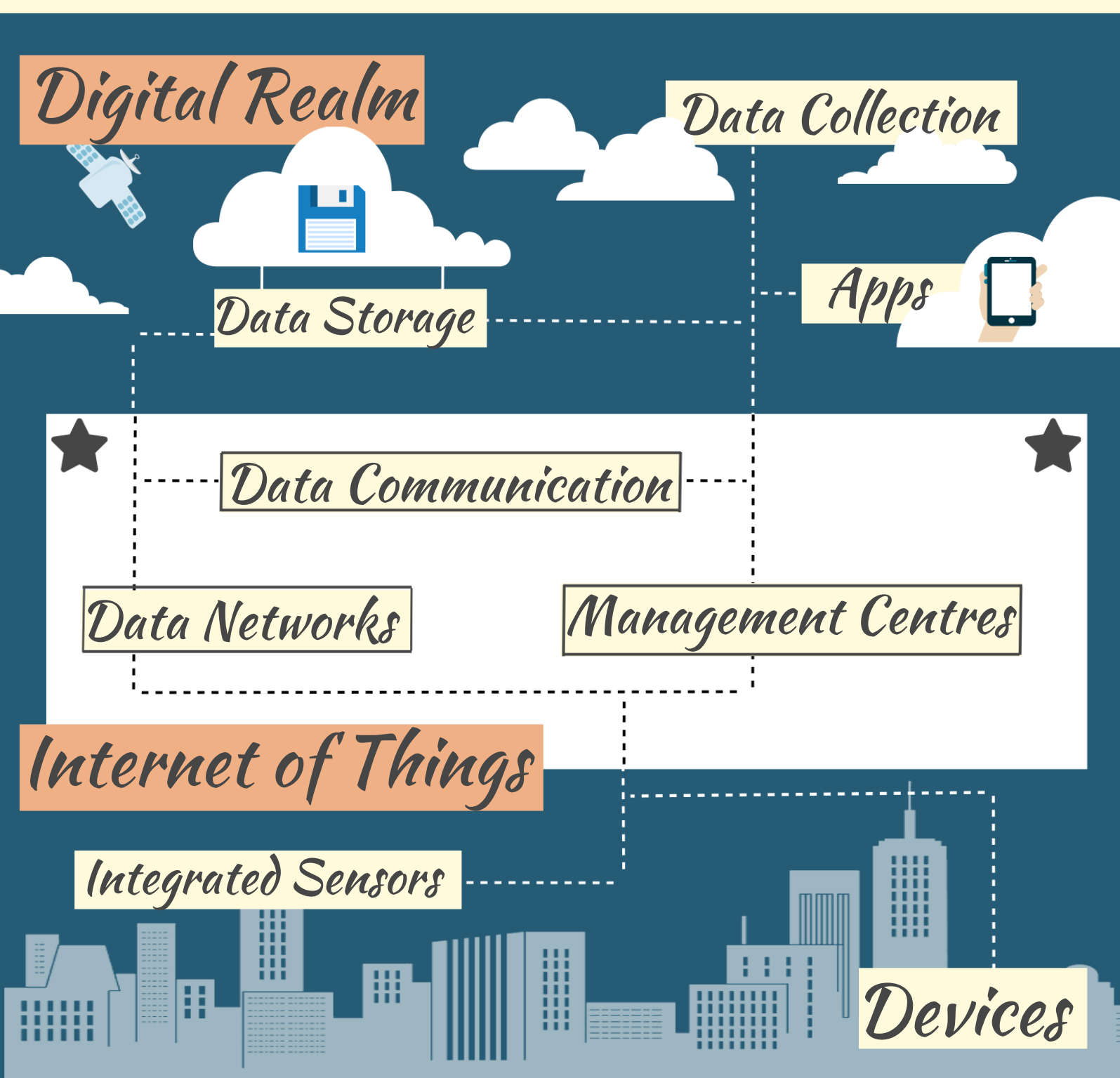









IPR related to Smart Cities in Mainland China & South-East Asia



1. WHY IPR MATTERS:

- EU SMEs can provide **innovative & niche solutions** to case-specific problems sensitive to IPR infringement
- Smart City Solutions require multiple **complex and dynamic technologies to interact with and rely on one another**
- Smart City Solutions rely on a large **number of stakeholders** operating closely with one another and their technologies
- Innovation through new technologies brings forward the **IP choice between patent registration vs. trade secrets protection**

2. IPR FAST FACTS:

					
Patent duration of Protection*	Valid for 20 years from the filing date and Utility Models and Designs are valid for 10 years	Valid for 20 years from the filing date	Valid for 20 years from the filing date and Utility Innovations are valid for 10 years and extendable twice for 5-year terms	Valid for 20 years from the filing date and Utility Models are valid for 6 years and extendable twice for 2-year terms	Valid for 20 years from the filing date and Utility Solution Patents are valid for 10 years and not extendable
Language of Filing *	Chinese	English	Bahasa Malaysia or English	Thai	Vietnamese
Trade Secrets* Requirements and Protection:	3 requirements: 1) not generally known to the public; 2) confer economic benefit; and 3) reasonable efforts and measures to maintain secrecy Duration of protection is indefinite as long as it is kept secret (contractual measures, physical measures)				

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