

Letter of Support

Submitted to the

Consulate-General of the Republic of Singapore – Shanghai

On 20 February 2019

FUSSA

复旦大学新加坡学生会

Introduction to FUSSA

Fudan University Singaporean Students Association (FUSSA) is a non-profit, student-led organization under Fudan University that serves the larger Singaporean student community in Shanghai. In order to create a vibrant and closely-knit student community, FUSSA has three stated missions: firstly, to act as a link between full-time Singaporean Fudan students and the school administration; secondly, to build a sense of community among Singaporean students in Shanghai; thirdly, to connect the student community with the wider Singaporean expatriate community in Shanghai. In recent years, Shanghai has become an attractive option for an increasing number of Singaporean students seeking further education or work opportunities abroad. As such, FUSSA has expanded to serve a diverse profile of Singaporean students, including students on short-term internships as well as Singaporean students in other universities.

FUSSA recognizes the important role of food in building affinity with other overseas Singaporeans, and this is reflected in the initiatives that it organizes. Regular potluck sessions provide a familiar taste of home where students cook and share a variety of hawker food, from chicken rice to *laksa*. Singaporean restaurants in Shanghai that serve local specialties always make it a point to kindly sponsor hawker fare for FUSSA events such as the annual International Cultural Festival, a school event that showcases the diverse cultures of different countries. This embodies the hawker culture of giving generously and has without a doubt helped to forge closer ties within the Singaporean community.

Hawker Culture in Shanghai

FUSSA wholeheartedly supports the nomination of Singapore's Hawker Culture on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. While Shanghai may not have brick and mortar hawker centers, hawker food and hawker culture has been a unifying influence for Singaporeans living in Shanghai, both as a common conversation topic and as a leisure activity. FUSSA further believes that hawker culture is an important representation of Singapore's multi-cultural and multi-racial identity, encompassing food from our different local cultures such as Indian *roti prata*, Malay *nasi lemak* and Chinese *char kway teow*.

Moreover, FUSSA is actively involved in the preparations for Singapore Day 2019 (Shanghai). This event will witness a large congregation of Singaporeans from the Greater China/Asia region coming together to celebrate the Singaporean identity. Prominent hawker stalls will also be participating in this event and will undoubtedly be a major highlight as Singaporeans get to savor a slice of the hawker culture that we all know and love. It is occasions like these when we truly realise the value of hawker culture in bringing Singaporeans together to bond and makan (a Malay term commonly used in Singapore, which means 'to eat'). Henceforth, we express our full support and desire to safeguard our local hawker culture by supporting its inclusion into the UNESCO Representative List.



Yu Mengshan
President, FUSSA

18 February 2018

National Heritage Board, Singapore
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LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Little Red Dot in Hong Kong (LRD) is a Hong Kong-based Singaporean non-profit organisation established in 2013. LRD has currently over 1000 members and its aim is to create a sense of community for Singaporeans based in Hong Kong by providing a fun, casual and informal environment for making friends. Events organised by LRD include hikes, volunteer events, cultural/food tours, bowling and meals. LRD is managed by volunteer organisers and it is a group catered not only to Singaporeans but anyone who has a connection to Singapore.

The LRD wholeheartedly support the nomination of Singapore's Hawker Culture on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Hawker Culture is an integral aspect of Singapore's culture and it also plays a significant role in the daily lives of Singaporeans. Singaporeans from all walks of life use the Hawker Centre for delicious hawker fare and as a platform to meet friends and build up ties with other Singaporeans. We express our support for Singapore's bid and hope that the inclusion of our local hawker culture into UNESCO's list would promote our hawker culture to even greater heights.



ALVIN LIU

Founder, Little Red Dot in Hong Kong



Introduction of NENG:

Nanyang Entrepreneur's Group, NENG, is a non-profit student-led organisation that was founded in October 2018. Our mission is to empower singaporean youths seeking an entrepreneurship experience overseas while providing them with support and resources to integrate into China's community. As a collective student body, we strive to work with external organisations and professionals to challenge ourselves while forging new partnerships. We also serve as a platform whereby, through us, external bodies can easily and effectively reach out to the pool of Singaporean talents and, at the same time, singaporean students can have a greater access to opportunities in China.

We Support:

NENG fully supports the nomination of the "Hawker Culture of Singapore" to the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage. As an organisation built for Singaporean youths, it is clear that the Hawker Culture is deeply integrated into every Singaporean's life regardless of race, language, religion, income and generation. The abundance of variety under one collective term is the very embodiment of social cohesion and multiculturalism. In many ways, it represents the social inclusivity of our nation.

To many Singaporeans, the hawker culture is part of what defines our home. It connects us to our homeland as well as among our fellow countrymen and woman. The food, space and interactions represents the vibrance and harmony of Singapore. With that, we sincerely hope that the humble yet irreplaceable Hawker Culture will be successfully nominated such that generations to come will be able to better appreciate the Hawker Culture.

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Introduction of SHEN

The Shanghai House of Entrepreneurs is an independent, nonprofit, student body established under the National University of Singapore's NUS Overseas Colleges (NOC) program. It consists of current and past students that have participated in the NOC Shanghai program.

The NOC program itself begun in 2001 in Silicon Valley, and has expanded to another eleven leading entrepreneurial hotspots worldwide – Shanghai, Beijing, Israel, Lausanne, Munich, New York, SE Asia, Shenzhen, Singapore, Stockholm and Toronto. NOC is all about providing a rich and fulfilling entrepreneurial experience that will help students on their future start-up journeys. By travelling to different countries, students are naturally exposed to many different cultures and cuisines.

