



PRESS RELEASE

AmCham Singapore holds its 48th Annual General Meeting and AmCham CARES ceremony graced by Singapore Transport Minister Ong Ye Kung

Successful hybrid event sees the recognition of outstanding CSR practitioners in the AmCham Business Community in Singapore



Minister Ong Ye Kung delivering his keynote address at AmCham's 48th Annual General Meeting and AmCham CARES Ceremony 2021



Minister Ong Ye Kung with recipients of the AmCham CARES High Distinction Awards

Singapore, April 23, 2021 – The American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore (AmCham Singapore) held its 48th Annual General Meeting (AGM) as well as the recognition of the AmCham CARES recipients, with Singapore's Minister for Transport Mr Ong Ye Kung as its Guest-of-honor.

In his keynote address Minister Ong said, "I congratulate all awardees for your good work, and thank you for contributing actively to Singapore. Over the years, AmCham has recognized more than 100 companies for their outstanding social and community contributions. This year, we mark the 55th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Singapore and the US. There are many areas in which governments and businesses can work closely together. I would like to thank AmCham members for your strong support and partnership with Singapore."

Minister Ong also participated in the annual AmCham Corporate and Societal Action: Recognition for Excellence in Singapore (CARES) recognition ceremony. AmCham CARES was launched in 2016 to honor the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Singapore and the US. The AmCham CARES program recognizes AmCham member companies in Singapore that have demonstrated a strong understanding of the link between responsible business operations and positive societal impact, and that conduct business in a way that creates both long-term economic and social value for Singapore. The program is a platform to benchmark, and share best practices, as well as encourage member companies to improve their current corporate social responsibility (CSR) programs. The process is led by the AmCham Social Impact Taskforce, who assessed AmCham member CSR programs on four main factors – communications, measurement, strategy, and sustainability.

During the presentation of AmCham CARES Recipients, Mr Choo Hua Wee, AmCham Governor and Chair of the Social Impact Taskforce, was pleased to recognize 38 AmCham members for their excellent CSR programs in 2020.

He remarked, "It has been an incredibly challenging year for businesses – for their operations and their staff. Despite this, many AmCham member companies chose to continue their CSR initiatives and give back to the community. I cannot express enough how heartening it is to see that CSR remains a critical pillar for businesses, in addition to business stability, sustainability and growth; innovation and R&D; and boosting careers through job creation and training and development."

(Please refer to the accompanying annex for the full list of the AmCham CARES recipients.)

About AmCham Singapore

Established in 1973, the American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore (AmCham Singapore) is the largest and the most active international business association in Singapore and Southeast Asia, with over 5,500 members representing nearly 600 companies.

Our Chamber comprises 14 industry-specific committees: seven sectoral and seven functional. AmCham is a forward-thinking, business-progressive association. Our mission is to create value for our members by providing advocacy, business insights, and connections. Our membership includes American companies and

Singaporean and third-country companies with significant U.S. business interests.

AmCham is an independent, non-partisan business organization. We are a member of the AmChams of Asia Pacific comprising 28 AmChams in the region. Our goal is to provide the information and facilitate the access and connections that give members insight into the local, regional, and global operating environment, enhance their four professional capabilities, and enable them to make well-informed business decisions.

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High Distinction Recipients

- Amgen Singapore Manufacturing
- Edwards Lifesciences
- Emergenetics Asia Pacific
- HP Inc
- Kellogg Asia Pacific Middle East Africa
- **Distinction Recipients**
 - 3M
 - AT&T
 - Cargill
 - Corning
 - Guardant Health
 - JP Morgan
 - KLA
 - Maximus
 - PayPal
 - Weconnect

- AIG
- Baxter
- Citi
- Dow
- Herbalife
- Kemin
- Lenovo
- Marsh & McLennan
- State Street
- Wiley

- Moody's Investors Service
- Procter & Gamble
- The Adecco Group
- Xylem Water Solutions
- Google Asia Pacific Pte Ltd
 - Aligntech
 - Boeing
 - Coca Cola
 - FedEx
 - Johnson and Johnson
 - Kimberly-Clark
 - Marina Bay Sands
 - Molex
 - Volt