

MEDIA RELEASE

SCCCI's Services Benefited Nearly 16,000 Businesses in 2025, Driving Transformation, Collaboration and Regional Opportunities

1. Amid rising global trade tensions and ongoing geopolitical uncertainty in 2025, the global economic outlook remained complex and volatile, with downside risks stemming from tariff developments and supply chain disruptions. Against this backdrop, Singapore's economy demonstrated resilience, achieving 5.0 per cent growth for the year underpinned by strong momentum in artificial intelligence (AI), resilient global trade activity and a supportive financial environment. In step with these developments, the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCCI) worked closely with the Government and business community to support economic growth and drive industry transformation, while contributing to the society.

2. SCCCI President Kho Choon Keng said: "In 2025, SCCCI strengthened our role as a "bridge" to facilitate communication between the Government and the business community, while expanding regional linkages and accelerating enterprise transformation in key areas including sustainability, digitalization and AI. Our outreach to nearly 16,000 members and businesses underscore our commitment to delivering meaningful impact — from advocacy and capability building to business transformation and internationalisation. Looking ahead, SCCCI will continue to unite businesses and create sustainable value, so that our members and the business community remain resilient, competitive and ready to seize new opportunities in an increasingly complex global landscape."

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A. **Strengthening Collaboration between Businesses and the Government, Improving Business Environment**

3. SCCCI continued to facilitate close engagement between its members, the business community and the government, supporting member companies as they navigate an increasingly uncertain global environment.

4. In response to concerns over tariff developments and the potential impact, SCCCI gathered feedback from the business community and communicated these insights to the economic agencies. SCCCI also supported the formation of the Singapore Economic Resilience Taskforce in April 2025, aimed at strengthening the resilience of businesses and workers.

5. Following Budget 2025, SCCCI organised engagement sessions with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry Mr Gan Kim Yong, as well as Senior Minister of State for Manpower and Sustainability and the Environment Dr Koh Poh Koon, to share first-hand feedback on budget measures. Drawing from our annual survey of more than 700 member companies, SCCCI submitted five recommendations for Budget 2026 relating to addressing cost pressures, AI adoption, sustainability, skills upgrading and internationalisation.

B. **Strengthening Regional Linkages, Unlocking New Growth Opportunities**

6. SCCCI strengthened its regional outreach in 2025, supporting businesses to explore growth opportunities across Southeast Asia and China while deepening cross-border partnerships.

7. To facilitate opportunities in the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone (JS-SEZ), SCCCI signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with The Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (ACCCIM) and UOB, followed by a separate MOU with Maybank, to provide financing solutions for

members seeking to expand into the JE-SEZ and Southeast Asia. In May 2025, SCCCI was also granted an audience with the Regent of Johor, Tunku Ismail Sultan Ibrahim.

8. SCCCI further strengthened ties regionally through initiatives such as the co-organization of the “JS-SEZ Forum” in Johor, a business mission to Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh and Penang, and the “Malaysia-Singapore Chinese Chambers of Commerce Business Forum”. Our flagship SMEICC Conference also brought together, for the first time, leaders from Chinese Chambers of Commerce across five Southeast Asian countries, attracting more than 4,000 participants and providing a platform to exchange regional insights.

9. Beyond Southeast Asia, SCCCI also enhanced collaboration with China’s business community as Singapore and China marked the 35th anniversary of diplomatic relations in 2025. The Chamber organised five business missions to Beijing, Gansu, Shanghai and Nanjing, and hosted the “2025 Conference on International Industrial Cooperation”, which attracted more than 1,000 participants, as well as the “Singapore-China Business Forum” in Shanghai, where the SCCCI Shanghai Representative Office marked its 15th anniversary. Close to 390 companies were engaged by SCCCI’s representative offices in Shanghai and Chengdu as they ventured into China. Throughout 2025, SCCCI received 43 Chinese delegations in Singapore, strengthening bilateral engagement and business connections. SCCCI also engaged postgraduate students from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy through a guest lecture on the SCCCI Chinese Entrepreneurial Spirit and the Chamber’s contributions to Singapore-China relations.