Significance of Hawker Culture

We believe that Singapore's Hawker Culture demonstrates the diversity of our Singaporean heritage and is the very social fabric that the country is built on. A Hawker Center in Singapore is not just a place to eat but a melting pot of different races' and cultures' interacting together. In any Hawker Center, you will easily find Chinese food, Indian food, Malay food and more, side by side each other. The racial and cultural acceptance is exhibited strongly in this humble space. The Hawker Culture has evolved from an irreplaceable part of a Singaporean's life to an essential emblem of the Singapore National Identity. The stories behind how each hawker store, the generations upon generations of Singaporean families that worked to build each store and their blood, sweat, and tears in each recipe helped to create a cultural heritage that is so rich and so uniquely Singapore.

Even while in Shanghai, our students often crave for Singaporean Hawker Center food and look forward to dining at Singaporean restaurants here. In fact, many of us even brought over ingredients and sauces to cook these Singaporean hawker dishes. Hawker food holds a special place in every Singaporean's heart. Hence, we would like to show our heartfelt support for our Hawker Culture to be inscribed into the UNESCO Representative List.

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RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Singapore Association Hong Kong (SAHK) dates back to 1974 and was formed by a group of forward-looking Singaporeans who worked and resided in Hong Kong. It represents Singaporeans and Singapore culture, celebrating with and for Singaporeans in Hong Kong, through social, cultural activities such as the appreciation of Singapore food (most popular activity) and other community get-togethers.

We wholeheartedly support the nomination of Singapore's Hawker Culture on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. We believed that Hawker Culture is, without a doubt, a big part of Singaporeans, growing up, and a shared platform where, most Singaporeans can relate to as being at home. We express our full support and desire for our local hawker culture to be inscribed into the UNESCO Representative List.

Ng Kar Hin

Chairman, SAHK

Letter of Support

Submitted to the National Heritage Board, Singapore

On 12th February 2019

Introduction to SAIJ Kansai

The SAIJ Kansai (Singapore Association in Japan Kansai) is a non-profit organization that strives to connect all Singaporeans and their families living in the Kansai region for social activities — a little bit of home away from home. It is a friendly and welcoming platform to organize activities, meetups, Q&A, and to also help newcomers adapt themselves to the Kansai region of Japan. SAIJ Kansai also seeks to introduce Singapore to others, and we welcome both Singaporeans and non-Singaporeans alike to participate in our events.

Significance of Hawker Culture

Singapore's hawker culture is more than just delicious street food, it is the gastronomic DNA of Singaporean culture that is deeply embedded in the Singaporean identity. The vast majority of Singaporeans live in government housing estates and a fundamental anchor feature of these living Singaporean communities is the hawker center. Most Singaporeans have grown up sharing many family meals, picking up their after-school or after-work lunches or dinners there, enjoying a relaxing Sunday family breakfast at their neighborhood or favorite hawker center — these shared experiences constitute the sinews of a living breathing hawker culture of Singapore.

The hawker center with its collection of hawker food stalls are an accurate mirror reflection of the true Singaporean multi-racial identity where Singaporeans gather under one roof to have meals consisting of Malay satay, Indian biryani, and Chinese BBQ stingray dishes. Hawker centers purvey a mosaic of gloriously colorful and tasty dishes that are a fitting progeny of a multiracial society with people from different cultures living together in harmony.

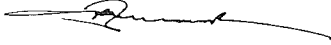
Much like Singaporeans themselves, the hawker culture is defined by its casual, social and multi-cultural character. The hawker center is always a welcoming neighborhood space for friends and neighbors to gather and discuss life and even current affairs. This is especially abundantly clear with Singaporean politicians making the obligatory rounds at their constituency's hawker centers to meet and feel the pulse of their constituents before and during election hustings.

This hawker culture is ingrained in the SAIJ Kansai members' shared experience of growing up as living and breathing Singaporeans and holds true till this very day. Even though the SAIJ Kansai members' are currently living in the culinary cradle of Japan — with the refined elegance of Kyoto *kaiseki* meals and the Osaka rambunctious *kuidaore* - literally means "eat to ruin" — approach to gastronomic delights; we still eagerly share the happy hawker food memories of our past Singapore lives and healthily debate on the current Singaporean hawker best *rojak* (fruit and vegetable salad) during our gatherings and whatsapp chat groups.

The allure of Singapore's hawker culture is so overwhelming that at every overseas Singaporean gathering or event anywhere in the world, the presence of signature Singaporean hawker dishes like *char kway teow* (Chinese fried noodles), *nasi goreng* (Malay fried rice) or *murtabak* (Indian flatbread) will lure even the most apathetic overseas Singaporean to participate enthusiastically at the outreach event.

Singapore's hawker culture is an irreplaceable and vibrant symbol of Singapore society and the shared hawker meals are an important marker in the everyday lives of Singaporeans that enjoy and support the art of affordable

good eating and drinking. A Singaporean hawker meal emphasizes togetherness, enhances the pleasure of taste, and maintaining the balance between families, neighbors, friends and the community. The SAIJ Kansai wholeheartedly and unreservedly supports the nomination of Singapore's Hawker Culture on the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.



John A. Tessensohn

Vice-Chairman of the **SAIJ Kansai**

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Introduction of the Singcham and Singcham Fujian Chapter

The Singapore Chamber of Commerce and Industry in China (SingCham) is a non-profit organization established with the strong support of the Embassy of the Republic of Singapore to People's Republic of China and Enterprise Singapore (formerly Singapore Trade Development Board).

2 The formation of SingCham was approved by the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation of PRC MOFTEC (Currently Ministry of Commerce of PRC - MOFCOM) on 22 Aug 2001, at the recommendation of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT). Following the final endorsement by the State Council, it was registered on 25 December 2001 with The Ministry of Civil Affairs (MCA). SingCham is the 15th foreign chamber officially approved in China and the first formally approved chamber from Southeast Asia.

