

PORT AUTHORITY
OF SINGAPORE
(MPA)

TERM PROJECT

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O1 PROBLEM OVERVIEW



How might we leverage digitalization to future-ready and maintain the competitiveness of Maritime Singapore?

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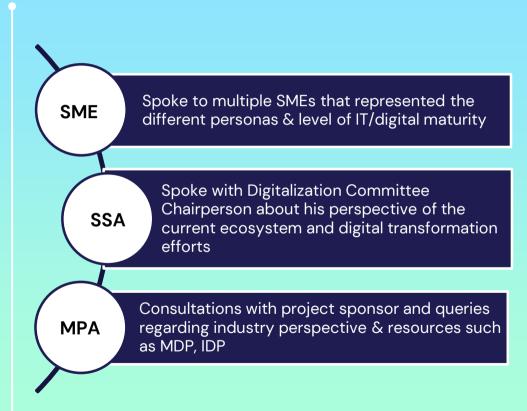
Digitalization adoptions by **20 SMEs** facilitated by MPA

Which equates to roughly 0.4% of the total number of SMES

TO-BE

At least 100 SMEs
undertake digitalization
adoptions
Cultivate a culture of
innovation and futurereadiness
(Approx 2% of the total
number of SMES by 2025)

- Maritime Singapore contributes to about 7% of our GDP and employs about 170,000 people
- MPA has invested heavily into technology to improve operational efficiency – digitalPORT@SG, digitalOCEANS, digitalSHIP, digital bunkering, electronic navigation charts, JIT arrival & departure, OCEANS-X
- Raised >\$68 million investment for R&D through PIER71 startups.
- MPA aims to incentivize SMEs to adopt technologies to increase productivity by 20% in 5 years.





02 ANALYSIS

KEY FINDINGS – SHIP AGENTS & SUPPLIERS

RESOURCES

URGENCY

DIGITAL AWARENESS







- Lack of a quality technical team with digital transformation capability (Manpower)
- Lack of upskilling opportunities due to time constraints & multitasking (Information/Education)
- Lack of budget and risk tolerance (Funding)

- "Don't fix what's not broken" and "waiting to see" mindset hinders change
- Marginal gains are seen as insufficient for process changes
- Stuck to legacy processes such as usage of WhatsApp and Email and unwilling to change.

- Not aware of how to execute on MPA's digital plan
- Lack of understanding of MPA's objectives among management in SME's due to technical capabilities.
- Solutions not customized to business requirements. Lack of understanding on IT Business Strategies

PERSONA BASED COMMUNICATION - SME

AMBITIOUS Persona Current Sentiment Message "Keep up with the **Focus** the efforts"

Channels

CAUTIOUS

DISMISSIVE

Consider digitalization

an "expensive

luxury", with little to

no value addition to

existing business

Employees: 2-500; Revenue: USD 5-50 Million; Profit Margin: 5-12%

Consider digitalization an "imperative and necessary" step

Exploring and putting efforts to adopt digital tools

Consider digitalization a "good to have" NOT "must have" step

Remain cautious due to previously Failed efforts towards digital adoption

"First step is always the hardest, do not lose confidence"

"Survive today, thrive digitally tomorrow"

One-on-One Meetings, Industry talks, Tech Seminars & Conferences

KEY OUESTIONS



MPA & **Associations**

"How Do We **Build Trust With** SMEs"

"How Do We Make **Resource More** Accessible"

> "How Do We Increase Awareness"

"How to Incite **Urgency For Digital** Adoption"



03 OVERVIEW OF SOLUTION



UNIFIED MARITIME PORTAL – DIGITAL WORKPLACE



PRE-IMPLEMENTATION

OUR VISION & MISSION



"To be an integrated maritime hub, through state-of-the-art innovation, while ensuring a sustainable future-ready ecosystem."



"To enhance Singapore's position as a leading global maritime hub, and secure Singapore's strategic maritime goals through digital transformation and integration."

