



## **WELCOME ADDRESS**

**BY MR DOUGLAS FOO, SMF PRESIDENT**

**AT SMF WORKPLACE SAFETY & HEALTH AWARDS PRESENTATION**

**AT SMF HOUSE, ON 21 JULY 2017**

Fellow SMF members

Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

1. Good morning! I am pleased to be with you this morning to officiate at the presentation of Workplace Safety & Health Awards (manufacturing) 2017 organised by SMF in conjunction with a seminar. The awards recognise the efforts by companies and individuals to make the manufacturing industry a safe working environment for employees.
2. Many of us will be aware of the worksite collapse at Upper Changi Road East last Friday. This unfortunate incident claimed one life. And on the same day, a worker died after falling from a building under construction in Sembawang. He was supervising a group of three when he fell over the edge of the building to the ground. Furthermore, records show that there were 66 workplace fatalities last year. Such statistics



are not to be taken lightly. One death is a death too many and as employers it is our duty to ensure the security of our employees at a place where they spend a large amount of time at.

3. The Singapore Manufacturing Federation (SMF) has been pushing its mission vigorously via SMF Health Safety Security Environment (HSSE) Function Committee to uphold the best practices and technologies to enhance environmental and occupational safety and health of workers across the manufacturing sector.
4. Today, with the support of the Workplace Safety and Health Council (WSH Council) and the Ministry of Manpower, SMF HSSE Function Committee has again organised the annual WSH Innovation Awards and the WSH Awards for Supervisors. The WSH Innovation Awards honour companies that demonstrate safety practices in the manufacturing workplaces through innovative solutions, while the WSH Awards for Supervisors recognise the efforts by supervisors who have made efforts to ensure the health and safety of their workers in the workplace. Today, participants of these two categories will be awarded Gold, Silver, or Bronze. The submissions of the gold awardees have been presented to the WSH Council for consideration



at the national level. I am pleased to announce that this year, all our Gold Supervisor awardees, together with Keppel DHCS Pte Ltd and Keppel Merlimau Cogen Pte Ltd of the Gold Innovation Awards have won at national level. Congratulations! They will receive their awards during the WSH Awards presentation held next week.

5. On this note, I wish to commend all participants for their efforts in moving to a safer work place. It is a collective effort to make our workplace a safe and conducive environment. I hope to see many more outstanding submissions and nominations for our awards next year.
6. In closing, I would like to thank MOM and WSHC for their support, as well as our speakers, judges and exhibitors for being part of today's awards ceremony.
7. I wish everyone a pleasant afternoon
8. Thank you

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