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SICCI-FSIO, THE NEXT MILESTONE



It has been six months since the formation of the Federation of Singapore Indian Organisations or FSIO was announced in October 2021 during the fireside chat held with Emeritus Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong.

Since then, there has been much hyperactivity at the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry in its interactions and work with the 26 FSIO bodies which have come on board. And the SICCI-FSIO nexus is about to move on to its next milestone, its official logo launch, and a gala dinner to celebrate the formation of this major umbrella body which aims to be a voice of unity for the Indian community in Singapore.

The launching ceremony and gala dinner will be held on 12 May 2022 at 7pm with the event being graced by the President of the Republic of Singapore.

The Logo

A key highlight at the gala dinner which will be attended by leaders from the FSIOs and the Indian community in general and business leaders from the various sister chambers of commerce is the launch of the special logo which binds SICCI and the FSIOs. The logo will also help create a distinct identity of the ties between SICCI and the FSIO bodies and emphasize the all-important truth that Unity is Strength and that is something which is much needed in the Indian community and amongst Indian organizations in Singapore which often have varied needs according to their size and programmes outreach to the community. This is where SICCI can come into play by helping to propagate special programmes of the various organizations to all the FSIO partners so that there is greater outreach benefitting many in the community.

Two areas come to mind where more outreach is needed these days as the population ages and the economy continues to mature and keeps up with times.

The first is in health and healthy lifestyle. Many members from the FSIO have on-going health awareness and mental awareness programmes for different age groups. Some have even tailored their programmes to address the specific needs of the ageing population. Here is where the close ties between the FSIO bodies can be beneficial. At the touch of a button, the availability of these programmes can be shared across all social media platforms of the various FSIO bodies, with the aim of attracting more people to benefit from talks, roadshows, on the spot health checks and free consultations and referrals particularly for low-income families.

The second and equally important area is skills upskilling, something constantly emphasized by our government leaders.

Here an important target group are the senior citizens who form a large pool of untapped talent source for fill the manpower shortages facing several sectors, particularly the services industry and restaurants. Our FSIOs can come together to identify keen individuals who are willing to return to the workforce and match them with job availabilities. This is where SICCI's job search portal and SME Centre's services can play a big role in working closely with the FSIOs to identify both job opportunities and training needs for the benefit of all those interested in taking up a job.

There is no doubt that the work has been cut out for the joint SICCI-FSIO management team and may this cooperation further enhance and strengthen the role and contributions of the Indian community towards this nation's further progress.



Chairman, Dr. T Chandroo, The Board of Directors, and Staff of SICCI wish everyone a happy Labour Day!

HAPPY LABOUR DAY



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Working Closely with Partners - MTI

Working closely with partners as Singapore's economic agencies waste no time in tapping local and overseas markets in the post-pandemic era.

That was the key theme of the annual Firefly Symposium organised by the Ministry of Trade and Industry on 24 April 2022. From the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, its Chairman, Dr T Chandroo and CEO Dinesh Singh attended and shared their views.

Strengthening Key partnerships

Giving his opening address MTI Minister, Mr Gan Kim Yong noted that for this year, the Ministry has invited its key partners to the Firefly Symposium, including our tripartite partners, the Trade Associations and Business Chambers, or TACs, the union movement and the think tanks.

"We want to continue engaging our stakeholders through platforms such as this, as well as the Future Economy Council, and the Alliance for Action industry coalition groups. Constant global and regional developments require us to work closely with our stakeholders, so that we can adapt with greater agility and create the right environment for new ideas and partnerships to flourish", emphasised Mr Gan.

The Minister added that the government is organising its efforts around the Singapore Economy 2030 vision, which comprises four key pillars – Manufacturing, Services, Trade and Enterprises.

He stressed, "This builds on the hard work and collective leadership of our stakeholders – industry leaders and TACs, the unions and workers, and the Government".

Sharing his thoughts about the Symposium, SICCI Chairman, Dr T Chandroo said Minister Gan's message to the guests from the Trade Unions, Trade Associations & Chambers and various government officials was that everyone should all get ready for post Covid and work aggressively towards building a very strong 'Singapore Economy 2030'.

"The four key pillars of these economy would be manufacturing, trade, enterprises and services. He also said that it is equally important to embrace growth in the area of Digital and Sustainability and pursuit relentlessly for transformation. He stressed that it is a must to build strong Singapore Enterprises that must eventually go abroad. Indeed, this symposium was a tribute to the TACs for their relentless effort to work very closely with the multiple agencies during the Covid years", emphasised Dr Chandroo.

The annual Firefly Symposium is a key event on the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) calendar to celebrate achievements of the Firefly agencies, communicate MTI-wide strategies and share how the work of Firefly agencies contributes to the overall MTI vision and strategic thrusts.



