



**SINGAPORE 1000**  
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## **SPEECH**

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**Singapore 1000, SME 1000 & SI 100**

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Singapore Business Federation, I would like to say how pleased we are to be joining as a supporting organisation for the Singapore 1000 family of awards.

As the apex business chamber in Singapore, we represent more than 15,000 companies as well as numerous industry associations.

Our role is to champion the interests of the Singapore business community in trade, investment and industrial relations.

So it is appropriate that we support Singapore's premier business awards – the Singapore 1000 and SME 1000.

Each year this award identifies many exciting companies that otherwise would not have received the recognition they deserve.

By bringing these corporate achievers to the limelight, the Singapore 1000 and SME 1000 establishes role models for other ambitious companies to follow.

I am also pleased to see the SME 500 has now expanded to become the SME 1000. This is a move that is more than justified given the importance of small and medium enterprises to our national economy.

So on behalf of the Singapore Business Federation, I join with my fellow panellists in congratulating the companies that have won awards in this year's Singapore 1000, SME 1000 and Singapore International 100.

It is now my pleasure to invite Ms Tan Siew Meng, of HSBC Singapore to say a few words.

Thank You



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