

SCCCI'S 120TH ANNIVERSARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

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THE SINGAPORE ISLAND COUNTRY CLUB

Mr Gan Kim Yong, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Trade and Industry,

Mr Seah Kian Peng, Speaker of Parliament,

Leaders of Trade Associations and Chambers,

SCCCI Members,

Distinguished Guests,

Good evening!

1. It is my great pleasure to join you this evening. On behalf of the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCCI), I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to Deputy Prime Minister Gan Kim Yong and Speaker of Parliament Seah Kian Peng for taking time out of their busy schedules to grace our 120th Anniversary Golf Tournament! Their presence has made this special occasion even more meaningful. As today coincides with the Dragon Boat Festival, I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone good health, happiness and prosperity. May we, like dragon boats racing in unison, continue to forge ahead together with determination and strength!
2. Earlier today, all our golfers displayed remarkable energy, enthusiasm and exemplary sportsmanship on the course, bringing this historic tournament marking SCCCI's 120th anniversary to a memorable close. In many ways, these qualities also embody the SCCCI Chinese Entrepreneurial Spirit that has long characterised

our business community. In conjunction with our 120th anniversary celebrations, this year's tournament features a record number of prizes and the highest-value prizes ever offered. I would also like to extend my warmest congratulations in advance to all our winners and outstanding golfers!

3. Tonight's dinner is also an excellent opportunity for networking and exchange. I encourage all to take this opportunity to interact with one another, share ideas and explore new business opportunities together. Many leaders and representatives from various trade associations are here this evening, and they are all distinguished figures in their respective industries. Their insights and experience can serve as valuable bridges that strengthen connections and create greater synergies for the continued development of Singapore's economy and enterprises.
4. In May, the Economic Strategy Review led by DPM Gan released its recommendations, outlining three strategic imperatives for Singapore's future development: sharpen Singapore's value proposition; become more agile and adaptable; and build resilience while driving competitiveness.
5. At the Future Economy Conference last month, DPM Gan also highlighted that the world has entered a new era of structural transformation. Amid rising geopolitical tensions, the rapid advancement of AI and the transition towards a low-carbon economy, Singapore has benefited from connectivity, globalisation and a rules-based international order for many decades. However, "Singapore cannot assume that yesterday's strengths will automatically become tomorrow's place". We must plan with foresight, take proactive steps to build the competitive strengths and unique advantages of tomorrow, and venture boldly into emerging sectors.
6. As the saying goes, "He who does not advance loses ground". In this profound yet necessary transformation, SCCC will continue to serve as a steadfast partner to the business community. We are committed to supporting our member companies by driving industry transformation, cross-sector collaboration, technological innovation

and sustainable development capabilities, while actively helping businesses to expand globally. Over the past few months, SCCCI has organised a business mission to Guangdong, China to visit leading enterprises and attended COMPUTEX Taipei, where we witnessed first-hand the immense opportunities brought about by advanced technologies and AI.

7. At the same time, our strong tripartite partnership has always been a cornerstone of Singapore's economic success. I would therefore encourage fellow trade association leaders and entrepreneurs to share with SCCCI any feedback, challenges or concerns relating to industry development. We will continue to pay close attention to the views of the business community and convey them to the Government, so that we can continue to enhance Singapore's business and investment environment together.
8. On a lighter note, tonight's double celebration — marking both SCCCI's 120th anniversary and the Dragon Boat Festival — carries auspicious symbolism as well. First, a golf club resembles the number “1”, while the golf ball can be seen as a “0”. Together with these two auspicious occasions, they naturally form “120”! In addition, one of the most iconic traditions of the Dragon Boat Festival is the rice dumpling, with its distinctive triangular shape that resembles the letter “A”, while the golf club can also symbolise the letter “I”. Therefore, as we celebrate SCCCI's 120th anniversary through this meaningful golf tournament, it also symbolises SCCCI's embrace of innovation and the rise of the AI era!
9. SCCCI's 120-year history and the Chinese Entrepreneurial Spirit form an integral part of Singapore's cultural heritage. Quietly and steadily, these values have contributed to our nation's progress over the decades. Just last week, we launched the "Beyond 120: A Special Exhibition Celebrating SCCCI 120th Anniversary" at the SCCCI Building. Leveraging on innovative technologies, the exhibition showcases SCCCI's historical journey, highlighting our achievements over the past 25 years in economic development, public-private partnerships, and cultural and educational initiatives, and outlines our key directions for the future. I warmly invite all to

visit the SCCCI Chinese Business Culture Hub and experience this historically significant exhibition!

10. Over the past 120 years, SCCCI has become a “Home” for Chinese entrepreneurs and the wider business community — a big “family” built on trust, friendship and compassion. It is strengthened by generations of dedicated individuals, including many of you present here today, who have selflessly contributed and worked together in unity. These are values that we must treasure and be grateful for, and they also give us the courage and confidence to embark on the next chapter of our journey!
11. In closing, I would like to once again thank everyone for your strong support for SCCCI and this year's Golf Tournament. More activities under our 120th anniversary celebrations are lined up in the months ahead, including the Youth Entrepreneur Week and our Anniversary Gala Dinner. I look forward to meeting all of you again! Last but not least, I wish everyone an enjoyable evening. I also wish everyone good health and great success in your business! Thank you.
