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The background of the entire page is a photograph of a busy port terminal. In the foreground, there are rows of colorful intermodal containers (red, blue, green, yellow) stacked on the ground. In the middle ground, several large gantry cranes with multiple legs and long jibs are positioned over a ship. The sky is overcast and grey. The overall scene is industrial and captures the scale of port operations.

*Stronger Together,
For a Better
Tomorrow!*

Reflect, Review and Refocus

On the 21st of September, SPWU held its Ordinary Convention of Delegates. The Ordinary Convention of Delegates serves as a milestone for the delegates to reflect upon their achievements, challenges and commitments over the past two years.

For the first time in history, the Ordinary Convention of Delegates was conducted virtually. Delegates dialled in from their homes to attend the convention.

SPWU was honoured to have Brother Ong Chin Ang, Advisor of SPWU, present for the Convention. He shared with the delegates how SPWU should continue to reinvent and reposition itself for the future so as to stay relevant in this era of change. He mentioned: “The Covid-19 situation presents an opportunity for company, union and worker to reflect on ourselves and see how we can move forward.” He hopes that SPWU could gain some valuable insights from this pandemic and emerge even stronger in the future.



Looking ahead, Sister Jessie Yeo, Executive Secretary of SPWU, urged everyone to continue to embrace digitalisation and transformation of the union as well as leadership renewal and development among the people. She also reminded our delegates to continue to “serve with passion and walk united” while we emerge from this pandemic.

The convention also highlighted the various events that SPWU has held over the past two years. SPWU would also like to thank everyone for walking alongside with the union and hope that our members will continue to do so as we forge ahead!





SPWU Study Award 2020

Nurturing our Young for the Future



Mr Muhammad Hakim Bin Azrin, recipient of SPWU - TFC Young Seedling Award, and his parents sharing their thoughts about the award.



Mr Alvan Lee, recipient of FSW - SPWU Distinction Award thanking donors for sponsoring the award.



It is always heartening to witness union members' children being rewarded for their hard work. This year, SPWU presented a total of 77 awards to our members' children who performed well and / or excelled in school and other areas, such as academic, sports and fine arts.

Given the COVID-19 restrictions, the award presentation event was held virtually on 30th September 2020. We were delighted to have Ms Caroline Lim, Global Head of Human Resource of PSA International as our special guest. 23 students were awarded the SPWU-TFC Young Seedling Award while 31 students received the SPWU-TFC Achievers Award. In addition, 23 students were also awarded the Fock Siew Wah-SPWU Distinction Award.

The presentation also saw several students sharing their aspirations and goals with the audiences. SPWU hopes that the award will continue to motivate our next generation to work hard and contribute back to the society upon graduation.

SPWU would also like to thank PSA, PSA Marine and Temasek Foundation Cares for their kind contributions. These awards not only help lighten the financial burden on our union members, they also serve as a recognition for their desire to learn and excel.

Creating Mindshare, Fostering Common Vision



The theme for SPWU Townhall 2020 is “Alongside, Strengthening Partnerships”. This theme is a meaningful one as it is a reminder for everyone to spare no effort in strengthening our Labour-Management Relationship (LMR). On 21st September, our speakers, Sister Jessie, Executive Secretary of SPWU, Brother Chong Meng, Group CEO of PSA International and Brother Kim Pong, Regional CEO of South East Asia shared their take on the developments that lie ahead of us amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

The townhall culminated with a lively panel discussion where members of SPWU engaged with representatives from both SPWU and PSA on issues that were close to their hearts. Through this townhall, members also got a better understanding of the various challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for them.

Every Worker Matters

Mask Distribution

SPWU conducted a round of masks distribution for members in our supplier companies in October. A total of 600 masks were distributed to our supplier companies. We would like to thank them for working alongside SPWU, to maintain the port operational capabilities and efficiencies throughout 2020. We also hope that they continue to stay vigilant and safe amid the pandemic.



Night Shift Engagement with Prime Mover Drivers

As part of our outreach effort, officials from SPWU visited the Prime Mover drivers who were on night shift in the various terminals. The drivers were each given a can of energy drink and were reminded that they should always observe workplace safety protocols. They were also taught some simple stretching exercises to reduce their fatigue during work. We would like to thank everyone for keeping our port operational all year round the clock!



Every Worker Matters

Distribution of Care Packs

Key Officials from SPWU visited our migrant workers in Pasir Panjang Terminal in December. They distributed care packs consisting of daily necessities. Officials also made use of this opportunity to engage our migrant workers and ensure that they were doing well. We would like to thank our migrant workers for staying in Singapore and contributing to the operational capabilities of our port during this difficult period.



Every Worker Matters

Annual Souvenir Distribution

This year, SPWU gave out a cooler bag containing a lunch box and a tumbler to each of our members. The distribution took place with safe distancing measures put in place. We hope that our members will be able to do their part to reduce the use of disposables by bringing their own containers when they buy food.

For members who have yet to collect the souvenirs, they are still available for collection at SPWU Office @ PSA Horizon from 1st December 2020 onwards, 9am to 5pm.





Towards Tuas

On a visit to Tuas Port on 3 November 2020, SPWU leaders not only planted 3 trees as symbolic commitment towards going green, they also witnessed the first batch of automated Rail-Mounted Gantry Cranes (aRMG), Double Trolley Quay Cranes (DTQC) and Automated Guided Vehicles (AGVs) that are being deployed.



Best Container Terminal – Asia



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- PSA Singapore has been named “Best Container Terminal – Asia (over 4 million TEUs)” for the 30th time at the 2020 Asian Freight, Logistics & Supply Chain Awards (AFLAS). This would not have been possible without the hard work of our Sisters and Brothers on the ground. Thank you very much for your dedications and commitments towards making our port one of the best in the world!

We have moved!

After spending 17 years in Tanjong Pagar, SPWU officially relocated its office from Tanjong Pagar Complex to PSA Horizon with effect from 1st December 2020. Do visit us at our new office located in PSA Horizon. We thank you for your support over the years and look forward to serving you at our new office!



With effect from **1st December 2020**, SPWU Office at Tanjong Pagar Complex has been relocated to

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We look forward to your visit at our new office!

