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President Halimah Yacob unveils FSIO@SICCI Logo



12 May 2022 will go down as an important date in the history of the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI) which is set to celebrate its centenary in 2024.

A special logo to symbolise the close cooperation between SICCI and 27 Indian organisations under the umbrella of the Federation of Singapore Indian Organisations or FSIO was unveiled at a grand gala dinner held at the Shangri-La Singapore.

The guests of honour at the event were President Halimah Yacob and Mr Mohamed Abdullah Alhabshee.

Joining President Halimah on stage for the launch ceremony were SICCI Chairman, Dr T Chandroo and Vice Chairman and Integration Sub-Committee Chairman, Mr Kishore Daryanani.

Writing on her Facebook page, President Halimah said she was happy to attend the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI) – Federation of Singapore Indian Organisations (FSIO) Gala Dinner. "I commend SICCI for playing an important role in supporting business recovery and growth over the past two years. In fact, FSIO was borne out of SICCI's efforts during the pandemic to ensure a coordinated voice from Indian organisations to the government. Trade Associations and Chambers like SICCI have always been important advocates for businesses and industry transformation. SICCI-FSIO can advocate industry transformation, the adoption of digital technologies, and grow awareness of emerging areas of collaboration between Singapore and India. I hope that SICCI and FSIO will continue championing the interests of businesses and member organisations, and help our Indian businesses grow from strength to strength", said President Halimah.

FSIO’s Unifying Role

Addressing the august gathering of diplomats, leading business leaders from the various Chambers of Commerce and the Indian business community, Dr Chandroo explained that forming the Federation of Singapore Indian Organizations (FSIO) had been very much in the air when the current team of SICCI assumed office after its last elections two years ago. The Covid-19 crisis hastened its formation and fruition.

In October 2021, during the fireside chat with Singapore’s second Prime Minister, Emeritus Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong, Memoranda of Understanding were signed and presented before Mr Goh to cement and give birth to the FSIO.

Explained Dr Chandroo, “The FSIO formation has led to the cross sharing of many like-minded programmes amongst different Indian organizations be it in arts and craft, handicraft, cooking demonstrations, community, and traditional games and even in healthcare programmes. Organizations publicize their activities in one another’s social media platforms thus attracting everyone to benefit from these activities. And this gala, dinner which you and Mr Mohammed have done us proud today, is the outcome of our collective desire to be one voice for the community. We also had feedback sessions with our FSIOs post-budget, and their concerns have been submitted to the finance minister.”

Honouring Past Chairpersons

The gala dinner on 12 May also witnessed the honouring of past Chairpersons with the conferment of the title Emeritus Chairman.

They received a Letter of Conferment from President Halimah Yacob.

They are Mr Shabbir Hassanbhai, Mr R Narayanamohan, Mr Dau Dayal Gupta, Mr Vijay Iyengar and Mr M Rajaram.

Thanking them for their sterling contributions to SICCI during their tenure as Chairpersons of the apex business Chamber of the Indian community, Dr Chandroo emphasised that their wealth of experience and knowledge in expanding SICCI both locally and abroad will come in handy as they help to mentor a younger generation of leaders and entrepreneurs to chart the future of the Indian business community forward in the years ahead.

New Chairman and Board of Directors for SICCI

Succeeding Dr T Chandroo as Chairman of SICCI will be Mr Neil Parekh.

Mr Parekh is a Partner and Head of Asia, Australia & New Zealand at Tikehau Capital. He is also concurrently serving as the Chief Executive Officer of Pegasus Asia which is listed on the SGX. The 17 members of SICCI’s Board of Directors were declared elected unopposed by the Scrutineers for the Elections which had been scheduled to take place on 10 June 2022 if there were contests for any of the positions. (Please refer to the attached list for the names)

Congratulating and sharing his best wishes with the new Chairman of SICCI and the elected members of the Board of Directors, current SICCI Chairman, Dr T Chandroo said:

" I extend my heartiest congratulations to Mr Neil Parekh and his team on being elected unopposed to form the Board of Directors for the period 2022-2024. Neil is no stranger to the chamber- he has previously served as a Vice Chairman of SICCI and has continued to provide us with good counsel over the years.

The new board comprises a mix of old and fresh faces and female members too, and this is what makes for leadership renewal and grooming a younger generation of Singaporean entrepreneurs to fly the flag of the Indian Business Community. With the new team of leaders also taking shape in Singapore with Deputy Prime Minister-designate Lawrence Wong at the helm, I am confident the new team will continue to build close bonds with the government, business and people sectors and take SICCI to even greater heights in Singapore and in the global economy."