3 One of the key objectives of SingCham is to promote Singapore's interest as well as expand economic relations between Singapore and China. SingCham also aims to facilitate business and economic exchanges between its members and the relevant Chinese authorities, enterprises and institutions, and amongst Singapore firms with business interests in China.

4 **Founded in 2007**, the Singcham Fujian Chapter besides promoting economic relations between Singapore and Fujian, is actively helping to promote interaction among Singaporeans living in Fujian and contributing to the Fujian society. For example, the Singcham Fujian Chapter had helped to raise funds for the building of a Fujian (Xiamen) – Singapore Friendship Polyclinic in Xiamen which started operations in 2011.

5 Singcham Fujian Chapter supports the nomination of the “Hawker Culture of Singapore” to the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage. When we host activities among Singaporeans, we always make it a point to include Singapore’s typical hawker food in our menu such as Hainan Chicken rice, Chay Kuay Tiao, Satay, Laksa, Lasi Lemak etc. We also actively participate in activities held by the local Xiamen government such as the Nanyang Cultural Festival which celebrates the culture of ASEAN countries in Xiamen. During the last Cultural Festival, we were involved in organising a Singapore Food Festival in a Singaporean-run hotel Indigo Hotel, where we showcase the culinary delights of our hawker food.

6 We wish the nomination effort of Hawker Culture a success. While we actively promote Singapore’s Hawker culture in Fujian, we also hope that more people in Singapore and around the world will recognise the value and importance of Hawker Culture as the culture of food goes beyond language and geographical boundaries.



Ng Chong Jin

President of the Singcham Fujian Chapter

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR NOMINATION OF HAWKER CULTURE TO THE UNESCO REPRESENTATIVE LIST OF INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF HUMANITY

Singapore Chamber of Commerce and Industry in China (SingCham) -Shandong Chapter

Founded in 2014, SingCham Shangdong Chapter is a non-profit organisation established with support from the Embassy of Singapore to China and the government of Singapore.

Our Mission is “To facilitate and advance, in China, the commercial interest of members”. Our Vision is “To be an influential chamber, representing the commercial interest of its members, with access to various resources.

The Chapter aims to facilitate Singapore businesses’ interests and economic exchanges in China by helping Singapore companies to invest strategically in Shandong. In addition, the Chapter also serves as a social platform for Singaporeans working or living in Shandong to network and interact.

Other key objectives of the Chapter are to promote understanding and friendly relationships between its members and various institutions, enterprises and business chambers in China, particularly those located in Shandong Province; and to advance technological, professional and educational exchanges with these organisations.

Hawker Culture of Singapore

In parallel with many other aspects of our daily activities, food links and bonds people together. Everyone enjoys delicious food. Some people “live to eat”. To them, food brings meaning to life.

In the Singapore context, “hawker centres” that spread across the entire island are part of the country’s multiracial society fabric - people of different races, from all walks of life visit hawker centres regularly to savour their favourite Chinese, Malay, Indian or many other types of food.

Similarly, hawkers are individuals of all races, gender and age. With their culinary skills, they have created a huge common dining space where people congregate, interact and bond over their shared love for food.

Hawker centres and hawker culture are hence a true-blue representation and manifestation of Singapore society's inclusiveness. They are an integral part of Singapore's identity, and instrumental in contributing to our social cohesion and multiculturalism.

We strongly support the nomination of Singapore's Hawker Culture on the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.



JAMES KE HONG JING
Chairman
SingCham Shandong Chapter

27 February 2019



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SINGAPORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY IN CHINA CHONGQING CHAPTER

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Letter of Support

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Introduction to SingCham

The Singapore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SingCham) is a non-profit organization that is strongly supported by the Embassy of the Republic of Singapore to People's Republic of China and Enterprise Singapore in support of Singaporeans based in China. Officially registered on 25 December 2001, SingCham is the 15th foreign chamber that has been officially approved in China and Southeast Asia.

It aims to facilitate business and economic exchanges between its members and the relevant Chinese authorities, enterprises and institutions. More importantly, it encourages friendly interaction between its members and provides a platform of exchange for business ideas, knowledge and technology. SingCham is based in Beijing with working groups in Shanghai, Chongqing, Tianjin, Guangxi, Guangdong, Sichuan, Jiangsu, Fujian and Shandong.

The SingCham Chongqing Chapter

We are a group of Singaporeans who have established our businesses and/or families in Chongqing. Apart from business seminars and exchanges, we also take care of the well-being of our fellow Singaporeans in Chongqing via numerous gatherings throughout the year.

Hawker culture has always been close to our hearts because our solid kinship was fostered over food. At regular gatherings, members were always overwhelmed by that undeniably familiar whiff that hits their nostrils, swirling fiercely through the sensory cells and having them sniffing eagerly for more – the teasing aroma of spicy laksa; the comforting waft of coconut rice with deep-fried chicken wings; the amazing pong from grilling satay and the formidable scent of freshly wok-fried Hokkien Mee and Char Kway Teow...

Imagine savoring these irresistible Hawker foods in the fresh of spring; in the sweltering heat of summer, in cooling autumn and bone-chilling winter – nothing beats the authentic feeling of home away from home!

Significance of Hawker Culture

Hawker Culture is deeply rooted in all Singaporeans, regardless in Singapore or overseas. These simple foods are a far cry from Michelin Stars Cuisine but they have, through the years, woven their way snugly into our hearts and soul. We strongly support the nomination of 'Singapore's Hawker Culture' for inscription on the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage as this inimitable culture is idiosyncratic of our little red dot!

Amos Goh

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The Singapore Chamber of Commerce and Industry in China (SingCham) is a non-profit organization established with the strong support of the governments of the Republic of Singapore to People's Republic of China.

