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MEDIA RELEASE

**LAUNCH OF THE SCCC ONLINE EXHIBITION
“REFLECTING THE PAST, LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE”
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 55TH WAR MEMORIAL SERVICE AND
80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF SINGAPORE**

In remembrance of the civilian victims of the Japanese Occupation, the 55th War Memorial Service was held at the War Memorial Park along Beach Road on 15 February 2022. Co-organised by the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCCI) and Central National Education Office of MINDEF (Nexus), the annual memorial service has been held without fail over the past 54 years. It was also held in conjunction with Total Defence Day to promote National Education, reaffirm the principles of multiracialism underpinning the cohesion in our society that has kept Singapore united and resilient even in the face of crisis.

Close to 50 guests, including the Guest of Honour, Minister for Education Mr Chan Chun Sing, SCCC Council Members, representatives from MINDEF, SAF Veterans' League, and Inter-Religious Organisations, attended the memorial service. The event was also opened to public attendees who are family members of the civilian victims during the Japanese Occupation.

Significantly, the event saw the launch of the SCCC Online Exhibition themed “Reflecting the Past, Looking Forward to the Future” (铭记历史，展望未来) by Minister Chan and SCCC President Mr Roland Ng. Conceptualised by SCCC and its subsidiary, SCCC Chinese Entrepreneurial Culture Foundation (SCECF), the online exhibition provides Singaporeans a chance to better understand and reflect upon our

shared history, the sacrifices made by our pioneers, as well as the values that have brought Singapore to where it is today.

SCCCI President Roland Ng said, “Since 1967, SCCCI has dedicated itself to hold the War Memorial Service every year without fail. This service is important, not only in remembrance of the civilian victims of the Japanese Occupation, but also to ensure that every generation of Singaporeans bear in mind the lessons from history, increase their awareness of Total Defence, and forge a shared Singapore identity. With the launch of the online exhibition, we hope younger Singaporeans can better appreciate how our forefathers had sacrificed for the peace and stability that we enjoy today, invoke a stronger sense of gratitude amongst the next generation and spur them on to contribute back to the society.”

Besides being a business chamber that advocates for the business community, SCCCI is committed to partner with the government to promote National Education. Organised in two parts, the online exhibition can be viewed via <https://sccciculture.sg>¹:

1. Part I traces the roots in erecting the Memorial for the Civilian Victims of the Japanese Occupation and the significance of the Civilian War Memorial today.
2. Part II are excerpts from National Institute of Education students after viewing the oral history recordings from the National Archives of Singapore, and materials of the Civilian War Memorial Service provided by SCCCI, supervised by NIE professors and SCCCI researchers.

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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 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.

For more information, please visit www.sccci.org.sg.