

# SICC to give awards for collaborations between large companies and SMEs

**Singapore**

THE Singapore International Chamber of Commerce (SICC) will be giving two awards later this week for collaborations between large companies and small and medium enterprises (SMEs). The chamber's inaugural "Innovations in Productivity" awards, to be given out on Feb 26, are aimed at rewarding collaborative efforts between large and small companies, which enable the latter to enhance their capabilities, grow faster and raise their productivity.

The awards, which are the first of their kind, underscore SICC's support for Spring Singapore's Partnerships for Capability Transformation ("Pact") programme. This aims to "matchmake" large and small organisations in collaborative ventures. The two awards that will be given are for "the most transformational collaboration" and "the most scalable collaboration".

SICC chief executive Victor Mills said: "We're excited about these awards because their timing could not be better. We all need to learn from one another because none of us can do everything on our own. Learning and innovating through collaboration makes sense. Collaboration is not new. What is new is the need for it to be ramped up to sustain Singapore and businesses in Singapore."

The award winners will be chosen from a diverse field of collaborations involving both members and non-members of the SICC.

The winners will be announced at a dinner on Feb 26 at Marina Bay Sands. S Iswaran, Minister for Trade and Industry (Industry), will be the guest of honour.

In the shortlist of nominations are Deloitte & Geoprise Technologies Pte Ltd, DHL Express & Redsol Pte Ltd, HP Indigo & Super Pak Manufacturing & Mega Plus Technology Pte Ltd, Kimberly Clark & HCH Singapore Pte Ltd, Marina Bay Sands & Edible Garden City Pte Ltd, Panasonic & Changi General Hospital, Procter & Gamble & GWIA Pte Ltd, Rolls-Royce & International Engine Component Overhaul Pte Ltd, SATS Ltd & Freightmen Pte Ltd, SATS Ltd & Tru-Marine Pte Ltd, Singapore Post & Thamesbury LLP, and Tan Tock Seng Hospital & IR Wave Technologies Pte Ltd.

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