

Message from Cleaning & Material Protection (CAMP) Committee Chair, Dr Khoo Keng Meng

Dear CAMP Committee Members,

We are now approaching the end of 2016 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank once again the SMF Secretariat, SMF-SDO Secretariat as well as SMF and CAMP colleagues for their participation and help in driving our activities.

As we look ahead to 2017, I would also like to take this opportunity to reiterate our 3 key objectives:

- 1) Raising awareness and building public trust in our industry
- 2) Promoting innovation though industry-wide cooperation
- 3) Intelligence sharing and advocacy to ensure industry's interests are represented in the appropriate forums in Singapore and across the regions

This year, we have been partnering closely ChemicalWatch on the organization of our signature event, *The Toxicological Risk Assessment and Product Safety Forum* which will be held in Singapore on February 15, 2017.

Although there have been risk assessment conferences in the past, these are focused on specific industry segments e.g. cosmetics, chemicals, food etc. There has never been a conference with experts not only from different regions (Asia Pacific, EU, US)/countries but also across industry segments.

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This is becoming more relevant as technological innovations advance and we use the same chemicals across different industry segments. For example, ZPT, an anti-dandruff active in shampoos is also used in architectural paint, marine paint, textile, ceiling boards as well as food/drinking water contact and non-food contact articles. This conference is an opportunity for experts and participants to see safety from a different perspective and learn/share across industry segments. I am proud to have CAMP championing this conference on behalf of SMF.

In addition, CAMP has partnered SMF-SDO to champion the formation of a new Health, Hygiene and Material Protection Working Group to look at Singapore Standards for these segments. Currently one of our CAMP members, 3M, is working on introducing a New Work Item and hopefully, we can see the start of this initiative in 2017.

I believe the CAMP members will continue to work hard for the benefit of SMF and Singapore in 2018.

Season Greetings to all and best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely, Keng Meng Chairman of CAMP

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