Launched in 2001, SingCham is registered with the Ministry of Civil Affairs (MCA) in China. SingCham's main role is to expand economic relations between Singapore and China by promoting links between Singapore businesses and relevant Chinese authorities and companies. SingCham also promotes understanding and friendly relationship between its members and the various Chinese or other relevant bodies.

The SingCham Guangxi Chapter was reincorporated in march 2014 and has more than 50 members based in Guangxi province.

Meaning of Hawker Culture

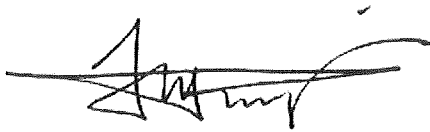
As a community of Singaporean expatriates based in China, we wholeheartedly support the nomination of Singapore's Hawker Culture on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Culture Heritage of Humanity.

Like Singapore, Guangxi is well known for its multi-ethnicity and its spread of local cuisines representing the different minority groups. The availability of the different ethnic cuisines helps promote respect and understanding among different ethnic groups. Living in Guangxi, we have experienced how the Guangxi government has used local food to strengthen the understanding and community bond amongst the various ethnic groups in the province and beyond. We can therefore appreciate the value of Singapore's Hawker Culture and how it can help build understanding and interest not just amongst Singaporeans but also with people in Guangxi and other parts of China. Hence, we have been actively participating in Singapore (hawker) food fairs to increase awareness of

Singapore's multi-ethnicity and multi-culturalism, and how Singaporeans lived together in social cohesion.

In this regard, Singcham-Guangxi would like to show our fullest support for Singapore's Hawker Culture to be inscribed into the UNESCO Representative List.

Sincerely yours,



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Justin Low
Chairman
Singcham-Guangxi



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Letter of Support for Nomination of Hawker Culture to the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

The Hawker Culture in Singapore is an indispensable part of everyday lives of Singaporeans, where we would flock to the “Singapore Community Dining Room” to bond over an affordable plate of local food. Regardless of race, ethnicity, religion and cultural differences, food is a common favourite pastime among Singaporeans, and many memories are etched within.

Shanghai Chapter of Singapore Chamber of Commerce and Industry in China (SingCham) has always recognised the importance in the bonding of the Singaporean Community abroad, as well as bridging differences between cultures. Our organisation has its roots in the Shanghai Singapore Business Association (SSBA), with more than 20 years’ history of serving Singaporeans in Shanghai. Back in the early days, the few Singaporeans abroad in Shanghai has formed SSBA initially over cooking sessions of Singapore food. Living abroad, their love for Singapore food had allowed them to bond over food, while reminiscing over memories of home.

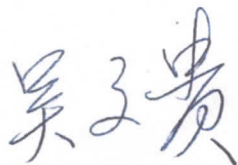
As a non-profit, membership-based organisation, SingCham Shanghai champions the commercial interests of the Singaporean business community in Shanghai and supports its members’ growth by providing Sino-Singapore networks, advocacy and business services. While doing so, we have continuously kept the community spirit of Singaporeans overseas aflame.

Believing strongly in the value of community spirit in helping to bond Singaporeans abroad, we have engaged in various initiatives and events to connect Singaporeans from all walks of life by creating shared memories and bonding over favourite home dishes. Monthly events are organised for Singaporeans to get together while enjoying company in food and exercise. The annual Christmas Party organised boasts a wide selection of popular Singapore Hawker Delights such as Carrot Cake and Hainanese Chicken Rice, where families can come together and be in touch with the

roots of Singapore. Other than that, our most anticipated annual National Day Dinner Celebrations also bring our countrymen together to share joy and celebrate our nation's birthday. Through enjoying various iconic Singapore delights such as Singapore Chilli Crab and Bak Kut Teh (Pork Ribs Soup), Singaporeans were not only able to immerse themselves in the taste of memories back home, but could also bond and share different life stories and experience with each other during these wonderful sessions.

We fully and strongly support the nomination of Singapore's Hawker Culture on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Our Hawker Centres are like Singapore - The blend and combination of food, space and community which has evolved into Singapore's multicultural society. Our Hawker Culture embodies stories of local delights tracing back to as early as the mid-1800s. While we share many experiences and life stories over our beloved dishes, we feel that it is also as important to know the history of our local food. The very fact that these beloved cuisines can all exist together in a small compound called the Hawker Centre, reflects Singapore's effort in promoting social cohesion through different platforms. The Hawker Centre is as of one society, where regardless of race, religion, ethnicity and cultures, we come together as one society to share our love for the same cuisines and similar life experiences. The family that eats together stays together. The country that preserves its food culture bonds together!

We would love for this culture to continue spreading not only among the generation of Singaporeans, but also the international community. Stories and memories are not meant to be forgotten in the past, but to be kept alive through the culture that defines us and give us our identity. Hence, we express our strong and full support for our beloved hawker culture to be inscribed into the UNESCO Representative List.

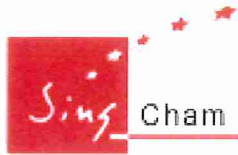


Yours Sincerely,

Melvyn Goh

Chairman

SingCham Shanghai



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Introduction of Singcham – Sichuan Chapter

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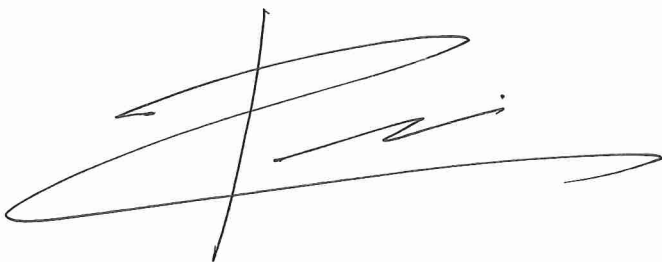
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Significance of Hawker Culture

