

SCCCI MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATION DINNER 2026

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Ms Jasmin Lau, Acting Minister for Manpower and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information,

SCCCI Council Members and Members,

Distinguished Guests,

Teachers and Students,

Good evening!

1. I am delighted to join all of you this evening to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival. On behalf of the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCCI), I wish you and your families a happy Mid-Autumn Festival!
2. As you stepped into SCCCI this evening, I am sure you have noticed the beautiful decorations prepared for this year's celebration. In traditional Mid-Autumn culture, the osmanthus is closely associated with the full moon (“花好月圆”) — symbolising fulfilment and vibrancy.
3. At the heart of the Mid-Autumn Festival are the values of togetherness, harmony and gratitude. I look forward to our Mid-Autumn celebration every year. It is always a pleasure to come back to SCCCI to enjoy mooncakes, solve lantern riddles and admire the lanterns together. These gatherings have given us many warm and cherished memories!

4. This year marks SCCCI's 120th anniversary, a significant milestone in our journey. “One generation plants the trees under whose shade another generation enjoys”. What we have today would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of generations of Chinese entrepreneurs. This year’s Mid-Autumn celebration therefore also reminds us to remember our roots and be grateful for what we have. While we enjoy the “shade” today, we must also continue to “plant trees” for the generations to come!
5. This spirit of gratitude is reflected in SCCCI’s commitment to nurturing the next generation, especially through our longstanding scholarship programme in support of education. At our Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration last year, SCCCI announced the launch of the “SCCCI Internship Award” to encourage students to gain valuable work experience through internships at SCCCI and within our business network. Through these internships, we hope that they will not only gain practical experience, but also gain a first-hand understanding of how the Chinese Entrepreneurial Spirit contributes to the success of businesses and organisations.
6. Therefore, I hope that all the students who are here tonight will pass on the core beliefs of the Chinese Entrepreneurial Spirit — patriotism, integrity, succession, innovation and uniting businesses. In the future, as you make your mark in your respective fields, you will continue to foster unity in our community, give back to society, and become pillars of our nation and society!
7. At the National Day Rally last month, Prime Minister Lawrence Wong emphasised the importance of preserving and strengthening our local Chinese culture, maintaining our bilingual edge and upholding our traditional Chinese values. We are grateful to the Government for its continued efforts to introduce many policies and initiatives that keep pace with the times, including the easing of dialect restrictions and the establishment of the Singapore Chinese Heritage Gallery.

8. In fact, SCCCI's annual Mid-Autumn Festival celebration is itself a vibrant celebration of Chinese culture. This evening, we have also prepared a range of Mid-Autumn activities for everyone to enjoy, both inside and outside this auditorium. On this Mid-Autumn night filled with the fragrance of osmanthus, as we celebrate SCCCI's 120th anniversary, I hope all of you will fully enjoy the beauty of the Mid-Autumn Festival and Singapore's Chinese culture, as well as the opportunity to interact and connect with one another.

9. In closing, I wish everyone a joyous Mid-Autumn Festival. May you and your family enjoy good health and well-being, and fulfilment in all things! Thank you.
