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The MICE Media Learning Journey at Marina Bay Sands (MBS) was held on 1 December 2020 as part of efforts to remind the Meetings, Incentives, Conferencing, Exhibitions (MICE) industry on the importance of WSH as it gradually resumes activities. Organised by the Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Council, the event showcased the Safe Management Measures and WSH practices implemented by the MICE extension of the integrated resort:

- **Robotic floor scrubbers and sweepers** for exhibition halls and carpeted spaces are pre-programmed to clean the premises autonomously. They not only eliminate ergonomic strain on the worker, they also reduce the need for overnight cleaning shifts and free up the worker for other tasks.
- **Custom-made mobile food warmers** are a first for the industry with MBS taking the lead to import and use them. These mobile food warmers are customised such that it can allow up to 3 food warmers to be latched onto a tug machine, to be towed at once. Previously, food warmers had to be pushed manually, one by one. This not only allows for improved productivity, it also greatly reduces strenuous work activities for workers.
- **Tug machines** that allow one person to pull up to 60 chairs or 11 banquet rounds at one time. With the manual method, one person can only move 10 chairs at one time and up to three persons are required to move the banquet rounds. The use of this simple machine significantly reduces the risk of injuries related to lifting and ergonomics.
- **Forklifts** retrofitted for safety with blue lights for front and back warnings, and red lights for side and turning warnings to workers near the operations perimeter.

While some of the equipment may not be new to the industry or unique to MBS, the extent and willingness to use them for effectively maintaining WSH indicates strong corporate ownership of WSH.

Senior Minister of State for Manpower, Mr Zaqq Mohamad, commended MBS on its SMM and WSH efforts, and urged MICE industry stakeholders to ensure a safe restart. Speaking to the media at the event, Mr Zaqq also cited statistics relating to major and minor injuries for the MICE industry. While highlighting the relatively low numbers,

compared to the construction and marine industries over the last five years, he urged MICE stakeholders to collaborate to sustain, if not reduce the low numbers.

Ms Bitia Seow, Executive Director of the Singapore Association of Convention & Exhibition Organisers & Suppliers (SACEOS), who was in attendance at the event, echoed SMS Zaqy's call to the MICE industry to ensure a safe restart. Heartened by MBS's efforts in supporting the restart of the MICE industry, she urged fellow MICE industry partners to recognise the importance of WSH, especially in the light of its reopening. She added that achieving better WSH outcomes is possible, even amidst tackling the virus and emphasised that ensuring the safety, health and well-being of the MICE workforce must be priority.



View the video on Workplace Safety and Health in the MICE Industry produced by MBS and supported by the WSH Council [here](#).

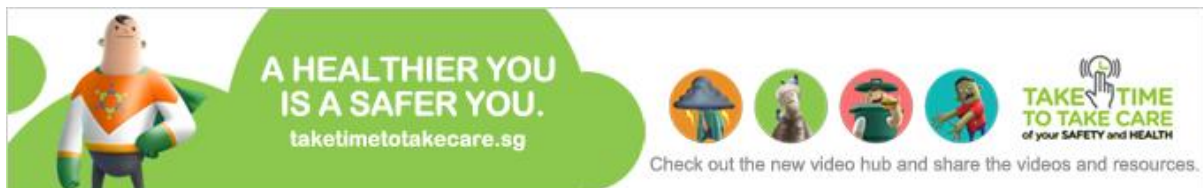
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