As a community of Singaporean Expats based in China, we wholeheartedly support the nomination of **Singapore's Hawker Culture** on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Culture Heritage of Humanity. Like Singapore, Chengdu (Capital City of Sichuan) is city well known for its food culture and thus we can all appreciate the value of **Singapore's Hawker Culture** and how it can help bridge relations amongst Singaporeans and the local Sichuanese. In addition to our own Singapore Tourism Board's efforts to promote Hawker Cultural thru annual events like the Singapore Food Festival held in Chengdu, many of our Singaporean Companies have also used **Singapore's Hawker Culture** in their own events to promote the uniqueness of Singaporean Culture. It is through such events, we appreciate the impact and importance of preserving and promoting **Singapore's Hawker Culture**. Hence, Singcham-Sichuan Chapter express our full support for **Singapore's Hawker Culture** to be inscribed into the UNESCO Representative List.

Sincerely yours,



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Chairman
Singcham-Sichuan



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SINGAPORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY IN CHINA

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SINGAPORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY IN CHINA

Since China's entry into World Trade Organization, China offers new opportunities as well as challenges to Singapore entrepreneurs and investors. SingCham, being officially endorsed and recognized by China's central authorities, would undoubtedly be the best non-profit institution to provide a platform for contacts and networking to Singapore interests in China.

Currently, SingCham has more than 1300 members. SingCham's Management Committee, which is currently chaired by Ms Dorothy Seet Poh Kim, comprises of 17 members with Singapore Ambassador to China Mr Stanley Loh as Patron and Mr Yew Sung Pei from ESG as Commercial Advisor. SingCham has working groups based in Shanghai, Chongqing, Tianjin, Guangxi, Guangdong, Sichuan, Jiangsu, Fujian and Shandong.

Significance of Hawker Culture

We wholeheartedly support the nomination of Singapore's Hawker Culture on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. We believe that beyond their brick and mortar foundations, the value of our Hawker Culture lies in its provision of a shared space where Singaporeans of all races, faiths and income groups can interact with each other and commune over the or a delectable range of local cuisine. Overseas Singaporeans were able to sample iconic hawker dishes such as chicken rice, chilli crab and satay among other iconic local dishes, and bonded over our common passion for hawker culture. It is occasion like these when we truly realize the value of hawker culture as an indispensable aspect of our Singaporean heritage and identity and henceforth, we express our full support and desire for our local hawker culture to be inscribed into the UNESCO Representative List.

Dorothy Seet
Chairperson
Singapore Chamber of Commerce & Industry in China

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LETTER OF SUPPORT BY SINGAPORE CLUB FRANCE FOR THE NOMINATION OF 'HAWKER CULTURE' ON THE REPRESENTATIVE LIST OF THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF HUMANITY

In 1992, a group of homesick Singaporeans established Singapore Club France (SCF) as a social platform to reach out to and gather fellow citizens residing in France so that they could collectively maintain links to their country of birth. The mainly social club initially only accepted Singaporean members but today, it has opened its membership to anyone in France who shares an interest and love for our beloved country. We create opportunities for Singaporeans and friends of Singapore to meet on a regular basis. We also help newcomers settle down in France. The Club organises monthly activities and social gatherings to celebrate Singapore cultural festivals such as Chinese New Year, Deepavali and Hari Raya Puasa. Mr. Zainal Arif Mantaha, Singapore's Ambassador to France and his spouse are Honorary members who join in the club's activities as much as they can.

One common experience amongst all Singaporeans in France is our love for local Singaporean food and our hankering, in particular, for the distinctive and varied hawker cuisine in Singapore. As true blue Singaporeans, the first thing most of us do when we return to Singapore is to rush to the nearest hawker centres and dive into our favourite dishes. *Wanton mee, prata, chwee kueh, nasi lemak, chicken rice, rojak, char kway teow, carrot cake, popiah, satay...* all the best of our local delights under one roof. Our hawker centres evoke a genuine sense of community and kinship where we can bond with family and friends from all cultures and ethnic groups in one shared space. For those of us who do not get the opportunity to go back to Singapore often, the SCF organises regular Club events such as *Potluck-Hawker-Fest* and *Singapore Taste-ival* where we recreate and enjoy our own hawker centre experiences here in France.

Hawker Culture is clearly a distinctive part of our heritage and national identity, no matter where we are in the world. Therefore, as proud Singaporeans, we are excited and honoured to support the nomination of our Hawker Culture for inscription on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) of Humanity. We are confident that the inscription of Hawker Culture on the UNESCO Representative List will bring international recognition and greater pride in this aspect of our common heritage. We hope that as we transmit our own love for local hawker culture to our children and the next generation, our hardworking hawkers will also be motivated to pass on their skills and know-how to future generations of hawkers. This will ensure that even as our country continues to evolve and change as a modern city, our precious hawker culture will be preserved and safeguarded as an essential facet of Singaporean heritage and identity.



Pat Kraal
President of Singapore Club France

Letter of Support
Submitted to the National Heritage Board, Singapore
On 17th February 2018



Introduction of the SSA (Beijing)

Singapore Students' Association Beijing (SSA Beijing) is a non-profit, student-based organization founded in 2002. We serve to keep all Singaporean students and young working adults in Beijing connected, providing them with a home away from home. Currently, we serve the interest of nearly 200 members from various universities in Beijing.

SSA (Beijing) organises activities on a regular basis for Singaporeans to imbue a sense of home and camaraderie in a foreign land. These events include cook-outs where Singaporean students will gather to bond over home-cooked meals of Singapore cuisines such as Bak Kut Teh and Laksa. We have also made constant effort to showcase our iconic Hawker dishes to international audiences by providing Muah Chee and Curry Chicken for tasting in international cultural festivals held by Peking University and Tsinghua University, the top 2 universities in China, respectively.

