

# SCCCI council gets 13 new members

Among them is son of property tycoon Kwek Leng Beng

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THE Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCCI) has elected 13 new faces to its 57th council, with Sherman Kwek Eik Tse being the youngest-ever council member.

The 36-year-old is the director of Singapura Developments and the son of hotel and property tycoon Kwek Leng Beng.

In a statement yesterday, SCCCI said that among the prominent new council members who represent the local Chinese business and professional community, half are below the age of 50.

The council members represent various industries and are successful in their own trades.

Other new faces elected to the 55-member council include the president of the Federation of Merchants' Association Singapore Yeo Hiang Meng, 57; Bread-Talk chairman George Quek, 56; Tiong Seng Contractors managing director Pek Lian Guan, 47; and Rajah & Tann partner Chia Kim Huat, 46.

They were elected at the end

of the second and final stages of elections for a two-year term.

During the first and second stages of council elections, 32 members were elected into the 57th Council. At the third stage, the corporate and individual members elected 23 representatives from among themselves as council members.

The new members will replace 13 outgoing members, which include SCCCI's past president and Ho Bee group chairman Chua Thian Poh, vice-president Tan Cheng Gay, who is chairman of EnGro Corporation; and "Popiah King" Sam Goi, the founder of popiah skin firm Tee Yih Jia Food Manufacturing.

Existing members such as Singapore Infocomm Technology Federation's chairman Stephen Lim; the owner of the Jumbo group of seafood restaurants Ang Kiam Meng, who is president of the Restaurant Association of Singapore; and Yanlord Land founder Zhong Sheng Jian will remain on the council. Mr Zhong was vice-president of the 56th council.

The election of office-bearers of the 57th council will be held and announced on Jan 9, 2013.

The SCCCI represents 4,000 Chinese corporate entities and some 140 trade associations.