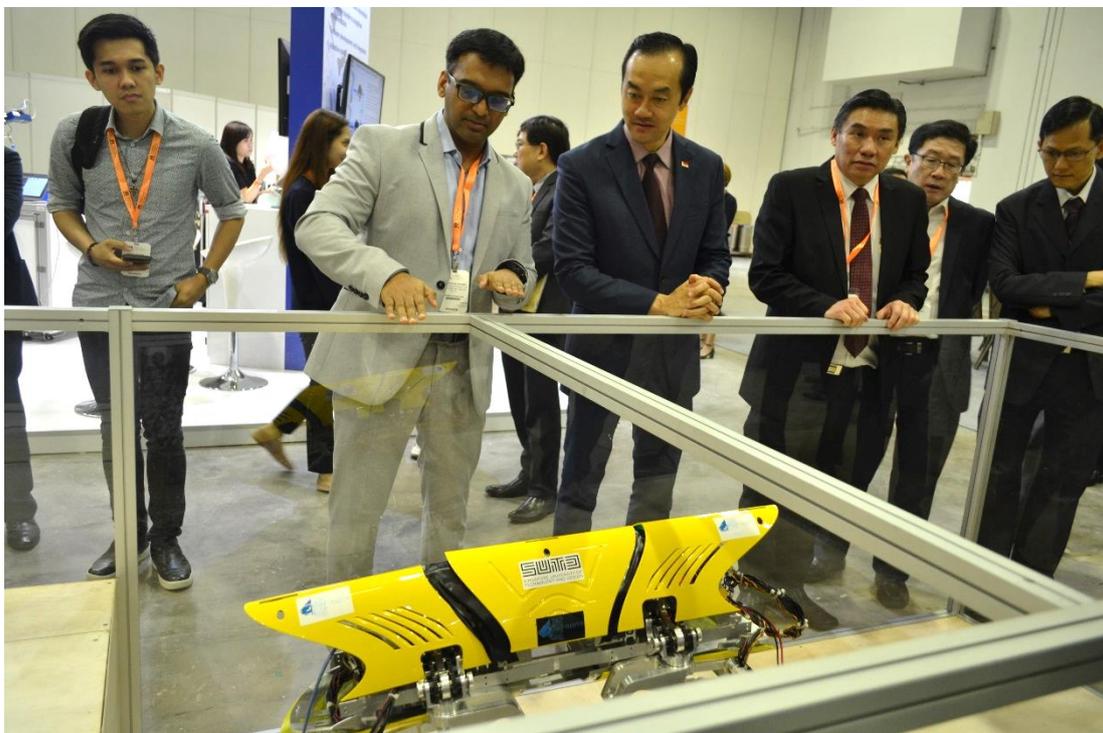


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Dr Koh Poh Koon officiates at Singapore International Robo Expo



Dr Koh Poh Koon observing the Tarantula drain inspection robot changing its shape to navigate obstacles in its environment. Explaining the concept of shape-shifting robots to Dr Koh is Asst Prof Mohan Rajesh Elara, lead investigator from the robotics lab at the Singapore University of Technology and Design, a leading R&D centre for the development of transformative robot technology.

Singapore, 1 November 2018 – At the opening of Singapore International Robo Expo (SIRE) 2018 today, Dr Koh Poh Koon, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry, announced that the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) has developed the Built Environment Robotics Research and Development (R&D) Programme that focuses on three key areas of research, development and deployment, namely in (i) automated construction

manufacturing facilities, (ii) on-site assembly and (iii) smart and sustainable assets which include civil engineering works and facilities management. The programme's first Open Grant Call will be launched today to generate innovations, create new opportunities for collaboration, encourage investments in research and innovation, and contribute towards the transformation of the Built Environment sector.

Dr Koh also witnessed the signing of an MOU between SIAA and ITE to collaborate in the development of industry-relevant Certificates and Certificates of Competency in the areas of Robotics, Internet-of-Things (IoT), Automation Engineering and Artificial Intelligence for ITE graduates. SIAA member companies will also provide internship places for ITE students.

A second MOU was also signed at SIRE 2018 between SIAA and the Korea Association of Robot Industry (KAR) to establish a strategic alliance to explore opportunities for collaboration between Singaporean and Korean companies / robotics interests. KAR represents 160 member companies, research laboratories, institutions, government-affiliated organizations in South Korea.

