

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **SAF Day Rededication Ceremony 2020**

The SAF Day Rededication Ceremony 2020 held on 1 July 2020 was co-organised by Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCCI) and MINDEF/SAF.

National Service (NS) is the bedrock of Singapore's defence and the cornerstone of Singapore's prosperity and progress. It is vital that Singaporeans constantly show appreciation for national servicemen, the backbone of NS to ensure a peace, secure and sovereign Singapore. As Singapore enters Phase 2 of reopening after COVID-19 circuit breaker period, SCCCI organised an SAF Day Rededication Ceremony this year to reaffirm our national servicemen's contributions and show support to them for their service to Singapore.

This year's SAF Day Ceremony was held at the SAFTI Military Institute and was broadcasted via video-conferencing to Trade Association Hub, as well as to other sites across Singapore. SCCCI joined MINDEF/SAF for the recitation of the SAF pledge to reaffirm our commitment to the defence of our nation. The ceremony also went 'live' on MINDEF's social media channels for NSmen, members of the public and for other companies and organisations to tune in for their own in-house rededication ceremonies.

SCCCI and MINDEF/SAF had jointly organised two events of great significance within the past few months, pre and post Circuit Breaker Period, respectively.

1. Before the circuit breaker measures were introduced, SCCCI held the 53<sup>rd</sup> War Memorial Service in Commemoration of the Civilian Victims of the Japanese Occupation and Total Defence Day Commemoration on 15 February 2020. This War Memorial Service, which had been held without fail over the past 53 years, reaffirmed the principles of multiracialism and Total Defence that continue to underpin the strength and cohesion of our society and keep us resilient even in the face of a crisis.
2. The SCCCI and MINDEF/SAF worked together again for the SAF Day Ceremony 2020 after the circuit breaker measures have been eased.

Despite holding both events on a smaller-scale and with strict safety measures in place, it bears a greater significance in reiterating the importance of unity and defence of our nation in any circumstances. The SCCCI has dedicated its relentless efforts in creating awareness and educating younger generations the importance of the defence and security of our nation.

SCCCI President Roland Ng said, “Singaporeans should show appreciation and support to NSmen as national service is the key to a secured and harmonious nation. A peaceful and stable society will enable Singapore to weather through the storm and emerge stronger in the post COVID world. While the pandemic has created unprecedented challenges, it has also allowed the Singapore Spirit, which includes Unity, Resilience, Solidarity and Fortitude, to shine and band Singaporeans together.”

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Colonel David Kok Tze Chiang, Commander, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Command, Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) (left) presented a token of appreciation to Mr Pek Lian Guan, Vice-President of SCCC (right), in appreciation of SCCC's support for the SAF Day Ceremony 2020.



Mr Pek Lian Guan, Vice-President of SCCC (2<sup>nd</sup> from right), Mr Adrian Peh, Chairman of SCCC Culture, Education & Community Affairs Committee, (1<sup>st</sup> from left), Colonel David Kok Tze Chiang, Commander, UAV Command, RSAF (2<sup>nd</sup> from left), and ME6 Tan Zing Zing, Commanding Officer 811 Squadron, RSAF (1<sup>st</sup> from right), gathered for a commemorative group photograph after the ceremony.

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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 SCCCI 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 SCCCI 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 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.