MTI Facebook page



Dr T Chandroo Facebook page



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Expanding Business Ventures With India

He may now be the Secretary in the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying in the Indian Ministry but Shri Atul Chaturvedi is someone who has had a wide-ranging stint in various Indian ministries and government departments and is well placed to share with business leaders the best ways to tap the Indian market and gain the confidence of the business community in India.

Shri Atul Chaturvedi who is in Singapore to expand the work of Invest India and at the same time visit his son's family, caught up with the top leaders of the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry for a discussion on 28 April 2022. Welcoming him at SICCI's headquarters were Chairman, Dr T Chandroo, the two Vice Chairpersons Maneesh Tripathi and Kishore Daryanani and SICCI CEO, Dinesh Singh.

Dr Chandroo highlighted to Shri Atul Chaturvedi some of the key food imports that Singapore receives from India and the volume of such business dealings.

According to 2020 figures available from various trade journal sources, items include edible vegetables and roots to the tune of nearly 30 million Singapore dollars, coffee, tea, and spices worth nearly 25 million dollars and a variety of seafood and fish products worth close to 30 million dollars.

Dr Chandroo also explained that with the upturn in business activity following the easing of travel and the opening of borders many companies in Singapore are very keen to re-establish their business contacts with partners in several industries back in India. Many companies had to scale back their operations in the past two years, some even shut down. However, the concern for SICCI and its businesses here in Singapore was to establish the right link with the personnel in India.

Something which Shri Atul Chaturvedi acknowledged, and he offered some suggestions for SICCI and its team of leaders to consider when venturing into the Indian markets.

First, consider setting up a team of experts in various fields back in India covering aspects like Legal, banking, Insurance, Import and export, a team of well-acclaimed individuals who know the issues which businesspeople can face and have the wherewithal to help address and advice on these issues and take the business ventures forward.



Dr T Chandroo Facebook page



And secondly, would be to consider a key liaison person in some of the key states which SICCI's businesses have interests in. The liaison person would be a useful link to help establish the business contacts, organize delegation visits, and perhaps even link up with key officials from each Indian state to promote investments and businesses by SICCI members.

During his stay here, Shri Atul Chaturvedi has also met key officials from several ministries and government departments including the Singapore Food Agency, to get a better idea of some of the programmes that SFA has which the Indian Ministry can tap on and link up with SICCI to promote the efforts.



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SICCI's new CEO

The Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry has a new Chief Executive Officer. He is Dinesh Singh and he has joined SICCI from 18 April 2022.

Mr. Dinesh succeeds Mr. Johnson Paul, who returned to the private sector at the end of 2021. The Chairman of SICCI and its board of directors' thanks Mr. Johnson Paul for his contributions to the apex business chamber of the Indian business community and warmly welcomes Mr. Dinesh Singh to spur the Chamber to even greater heights. Previously Dinesh was the General Manager of the Foundation of Rotary Clubs (Singapore) FRCS, and prior to FRCS he was Membership Director at The National University of Singapore Society - Singapore's Premier Graduate Club.

"Among my core responsibilities, include overseeing both the subscription revenue and membership growth by constantly developing greater membership value and driving membership campaigns. Here at SICCI, this will be one of my priority areas- to boost the membership of SICCI which has been declining for quite some time. With a growing number of young entrepreneurs in the Indian business community, it is timely to produce some attractive membership packages to bring them on board, tap their ideas and engage and involve them to make SICCI into a stronger apex business organization in Singapore to the pride of the Indian business community", said Dinesh when asked of some of his immediate priorities and challenges.

Expanding our links far and wide and engaging actively with our partners and stakeholders is another area Dinesh and his team will focus their attention on too, explained SICCI Chairman, Dr T Chandroo.

Adds Dr Chandroo, "We are happy that Dinesh is coming on board as he brings with him a wealth of experience in membership organizations, and in charity organizations like the FRCS. This will add immense value to SICCI as we serve SMEs who are recovering post-COVID"

Welcome on board Dinesh!



Standing Shoulder to Shoulder

Singapore's Finance Minister, Mr Lawrence Wong was recently named as Leader of the 4G team of Ministers to take Singapore forward and this effectively names him as the next Prime Minister of Singapore to succeed Mr Lee Hsien Loong.

The Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, SICCI congratulated Mr Wong on this important development in the political landscape in Singapore. And SICCI Chairman Dr T Chandroo assured Mr Wong that the Chamber will stand shoulder to shoulder with the government in addressing the challenges faced by small and medium enterprises. We bring you Dr Chandroo's statement to Mr Wong:

"It is with much happiness that on behalf of the Board of the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the entire Indian business fraternity in Singapore, that I offer my heartiest congratulations to Minister for Finance, Mr. Lawrence Wong, on being chosen as the individual to lead the 4G Team and Singapore into the future.