Mr Neil Parekh said: “It is an honour to be appointed the Chairman of an organization such as SICCI with a rich history developed over the last century. The last few years have clearly highlighted the need for community organizations such as SICCI to be active in helping businesses survive and thrive in a challenging business environment.

My team and I look forward to contributing to the growth of its members and in working together with our sister chambers to help maintain Singapore as an attractive location for investment and for regional business development. SICCI will be celebrating its centenary in 2024. I would like to see the Indian business community in Singapore, all our members and our partner organisations play an active role in celebrating the history and achievements of SICCI. I would like to thank Dr Chandroo, current directors and the SICCI secretariat staff for steering the chamber through the Covid period. "

Mr Parekh and his team took office on 15 June 2022 at SICCI’s Annual General Meeting.

Honouring Past Chairpersons



Mr Dau Dayal Gupta - 1996 to 2000



Mr Shabbir Hassanbhai - 2002 to 2004



Mr M Rajaram 2004 to 2008



Mr Vijay Iyengar - 2008 to 2010

Badge of Honour

For the first time, the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry has come up with a badge for its Board of Directors.

It is to recognize the role they play in furthering the goals and objectives of SICCI as an apex Chamber of the Indian business community in Singapore and looking into the needs of businessmen and small and medium enterprises.

The special badge of honour was pinned on all Board of Directors (BOD) starting from Chairman Dr T Chandroo.

The event was held as part of the gala dinner to launch the logo for FSIO@SICCI and the badge presentation was witnessed by President Halimah Yacob and the 500 guests present at the gala dinner.

All the best BOD members!

INDIAN ORGANISATION



FSIO Organizations receive a commemorative memento from President Halimah Yacob



Left to Right

Mr Hernaikh Singh - Singapore Khalsa Association
 Mr Abdul Raof - LISHA
 Mr Jayadev Unnithan - Sree Narayana Mission
 Mr Harikrishnan Muthsamy - Gopio Singapore
 Mr Kishore Daryanani
 President Halimah Yacob
 Dr T Chandroo
 Mr Nimit Sheth - Singapore Gujarati Society
 Mr V Pandiyan - Tamils Representative Council
 Mr Raj Mohamed - Singapore Kadayanallur Muslim League



Left to Right

Mr P S Prem - Singapore Malayalee Association
 Mr Sachin Ganjapurkar - Maharashtra Mandal Singapore
 Mrs Abhilasha Mani - Bijhar Singapore
 Mr Kishore Daryanani
 President Halimah Yacob
 Dr T Chandroo
 Ms Smita Wargantiwar - The Kamala Club
 Mr S P Biyani - Marwari Mitra Mandal
 Mr Ponno Kalastree - Peranakan Indian (Chitty Melaka) Association Singapore



Left to Right

Mr Ramachandran - Centre for Singapore Tamil Culture
 Mr Karthigeyan - Singai Tamil Sangam
 Mr Kishore Daryanani
 President Halimah Yacob
 Dr T Chandroo
 Mr Kommireddy Ramakoti Reddy - Singapore Telugu Cultural Society
 Mr Thurasingham - Yathavar Association
 Mr Brijesh Shukla - Singapore North Indian Hindu Association



Left to Right

Mr Alok Panda - Odia Society of Singapore
 Mr Harikrishnan Muthusamy - Tamil Language and Culture Society
 Mr Kishore Daryanani - Singapore Sindhi Association
 President Halimah Yacob
 Dr T Chandroo
 Mr Danapal Kumar - Singapore Tamil Teachers Union
 Mr Laxman Karthigeyan - The Singapore Dakshina Bharatha Brahma Sabha
 Mr Sarabjeet Singh - Young Sikh Association (Singapore)

SICCI Chairman's Congratulatory message to Minister Lawrence Wong.

Finance Minister Lawrence Wong was appointed Deputy Prime Minister in a recent Cabinet reshuffle announced by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong. Mr Wong assumed the DPM post together with his Finance Ministry portfolio on 13 June 2022. Chairman of SICCI Dr T Chandroo congratulated Mr Wong on his appointment. Mr Wong joined SICCI's members for a frank fireside chat on Budget 2022 and its challenges when he met SICCI in November 2021. We bring you below Dr Chandroo's congratulatory message to Mr Wong.

Dear Minister Lawrence Wong,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the entire Indian business community in Singapore, I extend my heartiest congratulations to you on your elevation to Deputy Prime Minister and to lead Singapore fourth generation team of leaders into the future.

