

MEDIA ADVISORY

SCCCI raised S\$1.1 million to aid communities affected by COVID-19 in China 3,800 sets of Personal Protective Equipment and 10,000 surgical masks for frontline healthcare staff in Singapore

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry has been rallying the Singapore business community and members of the public to support government's call to contribute towards battling the outbreak. More than S\$1.1 million has been received from SCCCI's council members, and donations from members of the public continue to come through. The Singapore Metal & Machinery Association (SMMA), a trade association member of SCCCI donated 3,800 sets of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Tat Hong Group, a corporate member of SCCCI also donated 10,000 surgical masks, to show support and encouragement for our frontline healthcare workers in Singapore.

SCCCI President Mr Roland Ng said: "At a time of crisis, coming together in this manner is a key characteristic of the Chinese Entrepreneurial Spirit. Since the Chamber's inception in 1906, the Chinese business community has undergone many upheavals. But each time, the Chamber was able to rally our members and come forward to serve the community and contribute whatever we could. This enduring Spirit must be nurtured and kept alive as we face new challenges in the coming decade."

SCCCI presented a cheque of S\$1.1 million collected at the current stage to Mr Benjamin William, Secretary General and CEO of Singapore Red Cross. The handover was witnessed by His Excellency Hong Xiaoyong, Chinese Ambassador to Singapore. Mr Roland Ng, who received the Personal Protection Equipment from Mr Lim Chin Keong, President of SMMA, handed over the items to Dr Elaine Tan, Director Projects at DMS office for the use of our frontline healthcare staff in Singapore.

The SCCCI and 10 of its Trade Association members will also publish a poem written by local poet Tan Chee Lay, to mark respect and tribute to all our frontline healthcare workers for their selfless acts of courage in dealing with COVID-19.

SCCCI would like to seek support from trade association members and members of the public to contribute in helping the communities affected by the outbreak, and cheer for our frontline healthcare staff. For donations, kindly deposit the cheques in the box provided at the SCCCI office, or the 10 collection points available island-wide (please refer to attachment). SCCCI will be sending all donations to Singapore Red Cross Society for consolidation.

Please make cheque payable to 'Singapore Red Cross Society'. Kindly leave your full name, postal address and indicate "Coronavirus Response 2020" at the back of your cheque.

To find out more about the donation, please contact:

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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 SCCC 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 SCCC 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 SCCC 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 SCCC's membership services, facilities and activities.