With this announcement by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, all eyes are on Mr. Lawrence Wong as he prepares to become the fourth Prime Minister of Singapore. Mr. Lawrence Wong is no stranger to SICCI and the Indian business community. In 2021 in November, Mr. Wong joined SICCI for a frank and down-to-earth fireside chat and he put before us the fiscal and budgetary challenges that the Singapore government will face as it steers the country out of the pandemic. We are thankful to him and his MOF team for agreeing to SICCI's calls to delay the implement of the increase in the GST till January 2023 to give businesses more time to recover from the aftershocks of Covid-19. As the apex business chamber of the Indian community, SICCI is fully supportive of the government's calls for businesses to upskill their workers, innovate, digitalise, and expand their wings beyond Singapore. As we prepare to take Singapore to the next phase under the 4G leadership team, I give my assurance that SICCI will stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the government to help propel our small and medium enterprises to even greater heights."



Visit by India's Speaker of Parliament

India's Speaker of Parliament, Shri Om Birla was in Singapore with a Parliamentary delegation from 24 to 26 April and during his visit met with Singapore's Speaker of Parliament, Tan Chuan Jin and Emeritus Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong.

Also in attendance during the meeting with Speaker Tan were Singapore MPs Gan Thiam Poh, Alex Yam and Ms Marian Jaffar.

According to a release from the Parliament of Singapore, Speaker Tan and Speaker Birla spoke about several aspects of the long-standing and deep relations between Singapore and India. They also had a fruitful discussion on ways to increase engagement between parliamentarians from both countries.

Said Mr Tan on his Facebook, "I first met His Excellency Om Birla, Lok Sabha Speaker, my counterpart from India, at the sidelines of the G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit in Rome. We had also exchanged correspondence over time and even birthday greetings on Twitter! We have a strong relationship with India at many levels and it was meaningful to catch up again with him and his delegation."

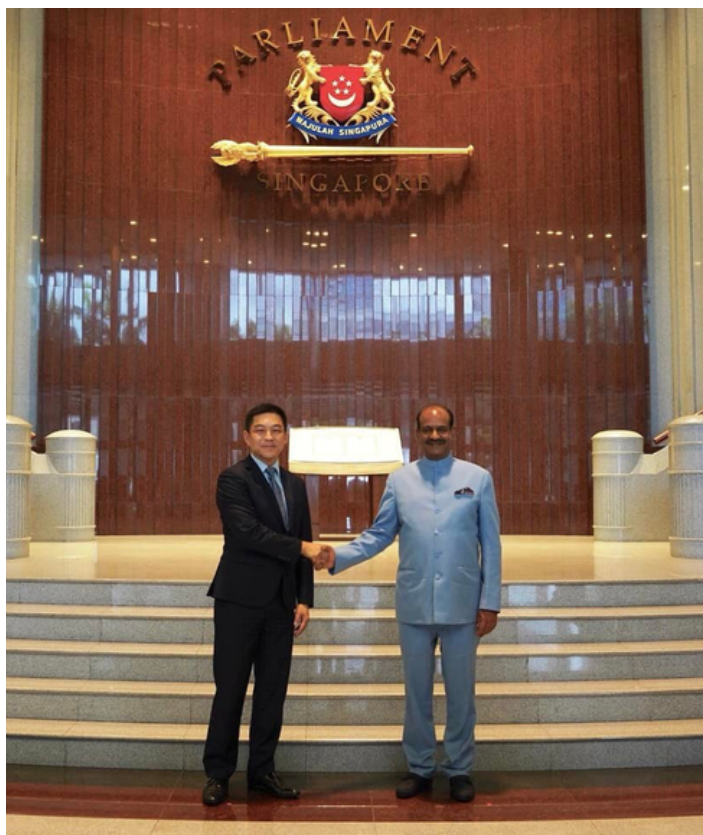


MParader Facebook

Writing on his Facebook page, ESM Goh said the Indian Parliamentary delegation was visiting Singapore as part of a regional visit.

"We discussed the importance of strengthening bilateral ties across all levels, including through increased inter-parliamentary exchanges. In a challenging world, Singapore needs friends and partners like India", emphasised ESM Goh.

Mr Goh has been very much credited for starting off the India fever during his tenure as Prime Minister of Singapore and over the years had played a pivotal role in blossoming Singapore-India ties.



Parliament of Singapore Facebook



In Conversation with Dr. Brian Shegar

Tapping the UAE market

After a dampening and depressing two years of no travels and business dealings via cyberspace, it was finally back to business for a group of business leaders from the Singapore Malay Chamber of Commerce and Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry during their recent business delegation to the United Arab Emirates. SICCI Connect caught up with the President of the UAE-Singapore Business Council Dr Brian Shegar who led the delegation, and he shares with us some of the desired outcomes of the visit to Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Sharjah from 28 March to 1 April 2022.



Briefing on the first day of the mission

How would you describe the mood in the UAE cities that your delegation visited for business activities to resume in full swing post-pandemic?

