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Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre officially opens on May 19

DP Architects' mix of contemporary and traditional holds true to Chinese culture

MONDAY, 15 MAY 2017 (SINGAPORE) – The Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre (SCCC), a new civic and community institution, officially opens on Friday, 19 May. Located within the bustling Central Business District along Shenton Way, with the Marina Bay skyline as a backdrop, SCCC houses facilities and spaces to promote traditional and contemporary Chinese arts and culture in Singapore.

SCCC is designed as a respectful complement to its neighbour, the gazetted Singapore Conference Hall, adopting a clean and subtle approach to form a coherent composition. The building massing follows the three-tier division seen in traditional Chinese architecture: a base that elevates the building and connects to the ground, a body that houses the functions, and a crown that shelters the building and connects with the heavens. SCCC's two-storey 'urban living room' forms that base that connects to the city; a podium from the third to the sixth storey houses the programmes and car park; and a glass-box crown where cultural performances and activities are celebrated.

The different stacked zones provide clarity of programmes, planning and articulation, as well as opportunities for play of composition, texture, decoration and symbolism. The architectural expression drew inspiration from the composition of elements and varied textures of a Chinese landscape painting. The mix of contemporary ideas in the façade treatment and traditional architectural convention in the planning embodies the spirit of respect. The architecture remains true to Chinese culture and heritage while becoming a conduit for interactions from various socio-cultural elements.

On the design of SCCC, DP Architects director Lesley Lim said, "SCCC is strategically located within the CBD and adjacent to the Singapore Conference Hall. Facing Marina South and the future Greater Southern Waterfront – a future expansion of the city – this aligns with SCCC's vision to look forward to the future. The architectural language of SCCC is modern and contemporary, with clarity of programme, planning and articulation. Designed to be in harmony with its surroundings yet outstanding with its unique design, SCCC aims to be a culturally inclusive venue for all communities, making it a vibrant and welcoming space for both the young and old."

Project Credits

Year of Completion	2017
Area	15,100sqm
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