

# press release

## **Samsui Supplies and Standard Chartered launched Singapore's First Social Service System<sup>1</sup> with support of SCORE**

*Tripartite collaboration sets up central kitchen to supply meals to  
underprivileged elderly and provide inmates with culinary skills*

**13 October, 2017, Singapore** – Samsui Supplies and Services (Samsui) and Standard Chartered Bank Singapore (the Bank) today announced the establishment of the first social service system in Singapore, with the support of Singapore Corporation of Rehabilitative Enterprises (SCORE).

Samsui, SCORE and the Bank have set up a central kitchen located in Changi Prison Complex. The S\$1 million kitchen, spanning 408 square metres, is equipped with advanced facilities and technologies. The close collaboration between social enterprise, the public and private sectors to leverage their collective strengths will create a long term sustainable impact on the community. The kitchen engages 30 inmates, will prepare up to 6,000 meals a day and deliver an estimated 1.8 million meals each year to nursing homes and VWOs across Singapore.

SCORE facilitates the selection and engagement of the inmates with Samsui for the kitchen. Samsui uses its food & beverage experience to rigorously train these inmates in culinary skills and plans to offer them employment upon their release from the prison. Standard Chartered contributes S\$200,000 towards the project and plans to deploy volunteers from the Bank to deliver the meals to the beneficiaries. This innovative project enables the provision of affordable, high quality food to the less privileged and useful, practical skills for the inmates to support their reintegration back into society.

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<sup>1</sup> A Social Service System is a collaboration between the public, private sectors and social enterprise which leverages their respective strengths and resources to deliver sustainable long-term impact on the community.

Mr Edwin Tong, Member of Parliament for Marine Parade GRC said,

“It is heartening that a Singapore home-grown company is spearheading this tripartite project to do good. The collaboration between Samsui, SCORE and Standard Chartered Bank underscores the importance of partnerships between the government and private sector in the social service ecosystem.

“Samsui Central Kitchen is a novel project, the first of its kind in Singapore. In bringing together diverse groups with different strengths, Samsui has forged a partnership that makes a positive impact on both the elderly and needy in Singapore, as well as those who need a second chance. This project recognises that everyone has a part to play in the social service ecosystem and celebrates diversity by leveraging off individual strengths for the common good.”

Mr Ang Kian Peng, Director of Samsui Supplies & Services Pte Ltd, said,

“With 26 years of experience in the F&B sector, Samsui’s focus has always been quality meals. We emphasise on the nutritional value, health benefits and calorie count of meals we serve to beneficiaries of nursing homes and VWOs, without compromising on taste.

“All meals served from Samsui Central Kitchen leverage off Samsui’s core competencies in sourcing for produce, menu planning and food preparation. While our food is reminiscent of the traditional recipes of the Samsui Women, we also tap on advanced equipment and technology to deliver 6,000 meals everyday. In training the inmates in kitchen operations and giving them employment offers, we hope to equip them with a useful skill and trade, so they can move forward in a meaningful way.”

Ms. Judy Hsu, Chief Executive Officer, Standard Chartered Bank Singapore, said,

“We are proud to be part of this meaningful partnership with Samsui and SCORE. I strongly believe that private, public sectors and social enterprises can partner to be a strong force for good. Doing more for the elderly in Singapore is very close to our hearts, and this collaboration will enable us to do more by delivering quality meals for the elderly. It will also develop skill training for the inmates, helping them to reintegrate back into society.”

Mr Stanley Tang, Chief Executive Officer, SCORE, said,

“SCORE is committed to rebuilding the lives of ex-offenders by helping them enhance their employability potential. This strategic partnership with Samsui via our Private Firm Participation Scheme will provide inmates the necessary training and head-start into the Food & Beverage industry.

“I hope to encourage more corporations beyond the Food & Beverage industry to step forward and support us by offering training opportunities for our inmates.”

An inmate beneficiary said,

“I am grateful for the opportunity to train in the workshop. This has enabled me to pick up skills in kitchen operations which will help me find a job when I am released.”

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### **About Samsui Supplies and Services**

Samsui Supplies & Services Pte Ltd ("**Samsui**") was incorporated in 2013 as the wholly-owned subsidiary of Singapore Exchange Mainboard-listed Soup Restaurant Group Limited (the "**Group**"). Samsui is the sourcing, procurement and manufacturing arm of the Group, which owns the successful casual-dining Chinese restaurant chain, Soup Restaurant, with 17 outlets in Singapore and the region. The Group also has 2 other *halal* F&B brands, CAFE O and POTLUCK.

Samsui operates 3 central food production facilities, catering to the needs of the Group's businesses as well as the community. Leveraging on technology and the Group's expertise in food, Samsui brings healthy home-cooked food to the needy in Singapore. Samsui was lauded by Finance Minister, Mr Heng Swee Keat, during his budget announcement on 24 October 2016 as an "inspiring example" of a company contributing to society.

Samsui is a winner of the President's Volunteerism and Philanthropy Awards (PVPA), and mentor in the Company of Good Fellowship, a strong testament to its commitment in corporate giving.

### **About Singapore Corporation of Rehabilitative Enterprises**

Singapore Corporation of Rehabilitative Enterprises (SCORE) is a statutory board set up under the Ministry of Home Affairs as the lead agency for the reintegration of ex-offenders through employment. To enhance the employability of inmates and ex-offenders and facilitate their long-term development in the workplace, we provide training in relevant skill-sets, suitable job placements and job coaching from admission to beyond the initial transition period.

For more information, kindly refer to SCORE's website at <http://www.score.gov.sg>.

### **About Standard Chartered Singapore**

Standard Chartered Bank in Singapore is part of an international banking group with over 80,000 employees and a 150-year history in some of the world's most dynamic markets. The Bank has a history of 158 years in Singapore, with its first branch here opened in 1859. In October 1999, it was among the first international banks to receive a Qualifying Full Bank (QFB) license, an endorsement of the Group's long-standing commitment to its business in the country.

The Bank transferred its Singapore Retail and SME business to a locally-incorporated subsidiary, Standard Chartered Bank (Singapore) Limited ("SCBSL") on 7 October 2013. After the transfer, all banking services offered to retail and SME clients, particularly deposit taking, wealth management services, overdrafts, personal loans, credit cards, auto financing, and mortgages, have been offered by SCBSL. SCBSL is rated one of the highest banks globally: Aa3 by Moody's and A by Fitch Ratings.

Standard Chartered offers corporate and institutional clients services in trade finance, cash management, lending, securities services, foreign exchange, debt capital markets and corporate finance. The Bank also provides private banking services through its private banking division.

The Bank employs more than 8,000 people in Singapore and has a network of 15 branches, 5 Priority Banking centres and 31 ATMs.

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