

MEDAL OF COMMENDATION (GOLD)

Tan Chong Meng

Group CEO
PSA International

Nominated by the National Trades Union Congress, supported by the NTUC Maritime Cluster

Tan Chong Meng wears many hats. As Group CEO of PSA International and the governor chair of the World Economic Forum's Supply Chain and Transport Industries Community, he champions the need for global supply chain transformation through private-public sector collaboration, and advocates for sustainable global trade.

During COVID-19, he was actively involved in a number of Temasek's community care facility initiatives. This included the setting up of several significant emergency health infrastructure during the first COVID-19 surge – particularly the large scale Community Care Facility (CCF) at Changi Expo and Community Recovery Facility (CRF) at Tanjong Pagar Terminal. Under his leadership, PSA also arranged to dock and operationalise floating accommodation vessels at Tanjong Pagar Terminal to add to the Recovery Facility capacity needed in the thick of the pandemic; and partnered the Ministry of National Development and the Building and Construction Authority in facilitating the safe inflow of migrant workers for critical industrial sectors. Brother Chong Meng also co-chaired the Emerging Stronger Taskforce with Minister for National Development, Mr Desmond Lee, to pre-empt the major trends triggered by COVID-19 and prepare Singapore for economic and social recovery. In recognition of his exemplary leadership in coordinating Singapore's pandemic response, safeguarding lives and livelihoods, and steering the nation towards recovery, he was one of a select few conferred the top national award known as the "Meritorious Service Medal (COVID-19)" in December 2022.

In his role as Group CEO of PSA International, Brother Chong Meng plays a key role in forging a positive workplace culture, developing staff to their fullest potential, ensuring workers' health and safety, and bringing out the best in people. For example, he started the PSA Health@Home initiative which involves training PSA volunteers to work with healthcare partners such as St Luke's ElderCare, NUHS and HCA Hospice Care to provide the elderly with home-based healthcare. During the pandemic when studying from home was compulsory, he initiated and supported the 'Gift A Laptop' initiative to equip Singapore Port Workers Union members' primary school-going children with a laptop to kickstart their digital journeys.

Brother Chong Meng also engages the unions regularly to share his insights regarding the global supply chain sector and PSA's transformation journey towards being a global supply chain orchestrator. The unions are then better able to prepare for potential changes in their job roles and work arrangements, ensuring a future-forward and resilient workforce. A passionate and caring leader, Brother Chong Meng ensures that workers' interests are well looked after.