Dr Shegar: The delegation was highly impressed by the “business as normal” attitude in the business and economic climate in the UAE. The key emirates visited by us were Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Sharjah. Dubai which is the services hub of the UAE economy and the most globally connected city in the Middle East was bustling with activity nearing pre-COVID levels. Dubai’s EXPO2020 was a milestone event in the history of the UAE and the broader Middle East. The delegates spent a day at the EXPO site the day before its closing celebrations on 31st March 2022. Among the pavilions visited was the award-winning Singapore Pavilion of which the UAESBC was a sponsor.

What were some of the key business sectors that the Singapore delegation was keen to explore and what follow up action are you all looking at post-trip?

Dr Shegar: The key business sectors covered by the business mission were namely IT and pharma/nutraceuticals. SICCI members were well-represented in both sectors as delegates. We had productive meetings with the business chambers in Abu Dhabi and Dubai, relevant free zones and investment agencies as well as companies that could be potential business collaborators and service providers. The business delegates received comprehensive briefings and useful information for them to pursue in subsequent discussions in the post-trip phase.



The Delegation visits the International Free Zone Authority



The Delegation at the Abu Dhabi Investment Office (ADIO)

What are the next steps both the UAE-Singapore Business Council and the two chambers can take to continue keeping interest and building ties with the chambers and business associations in the UAE.

Dr Shegar: UAESBC values its close ties with SICCI and the SMCCI. We have a MoU with SICCI that has laid the foundation of what we expect to be a long, sustainable and mutually beneficial relationship that will assist SICCI members in their business aspirations in the UAE and the Middle East.

What questions do the UAE business colleagues have to ask about the pandemic situation and business issues in Singapore, what are their interest areas.

Dr Shegar: UAE companies are eagerly anticipating Singapore to fully open its economy to business travel and engagement so that greater trade and investment opportunities can be exploited. The UAE is already Singapore's largest trading and investment partner in the GCC and conversely Singapore is the UAE's most important business partner in ASEAN. Therefore, as we emerged into a post-COVID era, we should strive to seek opportunities available for Singapore companies in the UAE and leverage the UAE's excellent connectivity with the GCC and Middle East.



Mr. Vishnu Patekar of Delighteck speaks at the networking reception with Mr. Kamal R Vaswani, Singapore's Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.



Mr. Mohamed Faizal Ahmed Faraj of Red Vista Singapore speaks with Mr. Krishnamurthy Sundaresan, Group CFO of the Abu Dhabi Co-operative Society



Mr. Kanan and Mr. Sanjay, of Herbal Pharm Pte Ltd. At the meeting with MBG Corporate Services UAE, Dubai.



Mr. Amitava Das of Euro Healthcare Pte. Ltd. speaks with representatives from HSBC, which hosted the delegation for lunch at the UK Pavilion of Dubai Expo 2020.

Enterprise Leadership for Transformation

TARSAN INTERNATIONAL PTE LTD – was incorporated as a Global Trading Company in Singapore in 2006 with a capital of S\$50,000 to cater to the business needs of the Small and Medium Enterprises in Asia. The primary goal of the TARSAN is to function as a reliable and committed procurement house and to meet the growing needs of various manufacturing industries. Its Executive Director, VG Balachander recently attended the Enterprise Leadership for Transformation Course, recommended by the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, SICCI.

The Course is conducted at the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore.

Mr Bala tells us more about the course and how he has benefitted from it for his company's and staff development.

Q: Where and how did you find out about the Enterprise Leadership for transformation course and what made you take up the course?

Bala: To make the global journey smooth and effective, Tarsan Intl associated with various international trade organisations. Our association with Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI) started in the year 2008 and we had regular engagement in various areas related to our trade. In mid-2021, we came to know about the ENTERPRISE LEADERSHIP FOR TRANSFORMATION (shortly known as ELT) program started by Nanyang Technological University

in partnership with Enterprise Singapore from SICCI in one of their email notifications.

Q: Tell us about some of the key aspects that this course covers and the duration of this course. Is there any hands-on experience to apply what you have learnt before being awarded the course certificate?

Bala: This one-year program helps SMEs to find the growth prospects through various lectures from industry experts, case studies, mentorship and equip the company with tools to streamline operation and roadmap for growth. This ELT program is suitable for business owners or leaders and top executives who wish to transform the business to the next level with innovation and digital transformation. The aim of this program is to empower business leaders in optimising their leadership and business growth capabilities in this new normal. It helps to transform companies with innovative and actionable business growth plans through an entrepreneur centric learning approach. Direct approach program addresses SME's business challenges holistically giving enterprise leaders access to valuable resources like mentoring, networking, experience sharing and Internationalisation opportunities.



