

**TRIBUTE DINNER FOR SENIOR MINISTER LEE HSIEN LOONG
SUMMARY OF SPEECH BY SCCCI PRESIDENT KHO CHOON KENG
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1. Good evening! I am very grateful and honoured to be here today with our Chinese community to pay tribute, express our gratitude and offer our best wishes to Mr Lee Hsien Loong.
2. Having dedicated 40 years of his life to the public service, SM Lee has made remarkable contributions to Singapore's development. On behalf of the Chinese community, I extend our deepest gratitude and highest respect to SM Lee!
3. During his tenure as Prime Minister, Mr Lee has played a key role in the Chinese community.
4. At the Opening Ceremony of the Refurbished SCCCI Building in 2022, SM Lee presented SCCCI with a commemorative plaque inscribed with 16 Chinese words – “诚信为本 (Integrity)、效忠为国 (Patriotism)、创新为先 (Innovation)、回馈为民 (Giving Back to Society)” . This represents his hopes and aspirations for the Chinese business community in Singapore while affirming the importance of the SCCCI Chinese Entrepreneurial Spirit as well as the strong relationship between our Chinese business community and the Government. SCCCI will uphold the spirit of our forefathers, give back to our society and continue to create a better future for our country, economy and people!
5. Tonight, the Chinese community would like to convey three messages to SM Lee. First, we thank Mr Lee for leading Singapore to realise its potential, forging friendships and gaining international respect.
6. Second, Mr Lee's selfless dedication and lasting contributions to Singapore serve as an exemplary example to all. This also reminds us not to be complacent but to stay vigilant and keep progressing together!
7. Third, we will treasure all that Mr Lee has built for Singapore and Singaporeans. In this everchanging world, we will continue to stay united as we build a better Singapore for our future generations!
8. As we pay tribute and express our gratitude to Mr Lee, we also wish him good health, abundant blessings and success in all his future endeavours!