Leadership succession and forward planning has been a key pillar and bedrock for Singapore to continue to thrive in this challenging and unpredictable world and times. This is important not only for Singapore as a nation but for every organization in Singapore including the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

And it is good, strong, and sound leadership and leaders that has made Singapore to what it is today from the first generation to now the fourth generation of leaders.

We in the Indian business community are honored and proud to be associated with this leadership which has brought about economic growth and better lives for all its citizens.

You can be assured of the SICCI's strong support to work closely with you and your team to help Singapore to propel to even greater heights.

I wish you good health as you embark on your next chapter to lead Singapore into the future.

With best wishes,

Dr T Chandroo
Chairman, Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



President Halimah Yacob addressed some 500 business and community leaders from the Indian community at the launch of the SICCI@FSIO logo event and gala dinner held on 12 May 2022 at the Shangri-la Hotel. We produce below President Halimah's speech.

Good evening. I am very pleased to join you for today's event. It is heartening to see everyone gathered here tonight in person. This is the first time I am meeting leaders from the Federation of Singapore Indian Organisations (FSIO) since it was launched in October last year. I look forward to a meaningful dinner and engagement session with FSIO leaders.

We have seen promising signs of recovery, with the reopening of our borders and easing of domestic COVID-19 measures. For instance, Singapore and India's bilateral trade in goods increased from S\$19.8 billion in 2020 to S\$26.8 billion in 2021, an increase of about 35%.

At the same time, we must remain prepared and equipped to weather the challenges ahead, be it rising global inflation and energy prices, or the continued risk of supply chain disruptions.

Over the past two years, SICCI has played an important role in supporting business recovery and growth. I would like to acknowledge SICCI for your swift response when the pandemic first hit, including setting up a COVID-19 Taskforce to help your members navigate the various pandemic relief schemes and prepare them to pursue new opportunities when business conditions improved. In fact, FSIO itself was borne out of SICCI's efforts during the pandemic to ensure a coordinated and responsive voice from Indian organisations to the government. Beyond our shores, when the pandemic hit India, you also rallied the community and partnered with the Little India Shopkeepers & Heritage Association (LISHA) to initiate the 'India COVID Relief Fund', raising more than \$1 million and mobilising your network to deliver essential medical supplies in support of the humanitarian crisis in India. Now, as Singapore resumes economic activities and reconnect with the world, our businesses and workers must be ready to seize new growth opportunities. One area we can collaborate on is the Green Economy. Both India and Singapore are making concerted efforts to address the climate change crisis in our respective countries and are committed to reduce our carbon outputs.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced at COP26 India's commitment to achieve net-zero by 2070 and highlighted the importance of financing and developing affordable climate technologies.

On our end, we announced our Singapore Green Plan 2030 in February 2021, which charts concrete targets over the next ten years and articulates our national agenda on sustainable development.

In this regard, Singapore and India can cooperate on upstream initiatives to accelerate research, development, and deployment of sustainable and low-carbon tech solutions. This can also be done through our recently signed Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Fields of Science, Technology, and Innovation, which provides Indian federal funding and support for projects approved under its ambit.

Another area where private sector-led initiatives can create win-win solutions for both our companies and people is in the Digital Economy, where India and Singapore can partner to build digitally inclusive communities.

One such example is the link-up of Singapore's PayNow and India's United Payments Interface. When completed, the link-up will allow PayNow users in Singapore to make instant cross-border transfers to UPI users in India, using the recipient's UPI ID.

Trade Association and Chambers like SICCI have always been important advocates for businesses and industry transformation, and your role is especially crucial in today's business climate. SICCI-FSIO can advocate industry transformation, the adoption of digital technologies, and grow awareness of emerging areas of collaboration between Singapore and India. The various member organisations of the FSIO have also been supporting businesses in their digitalisation efforts and helping them navigate various challenges during the pandemic. Keep up the good work, and I encourage you to continue championing the interests of your members and helping our Indian businesses grow from strength to strength.

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On its part, FSIO can continue to actively engage youths with activities and programmes that help spawn new ideas, cross-share expertise, and develop bonds and friendships with people from different backgrounds. One good example is CATALYSE 2020, organised by SICCI and four youth organisations – Narpani Peravi Youth, SINDA Youth Club, Tamil Representative Council Youth Wing and Young Sikh Association. CATALYSE was a six-month initiative to encourage social entrepreneurship among the youth, and it was heartening to see the Indian community coming together to guide the 150 students on their entrepreneurship journey. I am sure that with the FSIO member organisations working together, there will be more of such interesting and meaningful initiatives, to bring together and develop the Indian youth community.