Significance of Hawker Culture

Through our personal experience, we have come to realise that the Hawker Culture provides both a vital node of emotional connection to overseas Singaporeans and an excellent introduction of Singapore's unique multi-racial society to international friends. Hawker centres provide a socially inclusive space for people from all walks of life and all races interact and deepen our bond in a homely environment. Growing up, Hawker centres were also learning grounds which allows us to be more culturally aware of the history and traditions of other races. For instance, many Singaporeans usually pick up the concept of Halal food through exposure from Muslim food stores or during meals with our Muslim friends. Being overseas, we often lament a common longing for Hawker cuisines, which makes us acutely aware of the irreplaceable role of our Hawker Culture as part of the Singaporean identity. As such, we hope to contribute to increasing awareness of the importance of Singapore's Hawker Culture by supporting its nomination on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

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SINGAPORE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF GERMANY

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Letter of Support for Singapore's Inscription of Hawker Culture on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

Introduction of the SSAG

The Singapore Students' Association in Germany is a non-profit Singaporean student organisation active since 1998, and boasts a strong history of bringing together as well as providing support for Singaporean student community across Europe, while simultaneously promoting the proliferation of Singaporean culture outside of Singapore.

The SSAG organises 3 main gatherings for members and potential students each year, namely the *Annual General Meeting* and *Kennenlernenwochenende*, as well as the *Pre-Departure Dinner*, which take place in Germany and Singapore respectively.

Statement of Support

On behalf of the SSAG, we would like to voice our enthusiastic and emphatic support for Singapore's nomination of her Hawker Culture to the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Without fail, at every SSAG event, the conversation will inevitably turn to hawker food at some point. In 2017, the high point of our get-together event in Leipzig was an SSAG community cooking effort, where we not only recreated iconic hawker dishes such as bak kut teh, chicken rice and chicken curry, but also recreated the hawker community spirit by settling in a large circle for dinner, with prepared dishes placed in the middle for everybody to feast on - and feast we did, as we chatted away throughout the night and lingered after dinner over our cups of Teh and card games.

Outside of these formal SSAG events, smaller groups of students living in the same geographical area often get together to recreate the feeling of hawker culture at home, by whipping up hawker dishes they miss to share with each other, and enjoying the community spirit that arises from such a collaborative effort.

Ultimately, hawker culture is a powerful manifestation of the social cohesion enjoyed by the multicultural Singaporean society. The highly inclusive community spirit which arises from the easily accessible enjoyment of delicious hawker food at the numerous hawker centres dotting the island is a delightful experience for Singaporeans and visitors to Singapore alike. As young adults of Singapore, it is our hope that that a successful nomination will ensure the recognition of hawker culture around the world, hence encouraging the long-term sustainability as well as the further propagation and enjoyment of hawker culture for many generations to come.

Berlin, 20.02.2019

Ryanne Leong
President of the SSAG



THE SINGAPORE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION IN FRANCE
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The National Heritage Board (Singapore)
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PARIS, 26 January 2019

To whom it may concern,

Founded in 1970, The Singapore Students' Association in France (SSAF) is an independent, non-profit, student-led organization that is dedicated to promoting the interest of Singaporean students based in France. As a tightly-knitted community, the organization aims to connect Singaporeans with each other through annually-held cultural events. The organization also serves as a support for Singaporean students by providing networking opportunities that contribute to their successful academic and professional experience in France.

As part of our mission, the association highly values and promotes cross-cultural experiences between Singaporean and French students. In particular, Hawker Culture have become an indispensable part of our community and cultural identity. Every year, the Association comes together to celebrate the multicultural and festive holidays of our country by indulging in local dishes such as Hainanese Chicken Rice, Nasi Lemak and Roti Prata. Through this common Hawker Culture, our community have become more accessible and inclusive to others. With this in mind, I look forward to having Hawker Culture safeguarded as it is being passed down to future generations.

As the current President of the Singapore Students' Association in France, I am honored to put forth my support to have Singapore's Hawker Culture inscribed in the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

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PARIS, le 26 janvier 2019

Pour les personnes concernées,

Fondée en 1970, l'Association des Étudiants de Singapour en France est une organisation indépendante et à but non lucratif, basée à Paris et dirigée par des étudiants. Celle-ci permet de promouvoir les intérêts des personnes de nationalité singapourienne faisant leurs études en France. En tant que communauté très unie, l'organisation vise à connecter les singapouriens entre-eux à travers des événements culturels annuellement tenus. L'association sert également à aider les étudiants avec des opportunités de mises en relation qui contribueront à leur succès académique ainsi qu'à leurs expériences professionnelles en France.

Faisant partie de notre mission, l'association met grandement en valeur et promeut les expériences interculturelles entre les singapouriens et les français. La culture de Hawker, « Hawker culture » est devenue un élément indispensable à notre communauté ainsi qu'à notre identité culturelle. Tous les ans, l'association se retrouve, tous ensemble, pour célébrer les fêtes festives et multiculturelles tout en mangeant des plats locaux tels que le Hainanese Chicken Rice, Nasi Lemak ou encore Roti Prata. Notre communauté a su devenir plus accessible et inclusive aux autres à travers cette culture « Hawker ». C'est avec cela en tête que j'espère voir celle-ci protégée pour être passée aux générations futures.

Étant le président actuel de l'Association des Étudiants de Singapour en France, je serai honoré de donner tout mon soutien dans le but de voir cette « Hawker Culture » inscrite dans la Liste Représentative du Patrimoine Culturel Immatériel de l'Humanité à l'UNESCO.

