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Singapore Set to Host Rotary International Convention 2024, its Largest Association Congress to Date

The Rotary International Convention 2024 will be the second time Singapore is hosting the event

Singapore, 27 November 2017 – Singapore has won the provisional bid to host the Rotary International Convention in 2024, which is set to be the largest association congress ever hosted by the Republic. More than 25,000 Rotary members from around the world are expected to converge on Singapore to connect, engage and share insights on how to create positive, lasting change in their communities. The annual Rotary convention, held in different cities around the world, was last held in Singapore in 1999 and was attended by approximately 19,000 participants.

“Singapore’s vibrant knowledge economy and focus on innovation make it the ideal platform for Rotarians to exchange ideas and spark off new possibilities on how to transform the world. Much has changed in Singapore since the convention was last held here, and we are continually improving on what we have. I am confident that come 2024, Rotarians from around the world will enjoy a fruitful time at, as well as beyond the convention,” said Mr Lionel Yeo, Chief Executive, Singapore Tourism Board (STB).

The winning provisional bid was led by Rotary regional leader Mr Chew Ghim Bok, and supported by Rotary clubs from Singapore and around the Asia Pacific region. In addition to the STB, various public agencies and business event industry stakeholders also contributed to the successful bid.

Said Mr Chew Ghim Bok: “As dedicated people who share a passion for community service and friendship, the Rotary family in Singapore is excited to welcome and connect with our fellow Rotarians from around the globe. We are also pleased to offer our guests multiple opportunities to discover our City in the Garden, and to experience the best that the region has to offer.”



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“As a leading global business and knowledge hub, Singapore is an excellent venue for one of our annual conventions,” said Rotary International President Ian H.S. Riseley. “Given our international scope and commitment to cultural diversity, our conventions are often described as a ‘mini-United Nations’ where our global network of volunteers connect to address lasting solutions to local and global humanitarian challenges.”

Rotary members throughout the world take action to make communities better. They contribute their time, energy and passion to carry out impactful and sustainable projects in the areas of peace and conflict resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development.

As part of Singapore’s bid to host a convention that makes a lasting difference, the Rotary Clubs of Singapore plan to champion a legacy project striving towards sanitation progress and hygiene awareness by 2025.

The Rotary International Convention 2024 will run for five days, and include workshops, forums, breakout sessions, entertainment and other meetings. The Convention will be held at the Singapore EXPO Convention and Exhibition Centre.

“SingEx is honoured to have been awarded the unique opportunity by Rotary International to play host to this prestigious event. This is testament to SingEx's expertise and track record in managing large-scale international conventions. We will definitely make the most of Singapore’s service and infrastructure offerings; and collaborate closely with STB and industry partners to deliver a memorable event experience for attendees at the 2024 Rotary International Convention,” said Mr Aloysius Arlando, CEO, SingEx Holdings.

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About Rotary

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 35,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work improves lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. To learn more, visit rotary.org.

About the Singapore Tourism Board

The Singapore Tourism Board (STB) is the lead development agency for tourism, one of Singapore's key economic sectors. Together with industry partners and the community, we shape a dynamic Singapore tourism landscape. We bring the *Passion Made Possible* brand to life by differentiating Singapore as a vibrant destination that inspires people to share and deepen their passions. For more information, visit www.stb.gov.sg or www.visitsingapore.com or follow us on Twitter @STB_sg (https://twitter.com/stb_sg).

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