CASE FOR DIGITALIZATION – COMMUNICATING THE URGENCY

CASE STUDY BASED FACTS

Maritime Industry: \$5-10 cost saving per document for electronic bill of lading, reduce fuel consumption by 10-20% due to route optimization

Case Study of an organization in the maritime industry: Following the implementation of new digital initiatives, the organization achieved a 15% reduction in operational costs and a 20% increase in customer satisfaction

Air Cargo Industry:

- Cargo Communication Systems: Connecting stakeholders in the air cargo industry on a common platform. Expected to unlock a value of at least over \$9Bn annually and save around 120,000 trees a year
- Emagic Software: Read different types of content including emails, text, and images and convert them into instant air cargo quotes. Customers witnessing 54% conversion rate from this software.
- IATA's "ONE RECORD" Initiative: Seamless information flow, real-time visibility, and enhanced collaboration across the supply chain by creating a single record view of each shipment.
 Deadline set for airlines to adopt ONE Record by 1 January 2026

SINGAPORE'S GLOBAL POSITION

Singapore's Position in the Global Market

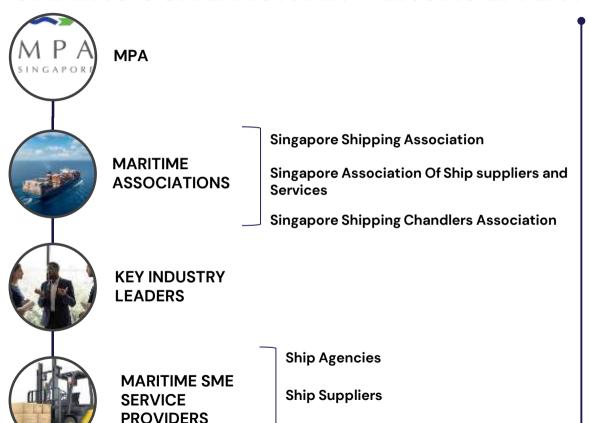
- World's top maritime centre according to ISCD index for 10th consecutive year
- Fully digitalized and automated port, Tuas Port by 2040.
- Digitalization is key to achieve industry goal of netzero carbon emissions by 2050
- Market value estimated at \$6Bn SGD with estimated annual growth rate of 5%
- In the current global scene, Digitalization is key to maintain competitiveness and accelerate growth

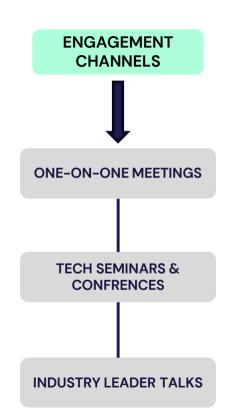
THE CASE FOR REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

"PROPOSED DEADLINE TO ONBOARD ONTO DIGITAL WORKPLACE BY 2030"

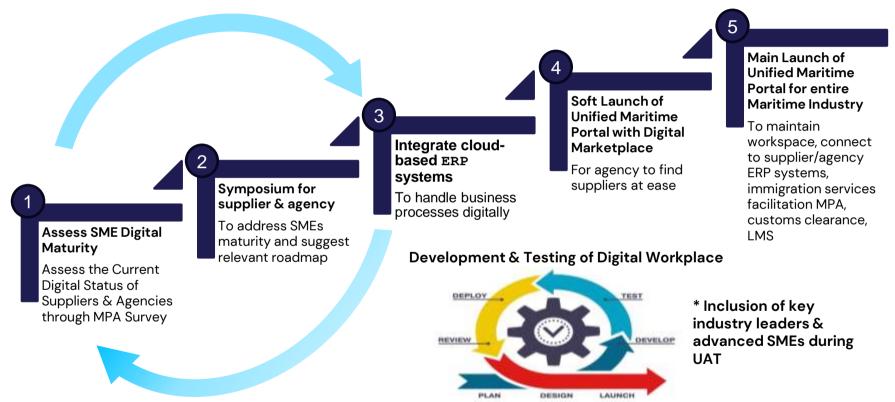
FORMING COALITION AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Other SME Service Providers





