

MEDIA ADVISORY:

SCCCI Commemorates Singapore's 54th National Day

Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCCI) has, in step with the government's policies, actively led businesses in propelling Singapore's economic and social development since Singapore gained independence. This year marks Singapore's Bicentennial and its 54th National Day. Singapore has developed into a prosperous and stable country, owing to our pioneers' unassuming hard work, and comprehensive national development policy.

SCCCI organised Singapore's 54th National Day Dinner at Orchard Hotel Singapore on 8 August. The celebration was graced by Guest-of-Honour Dr Ng Eng Hen, Minister for Defence. Dr Koh Poh Koon, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry; Mr Sam Tan Chin Siong, Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Ministry of Social and Family Development; and 12 members of parliament attended the dinner. The turnout of some 560 people included senior government officers, foreign diplomats, leaders from the business, cultural and community organisations and trade association members. SCCCI organised its inaugural National Day Dinner in 1997.

SCCCI President Roland Ng said at the National Day Dinner: "Our government has decided on the core team of the fourth-generation leaders. They are standing on the shoulders of giants in leading us to face the future. Although Singapore's economic outlook has become less certain due to the impact of external factors such as the US-China trade war, there must be a way forward just as in any difficult situation. We could sail safely past the 1997 Asian financial crisis and the 2008 international financial crisis because we have a healthy tripartite relationship. This is the cornerstone for Singapore's development which has become our vital competitive edge, creating a sound business and investment environment for Singapore."

After Singapore became a nation-state, Chinese businessmen became even more zealous in participating in the building of the country, enabling the "Spirit of Chinese Enterprise" which embodies "Integrity, Loyalty, Giving Back to Society and Innovation" to shine forth. It is the driving force behind SCCCI's unceasing contributions to the Chinese business community, the Chinese community at large and the country. The "Spirit of Chinese Enterprise" comprises not only the traditional values of SCCCI, but links SCCCI with the country's development.

Whether it is about maintaining family harmony, managing a company or making contributions to the country, the "Spirit of Chinese Enterprise" serves us very well as a guiding principle. Only

when one does his part well and manages his enterprise well could he forge ahead to make the Singapore brand a formidable one abroad. SCCCI will uphold the “Spirit of Chinese Enterprise” and continue to contribute to the prosperity and stability of Singapore.

As we commemorate Singapore’s Bicentennial, we are mindful that it is an important historical milestone that had shaped our present and will influence our future. It is also a key testimony of the journey “from Singapore to Singaporean”. Singapore is an extraordinary country. We have successfully overcome the constraints of a tiny nation to win international respect for our economic development. Singapore has the foundation of a solidly built nation. Therefore, we are filled with greater confidence when faced with challenges.

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About Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Established in 1906, the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCCI) is an internationally renowned business organisation and the apex body of the Chinese business community in Singapore. It is the founder of the biennial World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention, a global business convention. It plays a key and pro-active role in representing the interests of the local business community. In its continued drive for service excellence, the SCCCI has become the first business chamber in the region to be awarded ISO 9001 certification since 1995. In 2018, the Chamber successfully upgraded its ISO certification to ISO 9001:2015.

The SCCCI has a membership network comprising 5,000 corporate members and has more than 160 trade association members, representing over 40,000 companies including large financial and business organisations, multinational corporations, government-linked companies, and small and medium enterprises from a wide spectrum of trades and industries. These members together provide vast resources and opportunities which enable the SCCCI to develop an influential global Chinese business network for business, education, culture and community development. In return, they share a strong sense of pride and identity together and benefit immensely from the SCCCI’s membership services, facilities and activities.