In closing, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to SICCI and all the FSIO member organisations for your contributions and wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Thank you

The FSIO@SICCI Logo



Giving details of the FSIO@SICCI Logo, SICCI Vice Chairman Kishore Daryanani who also chairs the Integration sub-committee said the overall logo with the globe is a further expansion of SICCI's own logo.

The red and blue hands denote the many helping hands approach for any member organisation which needs SICCI's assistance to address and handle a concern at hand. It clearly denotes the theme- OUR unity is strength.

The two red arrows within the globe is all about moving forward and all over the world to explore ventures and initiatives jointly and to expand our footprint in as many countries as possible.

The red colour hand denotes the colour of the Singapore flag.

And last but not the least, the blue colour hands denote the vast ocean of opportunities for cooperation that awaits SICCI and its FSIO partners to harness and grow for the betterment of the Indian community and this nation, Singapore.

Meanwhile the event also saw the publication of a special booklet capturing key details about the FSIO organisations which have come on board to play their part in strengthening the Indian community at all levels. All attendees at the gala dinner were given the booklet.

Expanding Ties and Networking with Members

It was an evening of networking with both young and old members of the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and an occasion to expand ties with the signing of two Memoranda of Understanding.

Hosting the event at the Singapore Cricket Club was SICCI Chairman, Dr T Chandroo who presented membership certificates to new members and inked a memorandum of understanding with Dulwich College, Singapore and the Singapore Indian Association.

The MOU with Dulwich College Singapore will provide for scholarships for Indian students to pursue their studies with the educational institution which is located in Bukit Batok. SICCI will also work with the College to expand its foothold in India and the Asean region.

Meanwhile, the Singapore Indian Association became the 27th organisation to join the Federation of Singapore Indian Organisations (FSIO). IA with its vast facilities to provide sporting activities is well poised to collaborate with the many FSIO members to boost the sporting arena amongst the Indian community.

Speaking at the networking session, Dr Chandroo took stock of the work of SICCI in the past two years, particularly the role the Chamber had played in helping both companies and individuals tide over the Covid pandemic in 2020 and 2021. SICCI has also done much together with the Little India Shopkeepers Association, LISHA to raise more than one million dollars to assist needy people in various parts of India. And it is all part of SICCI's ethos to stand shoulder to shoulder with those in need for the betterment of the community.



MoU with the Indian Association



MoU with the Dulwich College



Expanding Ties and Networking with Members - Dr Chandroo's speech

A very good evening to all my Directors from the SICCI Board, distinguished members from Dulwich College, Singapore, the Singapore Indian Association, and members of SICCI.

After a two-year break due to Covid, I am pleased to welcome all of you once again for this evening's SICCI Members; networking Nite and the signing of two MOUs.

It is a pleasure to meet all of you face to face once again and its nothing like the personal touch as we all strive for the betterment of our communities.

Taking Stock

This evening's members' networking comes just before our elections and annual general meeting about to happen in in the next week and perhaps it is timely for me to briefly take stock of the work that SICCI and its directors and secretariat have been involved in the past two years.

SICCI had been like many other businesses and chambers of commerce, heavily occupied in assisting its members tide over and ride over the Covid pandemic crisis.

For the whole of last year and up to April this year, our SME Centre has helped over 4,000 small and medium enterprises with their whole range of queries to help them come out of the pandemic.

Two major initiatives in the pandemic area were also embarked upon by SICCI.

In June last year, with the help of hundreds of generous hearts, SICCI together with the Little India Shopkeepers and Heritage Association LISHA, raised over one million Singapore dollars for Indian families in dire need back in India. The money was handed to the Singapore Red Cross together together with the High Commissioner of India to Singapore to be channeled to most needed states and villages. Many corporations also came forward to donate much need medical equipment and oxygen cylinders to be sent to the hospitals in India to help save lives. In all it was a great effort at United Singapore In Action. A Big Thank You to everyone!

The second important aspect of work in the covid assistance programme was the donation drive for recovering migrant workers from India and Bangladesh through SICCI Cares, the social arm of the chamber.

In October last year, donations were received to bring cheer to these migrant workers during the Deepavali festive period and personal recovery needs were packaged and sent to one of the large community care facilities for the workers.