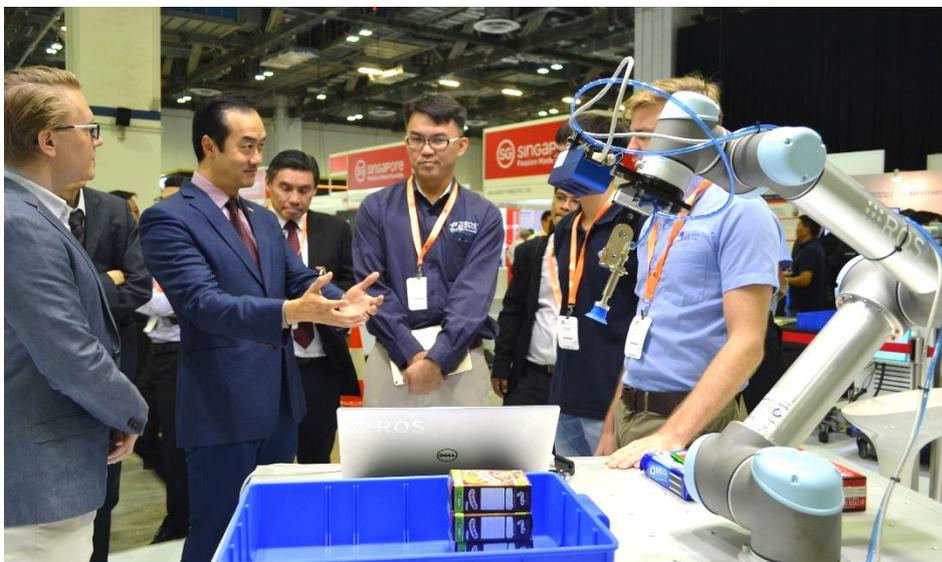
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Additional photos



Dr Koh Poh Koon meeting LeoBot Scrub, the first Singapore-developed cleaning robot for mass-export worldwide. It was commercially launched at SIRE 2018 by Lionsbot, an associate company of leading Singapore professional cleaning equipment and chemicals supplier SuperSteam.



Dr Koh Poh Koon views robotics and automation technologies and is briefed by Mr Nicholas Yeo (middle), Technical Director of A*STAR's Advanced Remanufacturing and Technology Centre (ARTC), at the ROS-Industrial Consortium APAC booth. The consortium is led by A*STAR and supported by EDB and SSG.

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About Singapore International Robo Expo (SIRE)

The Singapore International Robo Expo (SIRE) is the industry's leading regional event for industrial and service robots. As the Asia Pacific region continues to be a key growth driver for the global robotics and automation industry, SIRE is the regional platform where attendees can gain key insights, ignite business opportunities and discover fresh solutions amidst this staggering industry growth. SIRE is organised by Experia Events and co-organised by Singapore Industrial Automation Association (SIAA).

For more information, visit www.sire.com.sg.

About Experia Events Pte Ltd

Experia Events specialises in organising and managing exhibitions and conferences of strategic interest, fostering industry development and thought leadership. It has built a strong portfolio in aerospace and defence with the highly successful Singapore Airshow, Asia's largest aerospace and defence event, as well as key events such as IMDEX Asia, Asia Pacific's flagship maritime defence show; Rotorcraft Asia, the premier dedicated event for the global civil helicopter industry; Unmanned Systems Asia, which presents the future of unmanned systems across a vast spectrum of commercial and defence applications; and the Singapore International Robo Expo (SIRE), the only dedicated robotics-centric platform in Singapore and in ASEAN.

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About Singapore Industrial Automation Association (SIAA)

Incorporated since 1982, SIAA is a professional association for companies and professionals in the Automation, Internet-of-Things (IoT) and Robotics sectors. SIAA plays a crucial role in galvanizing the Automation, IoT and Robotics (AIR) business community, through its extensive line-up of highly-valued programs and events, As SIAA spearheads the automation

related initiatives, it also aims to foster industry collaboration and advancement through staging of flagship industry platforms.

SIAA's member charter is to serve as the voice of members and provide members with opportunities to increase their market presence as well as to internationalize their businesses. Our task is to open doors to business opportunities in Singapore and around the region. Through our various activities, initiatives and alliances, we promote our members to local and foreign network of alliance.

Forming alliances with various organizations locally, regionally and on the international front is also top priority for SIAA to reach out to like-minded groups who through the strategic alliances are able to come together for greater synergy in collaborations to continue to serve our respective communities more meaningfully. Please visit www.siaa.org.

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