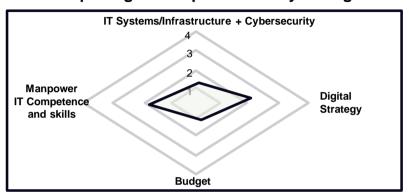
PROPOSED DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION ROADMAP

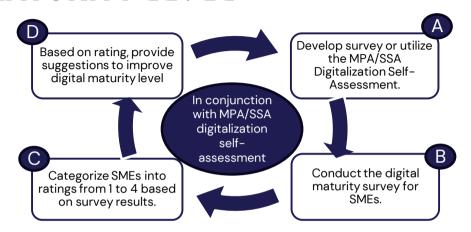


2025 - 2027 2028 2030

ASSESSING SMES DIGITAL MATURITY LEVEL

Sample Digital Adoption Maturity Rating





Rat	ting	Internal IT team	Information Systems	Budget	Cybersecurity	Digital Mindset
	Digital ginner	No inhouse IT team	Manual work Eg: using hardcopies	Very low	Initial	Not digitally aware/pessimistic
	Digital vice	Management team with IT skills	Basic information system Eg: email, excel	Low	Managed	Digitally aware with basic tools & technologies
3 - Nat	Digital tive	Vendor IT team	Business process enabled with standalone applications	Medium	Defined	Digitally enabled with basic tools & technologies Digitalized
	· Digital oert	Inhouse IT team	Business process enabled with ERP systems	Sufficient	Proactive	Digitalized

DIGITILIZATION ROADMAP FOR SMES Build peer support forums Offer training & upskilling and financial guides. Advanced Solutions Ensure ongoing support and ROI analysis. Implement ERP and team collaboration **Basic Digital** tools. Setup 3 Host events and pilots to show quick wins. Infrastructure Upgrade Access available digital grants Business process reengineering Use accounting, email, Adopt analytics, and scheduling apps Partner with tech blockchain, and consultants; run pilots cybersecurity. Digital Strategy Manpower readiness

MARITIME TECH SYMPOSIUM

Objective: to bring industry solutions, expert consultants, training and upskilling providers and grants and loans providers to the SMEs

MPA to Discuss SME Digital Readiness & The Need For Digitalization Facilitate Digitalization
Plan For SME' based
on their Digital
Readiness

Assist In Assessing & Finalising Digital Tool Vendors Based On the Roadmap Created Gradual Deployment Of Digital Solutions Followed By Regular Review & Feedback









SUGGESTIONS BASED ON DIGITAL RATINGS FOR SMES

RATING 1

RATING 2

RATING 3

Create basic infra – Purpose (Getting Used to Basic Digital Tools)

Improving infra + adopting ERP

Advanced Digital Solutions

TECH SOLUTIONS:

- Basic accounting software like Xero or Quick-books
- Basic Email Communication like Zoho
- · Digital Scheduling like Google Calendar

EDUCATION AWARENESS & CAMPAIGNS:

- One-On-One Meetings with key industry leaders
- Organize free and low- cost events highlighting the benefits of digital adoption
- Share examples of other industry players who have improved efficiency and profitability through digital tools.

DEMONSTARTE QUICK WINS:

Pilot Programs:

- risk-free trials of basic digital tools to showcase immediate benefits.
 - **ROI Illustration:**
- show potential cost savings and revenue gains.

