

Media Factsheet on the Migrant Workers Forum and Migrant Workers Centre

Organisational Structure and Membership

The **Migrant Workers Centre** will:

- a. Enhance social support infrastructure for foreign workers;
- b. Enhance foreign workers' awareness of their employment rights and responsibilities;
- c. Promote good employment practices towards foreign workers; and
- d. Facilitate harmonious co-existence between foreign workers and locals, at the workplace as well as in the community.

The **Migrant Workers Forum (MWF)** – a bipartite initiative of NTUC and SNEF – will be set up to guide the work of the Migrant Workers Centre and provide a platform for discussing the views of foreign workers and their employers. The membership of the MWF is as follows:

Co-chairmen:

Mr Yeo Guat Kwang, Alignment Director, Quality Worklife & All Nationalities, National Trades Union Congress

Mr Kenneth Loo, Chairman, Manpower and Policy Committee, Singapore Contractors Association Limited (SCAL), and Director, Straits Construction Co Pte Ltd

Members:

NTUC

Ms Jennie Yeo, Deputy Executive Secretary, Building, Construction and Timber Industries Employees' Union (BATU)

Ms Goh Sor Imm, Assistant Executive Secretary, Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering Employees' Union (SMEEU)

SNEF

Mr Wong Peng Kin, Director, Group HR Sembcorp Marine and Vice-president, Association Of Singapore Marine Industries (ASMI)

Ms Lee Bee Hong, Vice-president, Human Resources, SBS Transit

Activities

The key activities of the Migrant Workers Centre are summarised below:

Objectives		Initiatives
Social Support	Advice and Referral	Provide advice to foreign workers on their legal position if they have had a dispute with their employer, and how to seek help
		Refer foreign workers with valid claims to MOM if they request governmental assistance
		Operate physical contact point(s) and a phone helpline, to facilitate foreign workers seeking advice from the centre
	Humanitarian Assistance	Provide emergency board and lodging for foreign workers referred to the centre by MOM, or who approach the centre for help
	Social Activities	Organise recreational activities/classes to meet foreign workers recreational and social needs
Public Communications		Promote good employment practices towards foreign workers
		Facilitate harmonious co-existence between foreign workers and locals, at the workplace as well as in the community
Understanding FW Concerns		Understand foreign worker concerns through surveys, interviews, and/or focus group discussions

Timeline and location

The Migrant Workers Centre will launch its first contact point by Apr 09. The location of the contact point is being determined.