VG Balachander

Q: How are the objectives and lessons learnt in this course relevant to the work in your company and your company's objectives

Bala: The main aim to start this ELT program is to gain access to the International Network of business leaders and company owners from different industries and thereby to understand and learn numerous opportunities available for expansion of existing business as well to consider some new ventures. Another reason to start this program is

to learn and understand the opportunities available in the present growing digital era and the possible applications and tools to run the business operation more effectively. I strongly believe that there will be more opportunity to gain knowledge to re-strategize my existing business to take it up to higher level. Also, this program is supported through ESG funding to help Singapore SMEs to transform their business to sustainable growth trajectory. The uniqueness of this ELT program is to learn and grasp content easily, complicated concepts and hard theories are transformed into practical and straight forward action steps that are easy to master and apply conveniently. Direct interaction with mentors on the specific issues and challenges of my company helps to find a workable solution and devise a step-by-step action plan to implement.



VG Balachander



VG Balachander



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The company aims to raise financial literacy and enrich individuals and the community as follows:

- With proper financial planning, individuals would be able to realise their financial aspirations and improve their quality of lives.
- At the nation level, an increase in collective wealth enables more direct investments in companies and startups, thus stimulating further economic growth.
- With an overall higher standard of living in the community, fewer social problems will exist.

In the SFF Global FinTech Awards 2021 (presented by MAS), GoalsMapper was placed FIRST in the category under Singapore Fintech (Singapore Founder).

Challenges

There are many banks, insurance companies and other financial institutions that may have their own proprietary in-house financial analysis software. GoalsMapper is able to carve a niche in this competitive market as the software was developed based on advice and feedback from over 30 veteran financial planners across various agencies. The development process took two years. Constantly updating the product to maintaining their relevance, and adding features to align with market needs is a constant challenge. This requires good technical personnel. The chase for IT talent has made recruitment of such expertise at a reasonable remuneration difficult.

Competitiveness has always been a challenge, but our growth in the local market has been remarkable, consistently chalking 3-digit annual growth since launch. The second area of growth has been overseas. Aside from Singapore, our products are now available in Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines.

Finding

partners who share our vision, believe in our product, and have the same passion is a challenge. Taiwan and Hong Kong are our next targets for expansion.

Consequences of unsolved challenges

Recruitment and overseas expansion are challenges. Good staff is needed to keep our value-proposition ahead of our competitors. Similarly, with good overseas partners, our growth will be able to maintain its momentum. The management has put in considerable time and effort, and that has paid off thus far.

Motivation to solve challenges

I have a few motivations. Breakthroughs are best sought together. I believe in working together as a team. Everyone has their strengths. More importantly, each one of us must appreciate other team members' strengths and accept their weaknesses can be alleviated by the other team members. I gain satisfaction when we have the chemistry working together and being able to overcome challenges and achieve breakthroughs together. The ability to offer jobs, income and allowing my team to afford a dignified living through the provision of a solution that overcomes the pain point of a bigger community is my greatest motivation.

Help rendered by SME Centre

I found out about the SME Centre when approached by Mr. Oscar See, a Business Advisor from SME Centre @ SICCI. I was then referred to a Business Development Advisor for consideration to be a part of the Partners for Business Growth program.

My Business Advisor, Mr. Oscar See guided me through the grant application. Oscar saved me a lot of time that would have otherwise been spent navigating through all the different schemes.

Advice to other SMEs when interacting with SME Centre

Business owners must be forthcoming when explaining the business and its challenges. This will enable the Business Advisor to guide you toward the most relevant assistance schemes available.



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- His role is to oversee the business in Singapore, expanding the existing customer database and providing consultation services to corporate players who are looking to enhance their operations.
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- His belief in helping people with the corporate challenges is what keeps his customers always coming back to him.
- He is always referred to as 'Iron Man' not only for his skillset and brain, but his passion to make an entrance at any event.

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Srinivas Koneru is the Founder, Executive Chairman and CEO of Triterras. He has over 35 years of professional experience focused on technology and manufacturing. Prior to founding Triterras and developing the Kratos platform, he co-founded Rhodium in 2012. Before Rhodium, he exited Exxova Inc., an IT development and services company. Prior to this, Koneru was a partner and CEO of Lanco Global Systems, Inc. where he successfully turned around three underperforming IT companies. Koneru holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Company profile -

Triterras, Inc. is a leading fintech company focused on trade and trade finance. It launched and operates Kratos™— one of the world's largest commodity trading and trade finance platforms that connects and enables commodity traders to trade and source capital from lenders directly online.



Jeyakumar Thangavel,
Managing Director of **NEXT ENGINEERING companies.**

Jeya, a Mechanical Engineer, started his company in April 2019. He holds a professional training & Certification in Non-Destructive Testing from American Society for Non-Destructive Testing (ASNT NDT Level III), British Institute of Non-Destructive Testing (BINDT PCN Level 3), and ISO 9712 Level 3. Over the period of 5 years, he has focussed his work on tasks in the Oil & Gas Industry.

