

Speech by Mr Wim Roels
SCIC Annual Dinner 2019 & Responsible Care® Awards
2018 Presentation

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Regent Hotel Singapore

Mr Mohamad Zaqy, Minister of State for Manpower,
Fellow SCIC Board of Directors, Industry Members, Ladies
and Gentlemen, good evening.

A warm welcome to SCIC's Annual Dinner and Responsible
Care Awards ceremony.

As you know, Responsible Care is the chemical industry's
Health, Safety, Environment and Security initiative, aimed at
helping organisations improve their performance through
adherence to the Responsible Care Guiding principles in all
their operations.

This evening, we are delighted to present a total of 103
Responsible Care awards to our deserving member
companies.

I am very pleased that we have more companies achieving
the Excellence level. We heartily congratulate ExxonMobil
Chemical Asia Pacific and the Shell companies which have
qualified for the leadership award.

We also recognise Petrochemical Corporation of Singapore,
who will be receiving the leadership award for the third time –
an outstanding demonstration of PCS' continued high
performance standards.

The exemplary achievements we are celebrating tonight are the result of the strong commitment of companies and individuals, in line with the Vision Zero Movement by the Ministry of Manpower and Workplace Safety & Health Council.

SCIC is committed to continuing to drive and organise such industry events and programs that help our members build a strong culture to achieve the Responsible Care goals.

In the spirit of mutual support and collaboration, we aim to promote sharing and exchange of best practices among our members, so that we can learn from one another, and work together to improve the overall Health, Safety, Environment and Security performance of the chemical industry in Singapore.

At this juncture, I would like to take this opportunity to convey our sincere appreciation to the companies which participated in the pilot submission of the Security Code last year.

A big thank you to:

- Air Liquide Singapore
- Celanese Singapore Eastman Chemical Singapore
- Lucite International Singapore
- Shell Chemicals Seraya
- Sumitomo Chemical Asia, and
- Petrochemical Corporation of Singapore, for your efforts in preparing your submissions.

Your valuable inputs have helped the Responsible Care committee to assess the effectiveness of the self-evaluation forms, and how these can be adopted by the industry.

I would also like to recognise The Standards Development Organisation at SCIC, for its hard work and successful launch of the SS 641 : 2019 (Fire safety for laboratories using chemicals) earlier this month, and the SS 634 : 2018 (Fire Safety for Open Plant Processing Facilities in Oil, Chemical and Process Industries) last November.

These new codes of practices, developed by multi-stakeholder groups, will be adopted by SCDF as conformance reference for fire safety in the Singapore Fire Code.

I'm also glad to note that the Chemical Standards Committee, managed by SDO@SCIC, held its Strategic Planning Session last month.

The February session had discussed plans to evaluate future standardisation needs which will improve productivity and sustainability practices, in line with evolving industry trends as well as policies and regulations by the Singapore government. The updates from the Strategic Planning Session will be shared in due course.

Moving on now to share some of SCIC's upcoming events in 2019....

Most of you will also be aware that the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources has designated 2019 as the **Year Towards Zero Waste**.

The aim of this campaign is to raise awareness of waste issues locally and build a strong Reduce, Reuse and Recycle culture that will pave the way for Singapore to develop a circular economy and become a zero waste nation.

Indeed, given the large and growing amount of plastic waste that ends up in rivers and oceans in Asia, our industry has an important part to play to actively address waste management, particularly plastics waste, working in close collaboration with governments, customers and other partners in our value chain.

In this regard, I am pleased to share that SCIC is embarking on the “Clear Shores, Clean Waters” campaign in 2019, with a focus on litter-picking at Singapore’s beaches.

The year-long campaign will demonstrate our commitment to as an industry to keep our shores and waters free of waste.

I warmly welcome all our members to join us at our upcoming beach clean-up on 26 April held in conjunction with Earth Day.

The next beach clean-up event will be held on 31 May, just ahead of World Environment Day.

We will also be organising a third beach clean-up activity during Clean & Green Singapore in September and will announce the event date soon.

In October, the Global Summit on Process Safety jointly organised by SCIC and the US Centre for Chemical Process Safety will be held on 22 to 23 October in Singapore.

I would also like to strongly encourage you to participate in this conference to learn the latest updates and best practices

in Process Safety as we move towards our Global Process Safety Vision 2020.

Please also continue to provide your ongoing support to the Productivity Council, comprising EDB, SCIC and ASPRI, which is now in its operationalisation phase to roll out new frameworks and tools to improve productivity within the process industry.

SCIC will continue to work closely with you as we move forward with a big agenda in the coming months and years to prepare ourselves for transformation under the Industry 4.0 roadmap.

We will continue to proactively support our members in various areas including:

- Advocacy with the Singapore government on key industry concerns;
- Enhancing knowledge and promoting adoption of new technologies and digitalisation that will support your productivity and efficiency goals;
- Building capacity and continuing to profile our industry positively, so as to attract good people and develop a strong talent bench of highly skilled engineers and technicians needed for future growth;
- Improving and achieving even higher standards of environmental protection and sustainability, among others.

In closing, on behalf of SCIC, I would like to recognise and thank the following groups of people:

- The panel of judges who devoted their valuable time and expertise to review all the Responsible Care awards submissions;
- Industry representatives and committee members, for your dedication and many contributions to the various SCIC committees;
- Partner agencies, for your strong support and engagement;
- Our Responsible Care Awards sponsors for this evening: Asahi Kasei Synthetic Rubber Singapore and Chevron Oronite. Thank you for making tonight's celebration possible.
- And last but not least, Terence and the SCIC team, thank you for your hard work and tremendous effort in organising tonight's program.

I wish all of you an enjoyable evening. Thank you.