

**MEDIA ADVISORY:
SCCCI welcomes first batch of trade associations
at JTC's Trade Association Hub**

Eleven trade associations have formalised their partnership with the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCCI) to form the first batch of trade associations to locate at the JTC Corporation's (JTC) Trade Association Hub (TA Hub) in the Jurong Town Hall. This follows closely the signing of the MOU between SCCCI and JTC two months ago that saw the SCCCI come on board as the TA Hub's anchor chamber.

The trade associations are: Association of Electronic Industries in Singapore (A.E.I.S.) (新加坡电子业商会), Association of Singapore Marine Industries (新加坡海事工业协会), Association of Process Industry (石化工业协会), Container Depot Association (Singapore) (新加坡货柜储存商会), Security Systems Association of Singapore (新加坡保安系统公会), Singapore Cranes Association (新加坡起重机公会), Singapore Food Manufacturers' Association (新加坡食品厂商联合会), Singapore Plastic Industry Association (新加坡塑胶工业总会), Singapore Precision Engineering and Technology Association (新加坡精密工程科技协会), Singapore Renovation Contractors & Material Suppliers Association (新加坡装修同业商联会), and Singapore Timber Association (新加坡木材厂商总会) .

Thomas Chua, President of the SCCCI said, "SCCCI is very pleased to assist in strengthening the capabilities of trade associations and in helping them to drive industry transformation. We are grateful for the strong support of JTC in this project and we are working with SPRING and IE Singapore on possible Local Enterprise and Association Development (LEAD) support for the TA Hub. We welcome more TAs to join us."

"The TA Hub is set up to cluster trade associations and chambers (TACs) under one roof so that they can reduce operating costs by tapping on shared facilities, as well as work more

closely with one another to drive the upgrading of their industries and enterprises. We are heartened by the positive response and we look forward to greater collaboration among TACs in driving industry transformation and upgrading across different industries,” said Png Cheong Boon, Chief Executive Officer of JTC.

Slated to open in early 2017, the TA Hub will feature Secretariat premises as well as shared facilities including meeting rooms, and training and event facilities. It is located at the Jurong Town Hall building, which served as the first permanent home of JTC and was where Singapore’s industrialisation planning took place. With its heritage and historical significance, the Jurong Town Hall has been recently gazetted as a National Monument by the National Heritage Board and will continue to remain an important symbol of Singapore’s economic and industrial progress.

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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 and the World Chinese Business Network (www.wcbs.com.sg), a global online business information portal. It plays a key and proactive 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 that has been awarded ISO 9001:2000 certification since 1995. In 2009, the Chamber successfully upgraded its ISO certification to ISO 9001:2008.

The SCCCI has a membership network comprising over 4,000 corporate members and more than 150 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. Together, they provide the business community with vast resources and an influential global Chinese business network for business, culture and education.

