

PE COI Annual Conference

on 20 May 2011

The PE COI Annual Conference was held at SIMTech on 20 May 2011. There were 167 attendees including 134 from 76 companies and 33 from government agencies and institutes of higher learning. The conference provided an invaluable opportunity for SMEs in Singapore to explore business partnerships with leading manufacturers in the oil and gas, aerospace, medtech and complex equipment sectors - particularly with the rapid localisation of the manufacturing activities in this high growth region.



Local companies have gained a deeper insight on the trends, gaps and strategies involved so that industry-wide collaborative projects can be cost-effectively formed with the support from A*STAR, SIMTech, SPRING Singapore, EDB, IE Singapore, JTC Corporation, WDA and PE COI. At the conference, MNCs such as Johnson & Johnson and Acme Monaco (MedTech), Rolls-Royce (Aerospace), Managed Pressure Operation (Oil & Gas),

Caterpillar Asia (Mining vehicle and equipment) shared some of their localisation requirements and supply chain development programme.

Leads of the eight PE COI initiatives also shared some of the key capabilities required to enable local companies to confidently undertake higher precision and higher value manufacturing activities to meet stringent performance requirements. After the conference, specific company-led “by-invitation roundtable” discussions will be arranged and technological capability development consortia formed to retain Singapore’s position in these key areas.

At the conference, the Singapore Business Federation and SIMTech also signed a memorandum of understanding to assist local manufacturing and services companies develop R&D capabilities and foster stronger research collaboration.



▲ Signatories of the SBF and SIMTech MOU

From left to right: Mr Victor Tay, Chief Operating Officer, SBF and Dr Lim Ser Yong, Executive Director, SIMTech



▲ Lively discussion with the Panel Members



▲ Keen interest from attendees on the exhibits