SUBSIDIES & GRANTS:

Inform them about government subsidies and grants

- Maritime cluster fund
- Enterprise Development Grant
- Productivity Solutions Grant

TECH SOLUTIONS:

- Integrated ERP Systems: Solutions like Odoo, Microsoft 365 dynamics and Warehouse Management Solutions.
- Advanced Communication tools: Implement collaboration platforms like Microsoft Teams or Slack

SKILL DEVELOPMENT:

- Training Programs: Provide targeted training to enhance digital literacy and technical skills
- E-Learning Platforms: access to online courses relevant to their industry needs

PEER INFLUENCE:

- Leverage SSA: and other industry influencers or satisfied clients for digital adoption
- Community Building: Create forums or groups where SME's can share experiences and tips

FINANCIAL PLANNING:

- Showcasing the cost benefit analysis to provide detailed analysis to justify investments
- Providing government grants like the Maritime Cluster fund and ESG grant

TECH SOLUTIONS:

Analytics and Al:

- Tools for demand forecasting and JIT planning Windward
- Blockchain Technology For secure and transparent transactions Tradelens, CargoX
- · Cybersecurity Measures IDPS, MFA, BITlocker

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PARTNERSHIP WITH TECH PROVIDERS:

- Co-creation: Work with tech consultants willing to tailor solutions.
- Pilot Projects: Implement small-scale deployments to test effectiveness.

RISK MITIGATION AND FINANCIAL PLANNING:

- Ensure ongoing technical support postimplementation
- Showcasing the cost benefit analysis to provide detailed analysis to justify investments

DIGITAL MARKET PLACE - USECASE

An online platform designed for ship owners to easily connect with agencies and suppliers, providing access to essential services such as bunkering and pilot assistance etc. Users include ship owners, suppliers, and agents, with development managed by a third-party vendor under MPA supervision.

SHIP OWNER

- New ship owners can register with a Certificate of Registry.
- Access a list of agencies and suppliers, including service details and costs.
- Post job requirements and choose a vendor.
- Use the payment gateway to pay agents and suppliers.
- Track order status updates.



SHIP SUPPLIER

- Register using [required documentation or registration process].
- View job postings from ship owners and submit quotations.
- Connect with available agents for potential job opportunities.
- Track payments received from ship owners and agents in the payments profile.
- Access order status and provide order updates.



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DIGITAL WORKPLACE FOR MARITIME

A unified portal for the maritime industry with unique interfaces for ship owners, agents and suppliers which contains a collection of services that enable new ways of working.

- Digital marketplace
- Digital bunkering
- •DigiPORT@SG
- Trade-Net
- Port customs clearance
- Berthing arrangements
- Regulatory updates from MPA
- Immigration services

Ship owner interface



- Access to digital market-place.
- Ship tracking info app
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Supplier interface



KEY POINTS



Outsource the development and maintenance of Unified portal to external vendor



Portal charges – only for advanced services on modular basis (no charge for basic services)



Unified portal can be accessed using SSO for all users



Cybersecurity team under MPA to regulate data privacy and data security

Agent interface



Regulated by MPA

Developed and maintained by 3rd party vendor

DIGITAL WORKPLACE - BENEFITS



SERVICES

Integrated ERP systems (operations, accountancy, scheduling, inventory, supply chain, crm)

Digital Marketplace DigiPORT@SG

OCEANS-X (API marketplace)

Learning & Development



04 COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS



COST FORECASTING

Solutions	Particulars	Costs
	Venue Rentals: (Suntec Convention Centre) - 3x Day X \$5000/Day	
	Venue Décor & Setup: Technology & Equipment – \$2000/Day X 3 Days Maritime & Tech Themed Setup – \$1500/Day X 3 Days	\$10,500
Annual Tech Symposium	Speakers & Talent:	\$10,000
(3 Day Event) (Gathering Size: 100 Companies) (Pax: 200 people)	3x Industry Leaders X \$5000/Speaker X 1 Day 2x Moderators X \$1000/Speaker X 3 Day 2x Tech Support/Persona X \$500/Person/Day X 3 Days	
(a.a. 200 poopio)	Marketing and Promotion: \$5000	\$5,000
	Food & Beverages: 200x People X \$40/Person/Day X 3 Days	\$24,000
	Total Event Cost	\$75,500
Unified Portal	Initial Investment: 1 x Project Manager for \$7,000/month 2 x Software Architect for \$5,000/month 2 x Data Engineer for \$5,000/month 2x Software Developer for \$5,000/month Total Initial Investment:	\$72,000 \$1,62,000 \$1,20,000 \$1,20,000 \$474,000
(12 Months Development)	Maintenance & Cybersecurity (Annual) 1x AWS Data Hosting Server for \$0.15/GB Data Protection & Encryption Network Admin	\$50,000
	1x Software Developer Total Maintenance Cost:	\$18,000 \$60,000 \$128,000

COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF SME (SMALL)

Assumptions:							
Annual Revenue	<\$5 Million		Grants Provided	50%			
Employee Size	15-20 People						
Average Order Value	\$35,000						
Average Vessel Calls Handled Per Year	100						
%age of more vessel calls handled in 1st Year	596						
%age of Enhancement in Order Value in 1st Year	15%						
REVENUE METRICS							
		Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
New Orders Serviced		0	5	6	7	9	11
Growth Rate				596	10%	15%	20%
Enhancement in Average Order Value		\$0	\$5,250	\$5,775	\$6,353	\$7,306	\$8,768
Growth Rate				10%	1096	15%	2096
TOTAL REVENUE ENHANCEMENT		\$0	\$26,250	\$34,650	\$44,471	\$65,754	\$96,448
COST METRICS		409940	3000 3 PEC 444	ECO CANADA CANADA	150-307/517-1	20040000000	e
Operational Expenditure (%age of revenue)	90%	\$0	\$23,625	\$31,185	\$40,024	\$59,179	\$86,803
Initial Investment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Software Costs (Annually)		\$1,000	\$3,500	\$7,000	\$8,750	\$11,813	\$15,948
Growth Rate			250%	100%	26%	35%	36%
Grants Provided:		\$500	\$1,750	\$3,500	\$4,375	\$5,907	\$7,974
Subsidised Software Cost		\$500	\$1,750	\$3,500	\$4,375	\$5,907	\$7,974
Consulting & Training Cost:				10 A 20 T 25 1			
Training Cost (As a % of Total Cost)	20%	\$200	\$700	\$1,400	\$1,750	\$2,363	\$3,190
Annual Maintenance		\$0	80	\$0	\$0	\$0	so
Cost optimisation (%age of opex) due to:	596	0%	0.96	5.0%	5.896	7.2%	9.7%
(i) reduced manual errors							
(ii) better decision making							
(ii) standardised back-end processes							
(ii) Quicker Inventory Turnover							
Growth Rate				10%	15%	25%	35%
Reduction In costs		\$0	\$0	\$1,559	\$2,301	\$4,253	\$8,423
TOTAL COST		\$700	\$26,075	\$34,526	\$43,848	\$63,194	\$89,544
TOTAL CASH FLOW		-\$700	\$175	\$124	\$623	\$2,560	\$6,904
WACC	7%	4,00	4175	4.24	4020	42,550	Ψ0,50-
YVACC	7%						
NPV	\$6,501.10						
IRR	89%						
IRR IS GRRATER THAN WACC							



05 RISK MITIGATION

RISK MITIGATION

Fear of New Technology and Resistance to Change

Cybersecurity Risks

Unemployment and Displacement of Jobs

Fragmentation and Unequal Adoption

Risk

•SMEs may resist adopting new digital tools due to concerns over complexity and disruption

Risk

 Increasing digitization opens the industry to cybersecurity yulnerabilities

Risk

 The transition to digital could lead to job losses, particularly among workers in ship agencies and smaller maritime SMEs

Risk

 Different adoption rates across SMEs could create fragmentation, leaving some businesses behind

Mitigation

•Offer simple, modular tools that allow incremental adoption. Run training and change management programs that emphasize the long-term benefits of digital adoption