NEXT ENGINEERING Companies provides Design, Engineering, 3D Modelling, Fabrication, Installation and Testing in Oil & Gas industries and Power Sectors. The company is accredited to SAC-SINGLAS laboratory for Non-Destructive Testing. 3D Modelling is one of core portfolio in Singapore with dedicated Engineers and experienced technicians to handle projects. The company has a branches in Malaysia and India.

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R Manoj Kumar
founder, **Organic Basket**

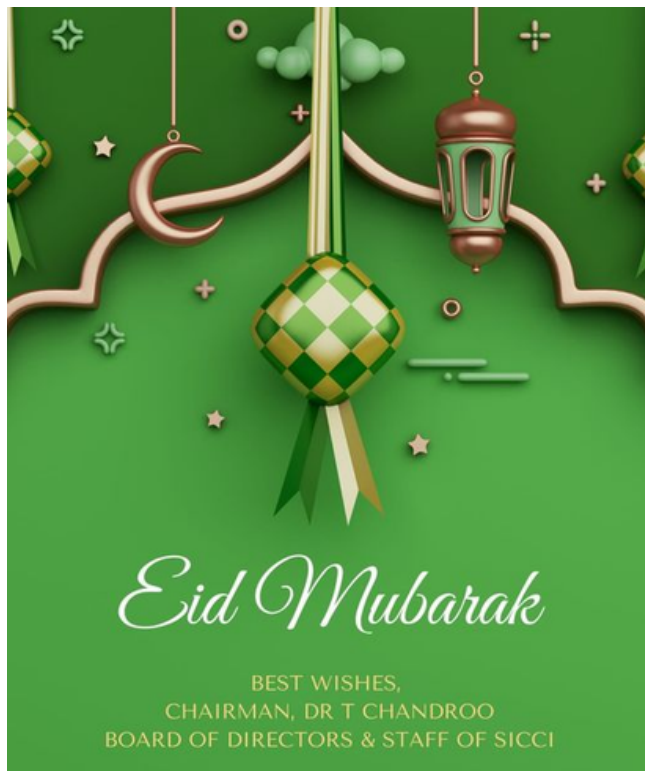
At the core of Organic Basket, we support and encourage the growth and use of organic products. We are committed to integrity in our products and the way we do business. Through fair sourcing, we deal directly with thousands of small family farmers and their communities across the world to produce top quality organic products. We give back to support a wide variety of organic and sustainable farming communities and organizations.

The goal of this start-up is to make healthy living simple, sustainable and accessible by creating a socially responsible business focused on providing genuine organic products for daily life. We also want to educate consumers that organic products are more nutritious, non-toxic, natural and environmentally friendly as compared to non-organic/conventional food. As we move towards sustainability, we should all do our part and contribute in a way or another. We can start with the choices we make within home and ourselves. From choosing organic food, reducing usage of plastic, using reusable alternatives and many more, at Organic Basket, we make it possible.

R Manoj Kumar, the founder of the company is a young and visionary entrepreneur. Being trained in Finance, he worked in several promising start ups as an Accountant. Working in the Start-up network, Kumar always wanted to start a company that positively impacted not only people but also the environment. Before the pandemic started, he left his job and decided to travel to India. To his surprise and chance, he stayed there for over 6 months travelling to various parts studying food science, ayurveda, yoga and most importantly farming. After witnessing how much conventional farming affects the environment, social and health aspect, Kumar decided to start Organic Basket. "With our values and commitment, we aim to tackle these issues to make this world a better living space for everyone".



Some of the new members receiving a membership certificate from SICCI Chairman, Dr T. Chandroo.



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IFTAR At SNM

This year's Ramadan break-fast sessions areas good as going back to normalcy after two years of COVID-19 restrictions.

With the easing of restrictions, Sree Narayana Mission, Singapore (SNM) took the opportunity to welcome its community partners and friends by organizing a small iftar gathering recently and joining us as Guest-of-Honour, was Mr Derrick Goh, Member of the Singapore Parliament and Advisor for Nee Soon GRC.

He was joined along with community leaders and partners from various faiths, who attended the Iftar at the Nursing Home.

SNM says on its Facebook page that it was a wonderful opportunity to strengthen community bonds, and more importantly, the event was a long-missed gathering of friends meeting in person over dinner.



Sree Narayana Mission Facebook



Sree Narayana Mission Facebook

Staying Healthy

SEWA Healthcare, in partnership with Diabetes Singapore, held its fourth voluntary event for this year, from 12 to 14 April 2022. The health-related event was held in conjunction with Vesakhi celebration at the Central Sikh Gurdwara.

According to the Singapore Khalsa Association, some 105 participants registered on site for the health screening session over the three days.

In addition to the health screening, the SEWA Healthcare team conducted breast self-examination and colorectal cancer screening for those 50 years and above.

