



## Emeritus Chairmen

At its first board meeting held on 15 May 2020, the board of directors of the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI) decided to create and confer on all past Chairmen of SICCI, the honorary title of **Emeritus Chairman**. This title is conferred in recognition of their significant contributions not just to SICCI but also to the wider Indian community.

### EMERITUS CHAIRMEN

**Dr. R Theyvendran**  
2016-2018

**Mr. Narayana Mohan**  
2010-2014

**Mr. Vijay Iyenger**  
2008-2010

**Mr. M Rajaram**  
2004-2008

**Mr. Shabbir Hassanbhai**  
2002-2004

**Mr. Dau Dayal Gupta**  
1996-2000



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## COVID-19: SICCI supports Migrant Workers

The Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SICCI), together with the Singapore Malay Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SMCCI), and the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCCI) jointly released a statement in support of the Singapore Government's efforts in providing assistance to migrant workers living in dormitories who are affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Spearheading this effort, Chairman of SICCI, **Dr T. Chandroo** said that "Migrant workers play an important role in our industries and keep Singapore's economy going as they form the backbone of our construction, marine shipyard, and process sectors. As such, it is crucial that we take care of them, especially at a difficult and stressful time such as this." Following this joint release, the **SICCI COVID-19 Task Force** was set up earlier this month.



Help is real, hope is real!

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## SICCI Cares

SICCI has partnered with **Club 2 Care (C2C)** to provide mental well-being support for individuals and staff in businesses during these unpredictable times due to COVID-19. Staff from the Secretariat and SME Centre@SICCI attended a 2-day webinar on 22 and 23 June 2020 to better understand the different types of mental issues and challenges associated with them. The sessions were conducted by Dr Hariram Jayaraman (Psychiatrist and President of C2C) and Ms. Vithiyah Muthukumar (Counselling Psychologist).

Please contact C2C in the event you and/or your peers/family members are facing concerns with regards to mental well-being. **+65 8923 6653 | [www.club2care.com](http://www.club2care.com) | [club2care@gmail.com](mailto:club2care@gmail.com)**

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*Response within 24 hours and follow-up within three to four days.*



## SICCI Helps

SICCI-Helps is an initiative by the SICCI COVID-19 Task Force partnering with Banking & Private Financial Institutions across Singapore to help Indian business owners. All Indian businesses are encouraged to use the special promo code '**SICCI-Helps**' with partnering Banking & Private Financial Institutions to enjoy special interest rates and processing fees savings and benefits. For more information, please visit **[www.sicci.com/sctf](http://www.sicci.com/sctf)**



# SICCI in the Media on COVID-19

- **Indian Beat (Thaalam)** – 17 April 2020
- **Mediacorp Tamil Seethi** – 27 May 2020
- **The Business Times** – 3 June 2020
- **Mediacorp Oli 96.8FM** – 10 June 2020
- **MoneyFM 89.3** – 15 June 2020
- **CNA's Singapore Today** – 18 June 2020

Since the implementation of the Circuit Breaker in April 2020, the Chamber has actively been engaging the media to share the readiness of SICCI rendering the required assistance that business owners may need to overcome their challenges. From the conducting of free webinars to the setting up of a taskforce, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of SICCI

have given various interviews elaborating on the various assistance schemes, both by the Chamber and the government, to help SMEs and micro SMEs. In his Fortitude Budget speech delivered on 26 May 2020, **Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Heng Swee Keat** cited the **SICCI COVID-19 Task Force** when highlighting the fact that trade associations and chambers are stepping up to support businesses. To access all media coverage and learn more about SICCI's various efforts to help businesses during COVID-19, visit <https://www.sicci.com/sctf/#section4>



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# New Members for May 2020

No.	Membership Category	Company	Industry
1.	Ordinary Corporate	FaiShak Singapore Pte Ltd	Wholesale and Retail Trade
2.	Ordinary Corporate	Brilliant Bridge Funding Pte Ltd	Financial Services
3.	Ordinary Corporate	Stamford Assurance PAC	Audit & Secretarial Services
4.	Ordinary Corporate	Infotrust Singapore Pte Ltd	Information Technology
5.	Associate Corporate	Cash In Asia Pte Ltd	Financial Services
6.	Associate Corporate	ZACD Group	Real Estate & Financial Services
7.	Associate Corporate	Batara Resources Pte Ltd	Wholesale and Retail Trade
8.	Ordinary Individual	Ms. Subashini Karunakaran	Individual
9.	Ordinary Individual	Perumal Arumai Chandran	Individual






PRESENTS

**ENSURING BUSINESS CONTINUITY  
DURING COVID-19**

A webinar in collaboration with NTUC, IMDA and SSG

**19 June 2020 | 3pm - 5pm**

A webinar on 19 June 2020 organised by SICCI featured invited speakers from National Trades Union Congress (**NTUC**), SkillsFuture Singapore (**SSG**), and Infocomm Media Development Authority (**IMDA**) where more than 70 participants received insights and tips on managing manpower and digitalising their businesses amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. SICCI is currently in talks with other agencies and organisations to conduct more webinars for the benefit of members. Look out for more details soon at [www.sicci.com/sicci-events](http://www.sicci.com/sicci-events)

## Exit of the CEO

**Mr. Kumaran Barathan** has resigned from his post as Chief Executive Officer of SICCI and Centre Director for SME Centre@SICCI. Having served before as its CEO from July 2013 to June 2014, he was reappointed CEO of SICCI in July 2018. The Chairman and Board Directors wish him the very best with his future endeavours.



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