10. Extending its global reach, SCCCI led a 77-strong business delegation in November 2025 to the 18th World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention (WCEC) in Macau, exploring opportunities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and strengthening international business linkages.

C. Building Capabilities in Emerging Technologies, Driving Industry Transformation

11. SCCCI stepped up efforts in 2025 to support enterprise transformation, with a focus on sustainability, digitalisation and AI adoption.

12. The 62nd Council established the “Sustainability Committee” to promote green transformation among enterprises. A total of 21 trade associations has since joined SCCCI’s Sustainability Alliance. Through a total of 13 seminars, workshops and industry dialogues, SCCCI provided practical insights to help businesses align with evolving environmental standards and enhance their competitiveness. A total of 546 business participants benefitted from Sustainability Alliance’s initiatives in 2025.

13. To advance AI adoption, SCCCI introduced initiatives such as the “SCCCI AI Experience for SME Programme” and the “Best-in-Class in AI – AI Lead Overseas Programme”, enabling enterprises to better apply emerging technologies across industries.

14. The Trade Association Committee (TACOM) Transformation Centre supported 13 trade associations in implementing over 25 transformation projects, spanning digitalisation and AI, internationalisation, sustainability and advocacy, while strengthening their secretariat and operational capabilities in 2025.

15. SCCCI also continued to build enterprise capabilities through its training and advisory platforms. The Singapore Chinese Chamber Institute of Business (SCCIOB) expanded its course offerings to a total of 15 new courses in areas covering AI, data analytics, cybersecurity and tourism. SCCIOB trained a total of 1,219 participants in 2025. In addition, SME Centre@SCCCI facilitated 4,200 business cases involving 1,600 participants across advisory, capability development, business matching services and thematic workshops, representing a double-digit growth rate compared to the previous year.

D. Upholding the Chinese Entrepreneurial Spirit and Nurturing the Next Generation

16. In 2025, SCCCI strengthened its efforts to contribute back to the society while nurturing the next generation of leaders.

17. In celebration of Singapore's 60th year of independence, SCCCI curated the "Sojourners to Citizens: The Citizenship Journey" Roving Exhibition, sharing the journey of Singapore's first citizens as we remember our roots. SCCCI also organised key national events, including the War Memorial Service in Commemoration of the Civilian Victims of the Japanese Occupation, SAF Day Combined Rededication Ceremony, and National Day Dinner, reinforcing the importance of unity, resilience and national defence.

18. To promote Chinese culture, SCCCI organised traditional celebrations such as the Spring Reception and Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration. The Chamber also continued to support education by awarding scholarships to outstanding students of tertiary institutions, Institute of Technical Education, Hwa Chong Institution, as well as students from the Malay and Indian communities.

19. SCCCI's member engagement efforts remained vibrant in 2025. The Chamber welcomed new members, including the Singapore FinTech Association, strengthening its representation across emerging sectors. The Career Women's Group launched its inaugural mentorship program to support the development of future women leaders. The Mandarin Toastmasters Club and Mandarin Folk Song Singing Class also celebrated their silver jubilee with a commemorative event. SCCCI also organized the annual Members' Nite to strengthen ties among members.

20. The SCCCI Chinese Business Culture Hub welcomed over 12,700 visitors and organised 60 community and National Education initiatives, playing a vital role in promoting the Chinese Entrepreneurial Spirit. The Government also supported the Singapore Federation of Chinese Clan Associations and SCCCI in establishing the Chinese Community Leadership Programme, which aims to groom 100 young community leaders over the next five years.

21. With the strong support of its diverse stakeholders, SCCCI has an accomplished year serving the needs of its members and the business community. With the rapidly changing and complex environment, SCCCI will strive to deliver greater value to its members in the years ahead.

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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.

The SCCCI has a membership network comprising 5,000 corporate members and has more than 150 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.

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