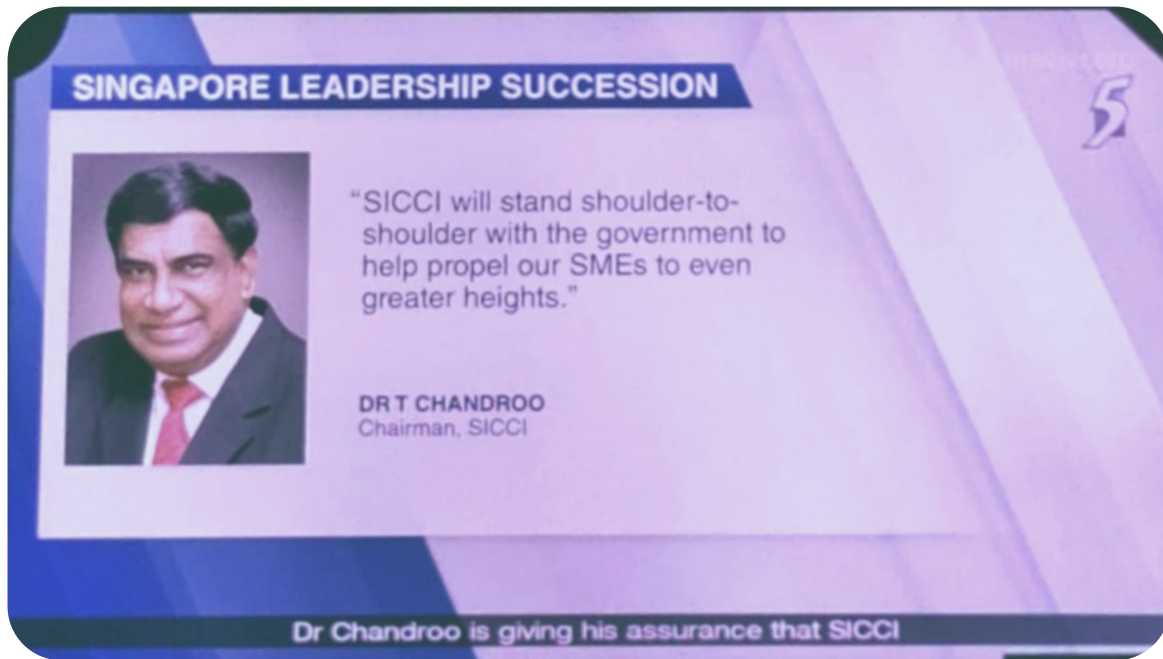
On 14 April 2022, Mr Heng Chee How, Senior Minister of State for Defence and an MP for Jalan Besar GRC, visited the SEWA Healthcare booth and he applauded SEWA Healthcare and Diabetic Singapore on the initiative of creating greater awareness on chronic illnesses, and in conducting the health screening.



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THE BUSINESS TIMES

Dr T Chandroo, chairman of the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI), told BT that because India is not one of parties to the RCEP, Indian companies are actively establishing local presence in Asean to benefit from the regional trading framework.

"There is not a single month that passes by in our Chamber that we do not have an engagement session with Indian economists, chief ministers ... and leading government officials on trade and business opportunities," he said.

"Singapore is a regional financial, legal and trade hub which makes it a first stop. India (also) has deep cultural and business linkages with Vietnam, the Philippines, Thailand and Indonesia," added Dr Chandroo.

<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/global-enterprise/asean-to-play-increasingly-beneficial-role-for-indian-enterprises-seeking-new>