The FSIO Jewel

While helping needy workers and SMEs in need of advice kept us busy in 2021, that did not stop me and my team from fanning out to grow our network and engagement. Hence the birth of the Federation of Singapore Indian Organizations or FSIO. Many Indian organizations needed to channel critical feedback about their concerns and challenges to the government during the thick of the pandemic. Many issues revolved around the urgent need of foreign manpower to run their agencies and organizations. The FSIO was formed to among other things provide that collective voice to the government agencies. It was launched by ESM Goh Chok Tong in October last year and just recently on 12 May 2022, Our President Madam Halimah Yacob unveiled the FSIO@SICCI Logo and presented mementos to the 26 leaders. This evening I have the pleasure in welcoming on board the Singapore Indian Association as our 27th member of the FSIO. IA as it is fondly called by many of us even today is an excellent venue and organization where many of our sister FSIO members can tap on its array of sporting facilities and arrangements and enjoy its range of culinary delicacies at its cafe. I look forward to the management team of IA proposing to us programmes which we can do jointly embark on.

We will also be taking the opportunity today to ink yet another MOU this time with Dulwich College Singapore which is in the Bukit Batok area. Education is something close to my heart, being the Chairman and CEO of a Montessori chain of pre-schools and any effort to encourage our students especially those from the Indian community to further their education to the highest is something SICCI will give its fullest support. Our MOU with Dulwich college Singapore will provide scholarships for Indian students to pursue their education with the College. We will also work with the college to help them embark programs and courses with educational institutions in the Indian states and the Asean region.

The road ahead

Singapore's economy has almost completely opened up but that does not mean the pandemic is over, far from it.

At SICCI we will continue to look out for small and medium enterprises which need help with training and restructuring programmes to survive. We will also keep our eyes wide open for individuals who need assistance to make a living and those who need a job.

This is a key task for every management team of SICCI together with its Secretariat colleagues led by the CEO. My committee will be handing over the baton to a new team and the elections has been fixed for 10 June 2022. You would have already received the necessary notifications and I encourage you to do your voting duties on 10 June 2022. And thereafter I look forward to seeing all of you at our annual general meeting and dinner on 15 June 2022 at the Grand Copthorne Hotel.

For me, as Chairman, it has been a most challenging but rewarding term, especially the last two years. The smile on the face of workers and company workers and their bosses whom we were able to help, brings me and my team much satisfaction that we were able to make a difference in their lives during difficult times.

That is the ethos and motto of SICCI- always there to stand shoulder to shoulder with you and to help you progress and excel in Singapore.

I thank you all for coming this evening and do enjoy yourself after the formalities.

Good health to everyone!



Ties Between SICCI and Kadin Get A Boost

Business to Business ties between the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI) and the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Kadin) got a shot in the arm following a bilateral meeting between the leaders of both Chambers on the sidelines of the Indonesia-Singapore Business Forum held at the Hilton Hotel, Singapore.

SICCI's Chairman Dr T Chandroo met the Chairman of the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Kadin), Bapak Arsjad Rasjid and the Coordinating Vice Chairwoman, Ibu Shinta Kamdani together with other senior officials for discussions on enhancing business ties between the two Chambers. Also present at the meeting was Mr Neil Parekh, the incoming Chairman of SICC and several board members.

In his welcome remarks at the meeting, Dr Chandroo noted that it was no secret that Singapore and Indonesia enjoyed excellent ties at the government to government and people to people levels.



Dr Chandroo meets the Indonesian Finance Minister

"Our discussion and meeting today pushes up our ties at the B to B and Chamber to Chamber level by one higher notch", said Dr Chandroo.

Just before the meeting SICCI signed a Memorandum of Understanding with PT Eximku Teknologi Indonesia or Andalin to expand cooperation in the digital area.

Added Dr Chandroo, "Many Indian business leaders who are members of my Chamber have wide business interests in Indonesia and this would not be possible if not for the friendly and attractive business and investment environment that Indonesia, Asean's most populated nation offers to the business community. SICCI will be happy to build on this close relationship and we can discuss this further".

Some of the topics discussed at the one-day forum include harnessing digitization in a sustainable economy, dealing with a post-Covid economic situation and Indonesia's plans as Chairperson of the G20 forum for 2022.



SICCI presents special souvenir to Chairman of KADIN



MOU signing with Andalin

**WHOEVER
WHEREVER
WHENEVER**

**EVERYONE HAS
THE RIGHT TO SEEK SAFETY**



World Refugee Day – UNHCR invites corporates to support forcibly displaced persons

Dear corporate leaders,

World Refugee Day, held every year on June 20, is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe.