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Letter of Support

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The SSAJ

The Singapore Students' Association (Japan) (henceforth referred to as SSAJ) was founded as an independent, nonprofit, student-led organization as a platform for Singaporean students residing across Japan to stay connected with one another via the dissemination of Singapore and Japan-related news, events and opportunities with other partner institutions, organizations and affiliated bodies. Representing the interests of the Singapore students in Japanese universities at large, it serves as the repository of information and links for overseas Singaporeans in Japan to keep up with the latest developments and updates back in Singapore.

Organizational Activities

The SSAJ frequently organizes Singapore and Japan-themed events all-year around for our students in Japan, most of which pertain to food and culture. During the summer of 2018, SSAJ organized *Makan Majulah*, a culinary get-together at a Singapore restaurant in Tokyo, in celebration of Singapore's National Day, where we invited both Singaporeans as well as their close Japanese friends to come together in commemoration of the best hawker delicacies with the freshest ingredients found in Japan.

Importance of Hawker Culture

The nomination of Hawker Culture comes at the highest of recommendations from SSAJ. It is with our greatest pleasure that we endorse Hawker Culture as an inexorable thread of our multicultural fabric that make us at once truly global and truly Singaporean. Hawker culture represents both the familiarity of food that we have grown up with during the earlier days of our childhood, as well as the socially cohesive upbringing that has peacefully blended together peoples from all walks of life – race, religion, and beliefs – as the many spices brought by immigrants from the surrounding straits and archipelagoes have come together to evolve into the delectably local hawker food that we so cherish today.

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Letter of Support

Introduction to SUKA

SUKA (Singapore UK Association) is a non-profit and non-political organisation which aims to bring together Singaporean families, professionals and students to develop friendships and celebrate Singapore's multicultural events here in the UK. SUKA was formed by a pioneer group of eight Singaporeans in 1988 with an initial of 60-70 members who had been living in UK for several years and were missing their beloved country of origin and the contact with fellow Singaporeans. The patron of SUKA is Her Excellency, The High Commissioner for the Republic of Singapore. Since then, SUKA's membership rose rapidly in numbers throughout the years and now its membership has expanded to more than 300 in the past years. The majority of the members are still Singaporeans or past Singaporeans who continued to maintain interest in the Singaporean culture. Memberships are also extended to non-Singaporeans from the ASEAN and Europe region. All united in SUKA by their common interest in Singapore.

The nature of SUKA activities revolves around organising social events such as annual Dinner and Dance, and cultural events like Chinese New Year, Deepavali and Hari Raya to keep the culture of Singaporean lifestyle very much alive in UK. SUKA also strives to organise variety of events such as, fun activities to bring people together such as karaoke, family-friendly events such as trips and excursions, group trips to quintessentially British events like Royal Ascot & Chelsea Flower Show and opportunities for business/professional networking.

Supporting Singapore's Hawker Culture

We are in full support of the nomination of Singapore's Hawker Culture on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

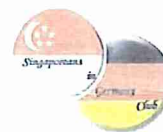
Our hawker centres are a centre of socialising, reminiscing, and enjoying good local fares at affordable prices. The food and cuisine are very much the mainstay of the Singapore culture, representing a melting pot of local cuisines reflective of the various races and cultures that live harmoniously together.

In the UK most of our Singapore gatherings are centred on Singaporean food. We would source restaurants and caterers to prepare traditional Singaporean hawker food for our various events. Everyone looks forward to our events to enjoy the Singaporean food. We also have some events where some ladies prepare traditional 'Kuihs' in their homes and share them at our events. We may be far from Singapore but through recreating the yummy Singaporean hawker food in the UK we feel happy.

Hawker food is a very vital part of our Singaporean culture and we cannot allow it to disappear. We from SUKA would like to pledge our support in the nomination of Singapore's Hawker Culture on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

From,
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SUKA
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Letter of Support
Submitted to the National Heritage Board, Singapore
On 30th January 2019

Introduction of Singaporeans in Germany (SGinDE)

The Singaporeans in Germany (SGinDE) community group was founded in 2006 to enable overseas Singaporeans who are living in the various towns/states of Germany to make contact, network and strengthen ties with one another. We are an independent and non-profit organisation.

As Singapore Hawker Culture is invariably among the top things which Singaporeans miss and identify with the most, our gatherings of Singaporeans in Germany are always centred on food – that is the centrepiece which binds us together. Regular cooking sessions are held where our members cook hawker dishes such as roti prata, mee goreng, satay, etc. During festive seasons like Chinese New Year, Hari Raya and Deepavali, traditional dishes are prepared and enjoyed by all. Cooking Singapore's hawker dishes is very common among our members as the ingredients are readily accessible in Germany. We even have our very own food group on Facebook where we share our recipes and dishes.

Significance of Hawker Culture

We wholeheartedly support the nomination of Singapore's Hawker Culture on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. We believe that the value of our Hawker Culture lies in its provision of a shared space, where Singaporeans of all races, faiths and income groups can interact with each other and enjoy over teh or kopi a delectable range of local cuisine. We regularly have such experiences during our gatherings, even far away from Singapore in Germany. In August 2017, a slice of hawker culture was brought over to Berlin when Singapore's first michelin-starred hawker, Chef Chan Hon Meng, brought his signature roast chicken rice to Berlin, where Singaporeans enjoyed his food together with the staff from the Singapore Embassy. We were also heartened to hear that two Singapore hawker food pop-out shops were set up by overseas Singaporeans in Berlin and Cologne last year.

Occasions like these made us realise the value of hawker culture as an indispensable aspect of our Singaporean heritage and identity. We sincerely hope that more people in Singapore and around the world will recognise the value and importance of Hawker Culture and that it continues to be passed down from one generation to the next.