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Candidate ID	Sector	Highest Qualification	Last job	Years of experience in sector	Age
SICCI-140	Administration	Diploma	Admin Executive	10	49
Previous admin experience in her last full-time role. Her experience included assisting the project director with finance and human resource management related tasks. Key competencies include stakeholder management, general administration and organizational skills. She also has sales and marketing experience and is well versed in conducting market research, sales coordination and project administration.					
SICCI-141	Administration	PSLE	Customer Service Executive	8	52
An experienced clinical care coordinator and community service executive with 8 years of experience in the healthcare sector. Has experience managing both primary satellite and mobile clinics in the areas of staffing, finance and stakeholder management. Has spearheaded numerous projects and initiatives. Key competencies include project management and coordination.					
SICCI-142	Administration	PSLE	Customer Service Executive	4	35
Close to 5 years of admin experience. Previous experience in industries such as events, F&B and logistics. Key competencies includes general administration, marketing, customer service and event logistics. Well versed in spearheading and executing marketing activities. Has experience in other areas such as payroll administration, project coordination and data analysis.					
SICCI-143	Administration	Diploma	Manager	25	54
25 years of work experience in different industries and across multiple functions. Key competencies include Database & Dataflow Management, Accounts Management, Admin & Operations, Training and Customer Service. Has experience in operations management, events and project coordination. She also has exposure in B2C sales and client relationship management.					
SICCI-144	Administration	Diploma	Secretary	14	48
Seasoned secretarial support specialist with outstanding evaluations across diversified industries. Strong computer literacy with a proven track record of juggling a multitude of complex work assignments to meet the demands of each day. Effective stakeholder management skills. Highly-organised, detail-oriented and diligent individual knowledgeable of all office functions, with a solid background in office administration and over fourteen years of experience in providing administrative support.					
SICCI-145	Administration	Bachelor	Office Manager	16	50
A highly organized and responsible seasoned Office Manager with finance and accounting background, supporting business owners in quality administrative and workplace operations, with exceptional time management and coordination skills. Able to work independently and has a proven track record of administrative excellence, from managing the needs of the local office, to offshore companies, and ensuring compliance with local regulation.					
SICCI-146	Administration	Bachelor	Senior Executive	10	41
10 years of working experience in different functions. Experienced in managing customer accounts through CRM system. Knowledgeable in stakeholder management, sales coordination and client relationship management. Other key competencies include project management, coordination and administration and has been involved in areas such as Project status reporting, tracking, logistics and after-sales support.					
SICCI-147	Administration	Bachelor	Hotel Reservations Officer	4.5	42
Close to 5 years of experience in the hospitality industry within the administrative and customer service functions. Has experience working in call centers dealing with customer reservations and data entry. Key competencies include client relationship management, stakeholder management and general administrative support.					
SICCI-148	Administration	O-Levels	Senior Executive / Secretary	20	61
Over 15 years of working experience in the administrative and secretarial roles. From coordinating meetings, travel arrangements and managing complex diaries for professors in NTU and CEO, she has developed strong inter-personal, communication and organisational skills. Other competencies include stakeholder management. Proficient in Microsoft Office and different teleconferencing platforms.					

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SICCI-149	Administration	Diploma	Trader	15	37
Professional and service-oriented individual with the ability to produce cost-effective solutions for stakeholders. A self-motivated and result oriented professional with a wide spectrum of experience in various industries and functions such as F&B and Automotive over the past 15 years Key skills and competencies include project management, customer service and stakeholder management.					
SICCI-150	Administration	Higher Nitec	Register Administrator	15	41
Highly motivated and focused office administrator with over 10 years of experience in administrative roles across different industries. Experienced in supporting the development of operational procedure and the digitalization of documentation processes in his previous roles. Other competencies include marketing and corporate communications.					
SICCI-151	Finance	Diploma	Senior Finance Executive	40	60
Efficient and detail-oriented individual with more than 30 years of experience in accounting and administrative functions. Possess good knowledge of maintaining full set of accounting system and payroll computation. Proficient in standard office desktop software. Has experience coordinating with recruiters for hiring and some knowledge in processing work passes for foreign workers.					
SICCI-152	IT	Bachelor	Application consultant	2	34
2 years of IT experience in troubleshooting, maintenance of application systems and design of user interfaces. Proficient in programming codes such as Angular, Java, C# and MSSQL. Experienced in data management, analysis and visualisation with the application of d3.js					
SICCI-153	IT	Bachelor	Senior Project Manager	12	43
More than 10 years of experience in the education technology sector, holding various portfolios in IT solutioning, multimedia programmer, designer, production lead, learning and instructional design, project management and business analysis. Experience in designing and developing SCORM-compliant content (Articulate 360) and creating strong UX experiences.					
SICCI-154	IT	Bachelor	Consultant	27	58
An Information Technology Business consultant with more than 25 years of experience holding Global and APAC portfolios with business experience in managing IT Infrastructure, Sales enablement, Services, Customer Care and Supply Chain. Has extensive experience in stakeholder management, project management, leading and managing IT integration. A certified coach with experience in developing programs for leaders, middle management and first line managers					
SICCI-155	IT	Bachelor	QA Tester	16	42
Over 15 years of experience in QA Testing, software programming and web developing.Experienced in data analysis and managing databases. Designed/revamped several systems, particularly SQL databases and legacy systems. Performed code reviews, evaluations, data migration. Proficient in time critical production changes testing.					
SICCI-156	IT	Bachelor	eDiscovery Analyst	4.5	40
Close to 5 years of experience in the IT sector and has acquired strong knowledge in eDiscovery practices and interrelation with other disciplines including Information Governance, Data Privacy, Data Security, IT, Compliance. Experienced in a global environment with a focus on information management, storage management, operational and resource management. Supported complex civil litigation, investigations, and regulatory inquiries by identified, preserved, collected and processed electronically stored information (ESI).					
SICCI-157	IT	Bachelor	Heads (Operations), IT Directorate	33	60
CIO with 31 years of experience working in the IT Industry. Highly experienced in ICT planning, systems Integration, IT governance and overall ICT management. Extensive experience delivering multimillion-dollar ICT systems for various government agencies, namely, Ministry of Education, Health Sciences Agency, Singapore Land Authority, Singapore Police Force and Singapore Customs.					

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