To celebrate the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution, UNHCR invites corporates to join us in protecting refugees by bringing awareness to the displacement issue and by raising funds to support humanitarian efforts.

This year, the focus for World Refugee Day will be on the right to seek safety. Every person on this planet has a right to seek safety – whoever they are, wherever they come from and whenever they are forced to flee.

A record 100 million people forcibly displaced worldwide

A record-breaking, heart-breaking 1% of the world's population have been forced to flee their homes because of conflict, persecution and violence.

By the end of 2021, the number of forcibly displaced people worldwide rose to 90 million. This was propelled by new waves of violence or protracted conflict in countries including Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Myanmar, Nigeria, Afghanistan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In 2022, the war in Ukraine has displaced 8 million within the country this year and forced around 6 million to leave the nation. Everyone has the right to seek asylum from conflict and persecution. Yet, thousands of people face unimaginable challenges every single day trying to reach safety.

You can help

All sectors of society, including the private sector, can play a part in supporting forcibly displaced persons.

If you believe that everyone has the right to seek safety – whoever they are, wherever they come from and whenever they are forced to flee – then please join UNHCR in protecting refugees. We have awareness raising material that corporates can use and we can also help corporates launch employee giving campaigns to help raise funds for our humanitarian efforts.

UNHCR's teams have the knowledge and experience, along with stockpiles of emergency equipment. But donations from corporates and individuals like you are what get us on the ground of any emerging crises within 72 hours and keep us there for as long as refugees need our help.

Please reach out to partnershipssg@unhcr.org if you would like to support us this World Refugee Day.

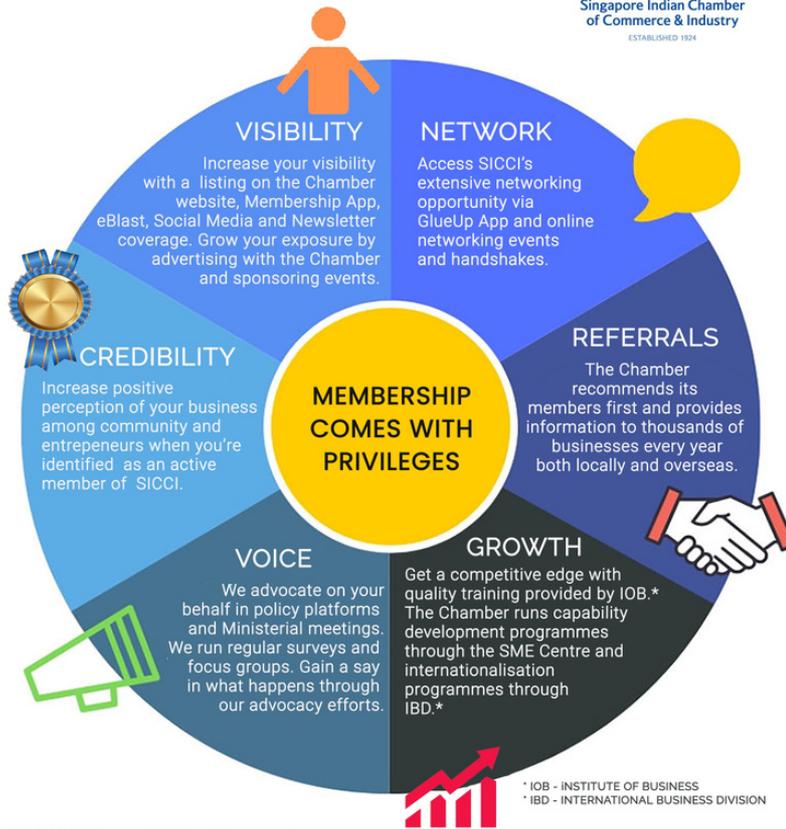
Yours sincerely,
UNHCR partnerships team (Singapore)

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SICCI elects Neil Parekh as chairman and new board of directors

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THE Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI) has elected Neil Parekh as chairman and a new board of directors for the period of 2022 to 2024.

Parekh previously served as SICCI's vice-chairman. He is currently a partner and head of Asia, Australia and New Zealand at European asset manager Tikehau Capital, and also the chief executive of special purpose acquisition company Pegasus Asia, which is listed on the Singapore Exchange.



