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Singapore Customs marks International Customs Day with award presentation ceremony

Singapore Customs joined other customs administrations worldwide in observing International Customs Day (ICD), which falls on 26 January annually, with a staff award presentation ceremony held at the NTUC Auditorium this afternoon.

Director-General of Customs Singapore, Mr Tan Hung Hooi, presented nine Singapore Customs officers with World Customs Organization (WCO) Certificate of Merit for demonstrating strong commitment in their work towards this year's ICD theme of "Nurturing the next generation: promoting a culture of knowledge-sharing and professional pride in Customs."

In addition, more than 300¹ customs officers were presented with Singapore Customs Good Service Medals and Long Service Medals (See Annex A) for service periods ranging from five to 40 years. Nineteen project teams and four individuals were also recognised for various Staff Awards in areas such as Service Excellence, Trade, Pro-Enterprise, Enforcement and Innovation.

In his speech, Director-General Tan congratulated and commended all award recipients for their dedication and professionalism in pressing on to fulfil the mission of Customs, even though the work of Customs is not always visible to the public eye.

¹ *The large number of Good Service and Long Service Medals recipients is a once-off, as the Department wants to recognise eligible and deserving officers as early as possible, following the introduction of the Singapore Customs Medals in April 2022.*

“In the year ahead, we will continue with our efforts to build a Future-Ready Workforce, and to push ahead with capability-building, especially in data and digitalisation. As we transform our work and upskill our officers, it is also important that our officers find purpose in their work and we continue to deliver on our mission,” Mr Tan said.

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Factsheet on Singapore Customs Medals

The **Singapore Customs Medals**, comprising four categories of medals, were introduced from 1 April 2022 to recognise the service, commitment and contributions of Customs officers to the nation, as we carry out our mission of protecting revenue and keeping trade easy, fair and secure over the years.

The **Customs Service Medals**, which include the Good Service Medal and Long Service Medal, are awarded to eligible officers for recognition of their dedication and commitment to the department upon completing certain lengths of service.

The **Customs Medal for Exemplary Service** is a commendation which recognises outstanding achievements attained by our officers, while the **Customs Overseas Service Medal** is to be conferred on officers who have participated in overseas missions.

Lastly, there is the **Customs Medal of Distinction** for Heads of foreign Customs Administrations for the purpose of fostering good bilateral relations.



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Director-General of Singapore Customs, Mr Tan Hung Hooi, delivering his speech at the International Customs Day 2023 event.



Director-General Tan with this year's World Customs Organization (WCO) Certificate of Merit recipients.



Director-General Tan with one of the teams receiving the outstanding project award.