

Annexe A: Quotes from CASTLE's industry partners

“The new SME Cybersecurity Operations & Training Centre at Singapore Polytechnic is an addition to our existing facility dedicated to supporting SMEs. Over the past year, we have helped more than 1,000 SMEs take proactive steps to strengthen their cyber resilience. As demand for advanced cyber defence capabilities continues to grow, our partnership with Singapore Polytechnic gives students the opportunity to develop real-world skills and gain experience in delivering cybersecurity services at operational scale, helping to develop industry-ready cybersecurity and digital forensics professionals,” said **Mr Goh Eng Choon, President, Cyber, ST Engineering.**

“It is a privilege for Athena Dynamics to formalise this partnership today with Singapore Polytechnic. This MOU reflects a shared commitment to strengthening Singapore's cybersecurity landscape and preparing talent for a rapidly evolving digital future. Cybersecurity is entering a new era - one that demands disruptive cyber protection paradigms across applications, IT, OT, IoT, and AI-driven environments. As systems become increasingly interconnected and intelligent, our approach to education must evolve as well. Together, we could explore the opportunity to develop new pedagogies that combine real-world industry application with AI-enabled cyber defence and cyber-physical security, ensuring students are ready for the challenges of tomorrow. We are honoured to partner with Singapore Polytechnic and look forward to creating meaningful impact for Singapore's cybersecurity ecosystem,” said **Mr Ken Soh, Chief Executive Officer, Athena Dynamics Pte Ltd.**

“At OffSec, we know that theoretical knowledge alone cannot stop modern adversaries. By providing authentic, industry-endorsed content and direct mentorship through the CASTLE initiative, we are ensuring that SP students graduate with the exact skillsets the industry desperately needs. Together, we are building a more resilient ecosystem where local SMEs are protected, and students embody the 'Try Harder' mindset from day one,” said **Dr David Zhao, Regional Director, APAC, OffSec Services LLC.**