Parekh is a partner and head of Asia, Australia and New Zealand at Tikehau Capital, and also CEO of Pegasus Asia. PHOTO: SICCI

statement by the chamber. The elections had been scheduled to take place on Jun 10, if there were contests for any of the positions. Parekh takes over the role from incumbent T Chandroo, who was chairman of SICCI for 2 terms. Said Chandroo: "The new board

comprises a mix of old and fresh faces and female members too, and this is what makes for leadership renewal and grooming a younger generation of Singaporean entrepreneurs to fly the flag of the Indian business community."

Parekh noted that the last few years have highlighted the need for community organisations such as SICCI to be active in helping businesses "survive and thrive" in a challenging business environment.

"My team and I look forward to contributing to the growth of its members and in working together with our sister chambers to help maintain Singapore as an attractive location for investment and for regional business development," he said.

Parekh and the new board of directors will take office on Jun 15 at SICCI's annual general meeting.

Business Times

இந்திய வர்த்தக தொழிற்சபையின் புது தலைவர்

கி.குணரத்தினன்

“சிக்கி” எனப்படும் சிங்கப்பூர் இந்திய வர்த்தக தொழிற்சபை, மேல் பரீட்சைக்கு உட்பட்ட புதிய தலைவராகத் தேர்ந்தெடுத்தது. அத்துடன், 2022 முதல் 2024 வரைக்கான புதிய நிர்வாக சபைத் தலைவர்களையும் அது தேர்ந்தெடுத்தது.

திரு பரேக், இந்த முன்னதாக சிக்கியின் தலைவர் தலைவராகப் பணியாற்றினார். அவர் இப்போது ஐக்கிய அமெரிக்கா நிர்வாக நிறுவனமான டி.கே.ஹெல் கேப் பிட்டில் நிறுவனத்தின் ஆசிய, ஆஸ்திரேலிய, நியூசிலாந்து வந்த தகவல் மான்காணிப்பு மற்றும் “பெகசஸ்” நிறுவனத்தின் தலைமை நிர்வாகியாகவும் உள்ளார்.

அத்துடன் சிக்கி, 16 புதிய உறுப்பினர்களைத் தனது நிர்வாக சபைக்கு நியமித்தது. திரு மணியம் எம் எஸ், திரு சத்யராஜ், அலி ஆகியோர் துணைத் தலைவர்களாகப் பொறுப்பேற்றார்.

திரு பரேக் உள்ளிட்ட 17 பேர், போட்டியின்றித் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்.

நெய்ஸ் பரேக், ப.டம்: சிங்கப்பூர் இந்திய வர்த்தக தொழிற்சபை பட்டினம் சிக்கியின் செய்தியாளர் அறிக்கை குறிப்பிட்டது. போட்டி இருந்திருந்தால், அந்தந்த இடம் (ஒவ்வொரு இடம்) 10 டைட்டில் பட்டியலும் இருக்கும்.

இரண்டு தலைவர்களுக்குத் தலைவர் பொறுப்பை வகித்துள்ள டாக்டர் டி சந்திரசேகர அருட்திரு திரு பரேக் பொறுப்பேற்றார்.

சிக்கி தலைவர்களின் பதவிக்கு அதிகப்பட்சமாக இரண்டு தொடர்ச்சியான தலைவர்கள் உள்ளனர். ஒரு தலைவர்க்காலம் மூன்றுக்கு ஒரு வருடம்.

“புதிய நிர்வாக சபையில் புதியவர்களும் அறிமுகமானவர்களும் உள்ளனர். இரண்டு பேர் உறுப்பினர்களும் உள்ளனர்.” என்று திரு சத்யராஜ் தெரிவித்தார்.

தலைமைத்துவத்தைப் பூர்த்தி செய்து சிங்கப்பூர் இந்திய வர்த்தக சமூகத்தை முன்னெடுத்துச் செல்லும் இளம் வர்த்தகத் தலைவர்களை வளர்ப்பதற்கும் இந்த மாற்றம் தேவைப்படுவதாக அவர் கூறினார்.

கூடுதல் நூற்றாண்டுகளோடு உருவான, செழுவையான வரலாறு கொண்ட சிக்கி போன்ற ஓர் அமைப்புக்குத் தலைமை ஏற்று குறித்து பெருமை கொள்வதாக திரு நெய்ஸ் பரேக் தெரிவித்தார்.

“சமூகமிகக் வந்தகச் சூழலில் வந்தகங்கள் நிறுத்து வளர்வதற்கு சிக்கி போன்ற சமூக அமைப்புகள் தேவைப்படுவதைக் கூறும் சில ஆண்டுகள் காட்டுகின்றன,” என்று அவர் கூறினார்.