Mitigation

•Implement industry-wide cybersecurity standards and offer cybersecurity training to all users of the digital workplace. Leverage partnerships with AWS for secure cloud solutions

Mitigation

 Provide reskilling programs for workers displaced by automation and create new job roles around the digital workplace, such as data analysts and digital engineers

Mitigation

 Implement a phased approach with clear industry-wide benchmarks and government-led incentives to ensure all players are on board



06 SUPPLY



TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

ERP Solutions

- SMEs should train select team members in basic technical skills.
- Trained members will facilitate communication with ERP solution vendors.
- Ensures smoother collaboration and implementation of ERP systems.

NON-TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

Symposium

Event and management team under MPA to engage SMEs on the unified portal and digital transformation roadmap.

Maturity Assessment

Management consultants under MPA to develop and conduct SME maturity assessments.

Maturity Categorization Business analysts to categorize SMEs by rating and provide improvement suggestions.

Regulatory Body

MPA team with data governance expertise to oversee the vendor-developed workplace.

OUTSOURCING

Digital Marketplace

Need a vendor with expertise in digital marketplace development to develop and maintain the marketplace.

Digital Workplace

Need a vendor with expertise in digital workplace to integrate the various services under one application.

Thank you

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PERSONA BASED CLASSIFICATION

AMBITIOUS

- Developed tailor made operational software & implemented an industry recognized software for accounting department
- Experimentation of other operational software like email filtering system
- Consider technology as a "must-have" thing to remain competitive
- Pre-approved solutions provided by MPA do not fit their business requirements
- SMEs not involved in the process of creating the pre-approved solutions
- Current workforce already multitasking and do not have the bandwidth to experiment new solutions

CAUTIOUS

- Failed implementation of digital solutions like accounting software. Therefore, remain cautious to experiment something new
- Self-awareness about their lack of expertise and resources to access latest technologies in the market
- Consider digital tools as a "good-tohave, not a must-have thing"
- Do not have a digitalization roadmap and are not aware of how to proceed with the process of digitalization
- Do not have the funds to allocate on an in-house IT team

DISMISSIVE

 Mostly manual-based business process with no urgency to adopt digital solutions

- Consider it as a "luxury" option to adopt digital solutions as they are very expensive
- It would cause extreme disruption to their existing business, for which they believe will not have a significant enhancement

KEY CONCERNS

CURRENT

SENTIMENT

SWOT ANALYSIS

S W O T

Ambitious

- Have basic IT solutions (eg accounting software Xero)
 Real time experience of how digital transformation can influence business.
- Unable to catchup with MPA Objectives.

- Can handle more customers when IT solutions are implemented successfully.
- Become market leader since the processes are optimized. Can make business decision based on data analytics.
- Might lose capital if digital solutions doesn't work.
 Cybersecurity threats for their data since they might not have an cybersecurity team.

Cautious

- Have an idea how digital transformation can transform business and can learn from ambitious persona.
- Have access to latest IT solutions in the market.
- · Failure in implementing IT solutions.
- Unable to catch up with MPA Objectives.
- Unable to attract talent for digital transformation.
- · Cannot pay upfront cost for digital solutions.
- Successfully implementing digital solutions can attract new businesses.
- Can increase customer experience through real-time tracking and updates.
- Might face significant financial losses if digital transformation are unsuccessful.
- Short-term productivity decline during the digital transformation transition phase.

Dismissive

- Have a solid customer network without use of technology
- · Not aware how digital solutions can influence business.
- Lack of confidence in implementing digital solutions.
- Lack of Funds and lack of transition time.
- Can reduce operational expenses by implementing basic digital solutions.
- Can attract new customers who opt for digitally enabled service providers.
- Might face bankruptcy when digital solutions not implemented successfully due to high cost involved in basic infrastructure
- Might lose business to competitors if they don't implement digital solutions.

