sector capabilities to develop digital services. A small number of very sensitive and critical systems will remain hosted within Government, even as the global norm is increasingly for ICT systems to be cloud-based.

2 The Government's use of the commercial cloud is a key part of the CODEX (Core Operations, Development Environment, and eXchange) which is the digital platform to enable the Government to deliver better digital services to citizens faster and more cost efficiently.

3 We will not be the first Government to have shifted decisively to the commercial cloud. The United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand are leading digital governments that have already done so.

#### **Significant shift over five years**

4 Currently, the Government uses GovTech's Content Website Platform to host more than 500 government websites on the commercial cloud. Over the next five years, the Smart Nation and Digital Government Group (SNDGG) will work with public agencies to move the bulk of our ICT systems onto the commercial cloud.

#### **Benefits of Cloud**

##### Access to leading ICT capabilities

5 Commercial cloud will grant the Government access to leading edge innovations and developments in the technology industry. Global tech giants have invested significantly in their commercial cloud platforms, incorporating the latest ICT capabilities in the software and services offered. These leading ICT capabilities are augmented by robust cybersecurity measures and systems, to protect the data that resides on commercial cloud platforms.

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### Agility, speed and scale

6 Government agencies can tap on commercial cloud software to incorporate advanced functionalities into their digital services, instead of trying to reinvent the wheel. Application testing and deployment can be automated and done in real-time, speeding up the delivery of high-quality Government digital services to citizens and businesses.

### Cost savings and operational efficiencies

7 Commercial cloud will help the Government achieve better cost and operational efficiencies in its digital transformation. Instead of building, managing and maintaining on-premise and dedicated hosting infrastructure such as data centres, the Government will derive greater economies of scale through the use of commercial cloud. The availability and reliability of our ICT systems will be raised in a cost efficient manner.

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