

## **PARTNER OF LABOUR MOVEMENT**

### **Singapore Centre for Chinese Language Limited**

*Nominated by the Singapore Chinese Teachers' Union.*

The Singapore Centre for Chinese Language (SCCL) focuses on the training and development of Chinese Language (CL) teachers. Whenever they conduct in-service programmes, they work with the Singapore Chinese Teachers' Union (SCTU) to facilitate the recruitment of CL teachers as union members.

SCCL believes in the importance of work-life balance and provides opportunities for flexible working arrangements. SCCL is an ardent supporter of SCTU's initiatives and activities. Since 2003, SCCL has rendered its resources and network support to enable the union to organise various activities, which benefited CL teachers by broadening their horizons for their professional development.

The union and SCCL co-founded the Journal of Chinese Language Education, which provided opportunities for CL teachers to conduct action-based research on better and more progressive ways of CL teaching. The journal covers broad areas such as pedagogies for teaching Chinese as a second language, school-based educational research and information communication technology in language teaching. This initiative can act as a test-bed for innovative ideas on pedagogy and learning activities and establish itself as a knowledge hub in the teaching of CL.

The union endeavours to develop practitioner-based research through information and communications technology, using research-proven pedagogy and rigorously tested learning strategies to strengthen the children's foundation in learning the Chinese language. SCCL is now researching the use and application of artificial intelligence to assist and support better learning outcomes in CL teaching.

SCCL is also a trailblazer in oral training, mobile learning, and education news by utilising textual news articles and audio and visual news clips to enhance Chinese language teaching and learning.

SCCL is also active in the Committee to Promote Chinese Language Learning and the Lee Kuan Yew Fund for Bilingualism.