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Letter of Support

Submitted to the National Heritage Board, Singapore

On 20th February 2019



Introduction of Suzhou Singapore Club

Suzhou Singapore Club is established in 1995, by the Singaporean pioneers who helped to develop the China-Singapore Suzhou Industrial Park project. Our motto is "To Gather Singaporeans, Together Singaporeans" Since establishment, the club regularly organizes social and networking events for its members.

Suzhou Singapore Club strives to create interaction among Singaporeans in Suzhou with the local community. Our biggest event is National Day celebration every August and is usually attended by about 500 guests, including locals and government officials. Main highlight of the event is the Singapore food that was served. For Singaporeans who attended the event, we got to try our favorite hometown delights and at the same time feel proud about our country's achievement.

Singapore Hawker Culture

Suzhou Singapore Club supports the nomination of Singapore's Hawker Culture on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Heritage of Humanity. Singapore's hawker culture showcases both the down-to-earth and multi-culture aspect of our daily life. Singaporeans from all walks of life, regardless of race, language and religion, can dine under a same roof. For Singaporeans who have worked overseas for a long time, we thought the hawker culture is something that is hard to replicate elsewhere. We were lucky to have attended 2 Singapore Days in Shanghai (2011 and 2015). Other than the fabulous show that was organized, the Singapore food stalls are the main draw that brought all of us together. This is the flavor of Singapore, which is a part of us. We wish you all the success in your nomination effort. We hope that our future generation can continue to value the Hawker Culture.



Ang Kian Teck

Executive President, Suzhou Singapore Club

To Gather Singaporeans, Together Singaporeans

Letter of Support
Submitted to the National Heritage Board, Singapore
On 9th November 2018



Introduction of the UKSSC

Founded in 1998, the United Kingdom Singapore Students' Council is an independent, nonprofit, student-led organisation that aims to create a bona fide Singapore student community across the United Kingdom (UK), representing the interests of Singaporean students in universities within the UK. It continually strives to connect Singaporean students studying throughout the UK (The South, Greater London, Midlands, the North and Scotland) through promoting participation in events across institutions, alumni groups and other affiliated organisations. It also serves as a resource or support for Singaporean students in universities which may not have an established Singapore Society, as well as initiating platforms for networking so as to contribute to a more vibrant scene amongst the Singaporean student community in the United Kingdom.

The UKSSC has organized various initiatives to further promote the cooking, and appreciation, of traditional dishes among overseas Singaporeans. A recipe for a local dish is included in each of its newsletters, and traditional dishes are prepared to celebrate special cultural events like Chinese New Year, Hari Raya and Deepavali. Hawker food such as hokkien mee and curry are also regularly prepared and cooked at UKSSC events such as the 2017 Scots Weekend in St Andrews and Dundee, a 3-day 2-night event which aimed to bring Singaporeans living in Scotland together and get to know each other.

Significance of Hawker Culture

We wholeheartedly support the nomination of Singapore's Hawker Culture on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. We believe that beyond their brick and mortar foundations, the value of our Hawker Culture lies in its provision of a shared space where Singaporeans of all races, faiths and income groups can interact with each other and commune over *teh* or a delectable range of local cuisine. Recently, a slice of hawker culture was brought over to the UK when prominent hawker stalls dished out local fare during the annual Singapore Day 2018 held in Greenwich, London, evoking a strong feeling of home and connecting fellow Singaporeans based in the UK and the broader Europe region. At the event overseas Singaporeans were able to sample iconic hawker dishes such as chicken rice, chilli crab and satay among other iconic local dishes, and bonded over our common passion for hawker culture. It is occasions like these when we truly realise the value of hawker culture as an indispensable aspect of our Singaporean heritage and identity and henceforth, we express our full support and desire for our local hawker culture to be inscribed into the UNESCO Representative List.

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Letter of Support
Submitted to the National Heritage Board, Singapore

Introduction to Xi'An SG Club

The Xi'An SG Club is a non-profit organization formed by Singaporean Citizens and Permanent Residents who are staying long-term in the north-west region of China. Most of our members are Singaporeans who are working and studying in Xi'An.

Our organization have focused on bettering the lives of Singaporean Chinese in China by encouraging information exchange, providing cares and strengthening the ties of the community. Information gathered through our platform have helped Chinese companies learn more about Singaporean business and enterprises.

Over the years, the Xi'An SG Club have organized various online and offline activities. These activities focus on the interaction between the Malaysia Chamber of Commerce and Thai Chamber of Commerce. More importantly, it actively establishes cultural exchanges within the Singaporean community in Chengdu and Chongqing. The activities mainly center around traditional festivals, sharing of business information and entertainment. Examples of these activities are business knowledge lectures, sports competitions and celebratory events.

Hawker Culture is an indispensable aspect of Singapore's identity

We fully support the nomination of Singapore's Hawker Culture on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

In a city that has been labelled as a food paradise, Singapore's hawker centres are undoubtedly an accessible and special place where one can enjoy affordable multicultural cuisine, while mingling with each other, regardless of race, language or religion. It is a mouth-watering and heartwarming experience.

Singapore's hawker food is not just well-loved by locals, it is also well-loved by internationally-renowned food critics, including Gordon Ramsay and the late Anthony Bourdain. Both have listed Singapore's hawker food amongst their favourites. This hawker culture has also been featured in mainstream pop culture, such as the recent Crazy Rich Asians movie.

Hawker culture defines our Singapore identity. In a 2018 poll by NHB, "food heritage" was voted the most important aspect of Singapore's intangible cultural heritage. It is something all Singaporeans relate to, wherever they are in the world. It is also the thing they miss most, when they are away.



Hawker culture is a special aspect of Singapore's multicultural heritage – it is indispensable and we are hoping to safeguard it for future generations. Henceforth, we express our full support and desire for our local hawker culture to be inscribed into the UNESCO Representative List.

Alan Yang
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