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## Coronavirus: \$1m more in donations for affected people; masks, bird's nest to thank healthcare workers



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During a ceremony on Monday at the Trade Association Hub, SCCCI president Roland Ng said of the donations: “At a time of crisis, coming together in this manner is a key characteristic of the Chinese entrepreneur spirit.

“Since the chamber’s inception in 1906, the Chinese business community has undergone many upheavals and trauma. But each time, the chamber was able to rally our members and come forward to serve the community and contribute whatever we could.”

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Mr Ng told reporters in Mandarin that inspiration for the poem was drawn from how front-line healthcare workers were shunned as the public feared that they might pass on the infection.

“Writing a poem is a unique show of gratitude for their efforts on the front line. We translated the poem to English for healthcare workers of other races and this is our way of showing our appreciation and thanks to them,” Mr Ng said.

The public can also make donations via SCCCI till Feb 29. They can deposit their cheques made payable to “Singapore Red Cross Society” in collection boxes at the SCCCI office or 10 other collection points island wide.

The SCCCI will send all the donations to the SRC for consolidation.

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