PERSONA	AMBITIOUS	CAUTIOUS	DISMISSIVE
What's in it for me? (WIIFM)	 Clarity on better process optimization Exploration into new and better solutions to replace or complement what has already been adopted First-hand experience with latest IT solutions in the market or by upcoming start-ups Training and upskilling support to continue improving operations Monetary support in terms of grants from MPA, IMDA, ESG, etc. 	 Process optimization solutions that are catered well for their business Training and upskilling support in IT and relevant fields that are necessary to better understand the importance and impact that digitalization offers to the industry. First-hand experience with latest IT solutions in the market or by upcoming start-ups Monetary support in terms of grants from MPA, IMDA, ESG, etc. 	 Insights and strategies to aid in building and improving on current IT infrastructure. First-hand experience with industry-recognized ERP solutions that can optimize and bring better value to business operations Basic upskilling in IT and relevant fields Monetary support in terms of grants from MPA, IMDA, ESG, etc.
Benefits & Outcomes	 Improved decision-making on available solutions and what will work best for the business Recognition as industry leaders in terms of current business processes and the opportunity to play a leading role towards digitalization in the maritime industry Better streamlined processes with increased efficiency and better resource allocation, resulting in reduced operational costs and higher productivity Opportunities for innovation to create their own solutions and to work with tech firms/start-ups to bring these solutions to life for the industry Attainment of sustainability goals 	 Implementation of solutions that are best fit to the business which will streamline processes, increase operational efficiency and provide better resource allocation Optimization and Improvement of current business processes to adapt to the evolving industry Recognition as upcoming and "best-improved" in the industry and can be seen as an example to follow Upskilling for workers to continue to stay relevant within the industry and the current evolving IT scene Assurance that they will not be left behind while the industry shifts towards digitalization 	 Implementation of basic IT infrastructure and accounting/ERP solutions to kickstart their digital/IT journey and to start reaping the benefits of these solutions. Improved operational efficiency, lead times, optimization of business processes, reduced operational costs Setting-up the foundation for continuous improvement and adaptation to the everevolving industry Assurance that they will not be left behind while the industry shifts towards digitalization Upskilling for workers to continue to stay relevant within the industry and the current evolving IT scene

Maritime Tech Symposium Cloud-Based Enterprise Training programs Resource Planning (ERP) Information Services Technology · Launchpad for start-ups Maritime-Specific • Infrastructure support and enhancement solutions · Eq: Xero, Dynamics Tech **Upskilling** Solutions Strategic Grants & Solutions Subsidies Maritime Cluster Fund • CTO as a service Singapore Maritime SME centers Institute fund • Thought Leadership Enterprise **Development Grant** Productivity Solutions Grant

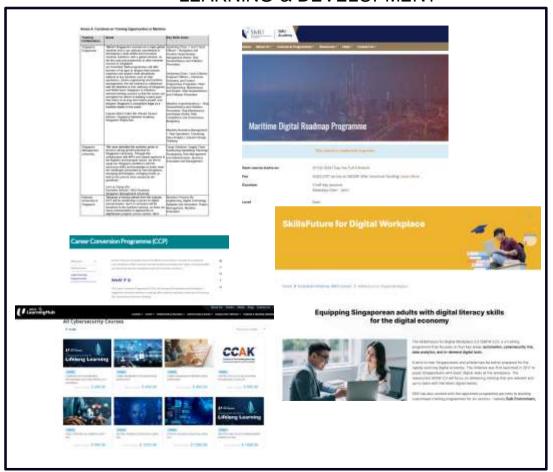
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GRANTS



LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

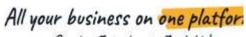












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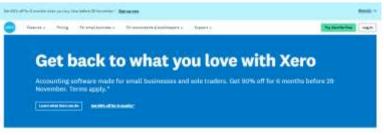




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DIGITAL WORKPLACE SOLUTION PROVIDERS RANKED BY GARTNER