கொவிட்-19-ன்போது சிக்கியை வழிநடத்திய பாக்டர் சந்திரசேகர சிக்கியைச் சேர்ந்த உறுப்பினர்களுக்கும் பணியாளர்களுக்கும் அவர் நன்றி கூறினார்.

Tamil Murasu

Neil Parekh elected new SICCI chairman



PHOTO: SICCI

The Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI) elected Mr Neil Parekh (left), partner and head of Asia, Australia and New Zealand at Tikehau Capital, as its new chairman.

He is also the CEO of SGX-listed Pegasus and succeeds Dr T. Chandroo.

The other members who were also elected unopposed for the 2022-2024 term are: vice-chairmen Maniam MS and Zahabar Ali, honorary treasurer Ramasamy Jayapal, and directors Bagaria Rajan, Janakaraj Jeyakumar, Jayanthi Ponnasamy Manian, Mahendran Minisamy, Mandeeep Singh Nalwa, Maneesh Tripathi, Murali Krishnan Rangan, Parthiban Murugaiyan, Purnima Ka-

math, Rajakumar Chandra, Rajaram Murali Raja, Sanjey Chandran Chandroo and Yahiya Khan.

Mr Parekh, who will take office on June 15 at SICCI's Annual General Meeting, said: "The last few years have clearly highlighted the need for community organisations such as SICCI to be active in helping businesses survive and thrive in a challenging business environment.

"My team and I look forward to contributing to the growth of its members and in working together with our sister chambers to help maintain Singapore as an attractive location for investment and for regional business development."

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SICCI elects Neil Parekh as chairman and new board of directors

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THE Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI) has elected Neil Parekh as chairman and a new board of directors for the period of 2022 to 2024.

Parekh previously served as SICCI's vice-chairman. He is currently a partner and head of Asia, Australia and New Zealand at European asset manager Tikehau Capital, and also the chief executive of special purpose acquisition company Pegasus Asia, which is listed on the Singapore Exchange. (* see amendment note below)

SICCI also appointed 16 new members to its board of directors, including Vice-chairmen Maniam MS and Zahabar Ali

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Big help for Indian businesses

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The Federation of Singapore Indian Organisations (FSIO) has been effective since its formation last October, said Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI) president T. Chandroo at the launch of FSIO here on May 12.

FSIO, a body of 52 Indian entities under the auspices of SICCI, was formed to provide a collective voice and media enterprises (SME) from the service sector.



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FSIO-SICCI can advocate industry transformation, the adoption of digital technologies and grow awareness of emerging areas of collaboration between Singapore and India.

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ASIAN RETAIL LEADERS PROGRAMME

INSPIRING LEADERS TODAY FOR RETAIL TOMORROW

14–15 JULY 2022 (Segment 1)
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Segment 1: 14–15 July 2022
Segment 2: 21–22 July 2022

VENUE

Singapore Management University

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Business leaders in relevant sectors
- Senior professionals from the retail eco-system

Please contact Ms Nina Ho (Project Consultant) at mobile: 90882570 or email: arlp.ninaho@gmail.com to find out more.
Note: Limited places and scholarships for Singapore Citizens are available. Sign up now!

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14–15 & 21–22 July 2022

Programme Fees

- ARLP Programme Fees: S\$5,000
- Limited number of scholarships for Singapore Citizens are available, please contact Ms Nina Ho to find out more.
- Fees are subjected to GST and must be fully paid up and received by SMU one week before start of the programme.

Fees Cover:

- Lectures organised locally at SMU.
- Teaching materials and meals inclusive.

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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
<p>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.</p>					
SICCI-141	Administration	PSLE	Customer Service Executive	8	52
<p>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.</p>					
SICCI-142	Administration	PSLE	Customer Service Executive	4	35
<p>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.</p>					
SICCI-143	Administration	Diploma	Manager	25	54
<p>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.</p>					
SICCI-144	Administration	Diploma	Secretary	14	48
<p>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.</p>					
SICCI-145	Administration	Bachelor	Office Manager	16	50
<p>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.</p>					
SICCI-146	Administration	Bachelor	Senior Executive	10	41
<p>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.</p>					
SICCI-147	Administration	Bachelor	Hotel Reservations Officer	4.5	42
<p>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.</p>					
SICCI-148	Administration	O-Levels	Senior Executive / Secretary	20	61
<p>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.</p>					

Candidate ID	Sector	Highest Qualification	Last job	Years of experience in sector	Age
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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