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SMF leads business mission to Washington DC from 18 – 24 June

For SelectUSA Investment Summit

17 June 2016, Singapore – Singapore Manufacturing Federation (SMF) and the Embassy of the United States of America in Singapore are organising a business mission to Washington DC, from 18 to 24 June 2016, in conjunction with the SelectUSA Investment Summit 2016 (20 to 21 June 2016).

U.S. Ambassador to Singapore Kirk Wager and SMF President Douglas Foo will lead the 13-member delegation, which includes representatives from a number of sectors ranging from food & beverage, pharmaceutical, information technology, textiles, legal to manufacturing.

The objective of this business mission is to assist Singapore companies which are interested in expanding into the U.S. market. This is the first mission to U.S. by the SMF with the US embassy following the signing of the Statement of Intent in February 2016 between the U.S. Department of Commerce and SMF.

The SelectUSA Summit brings together companies from all over the world as well as economic development organisations from all corners of the country, to facilitate investment in the USA. With more than 2,000 participants attending this year's summit, Singapore delegates will have access to unique networking opportunities, online matching, and insights from global CEOs and senior U.S. leaders.

At this high-level forum, business leaders will share their insights on the latest innovations and trends in industry sectors such as retail, pharmaceutical and manufacturing, as well as funding opportunities available in the U.S.

U.S. President Barack Obama and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry will deliver the summit's keynote addresses.

During their visit to Washington, the Singapore delegation will attend a reception hosted by His Excellency Ashok Kumar Mirpuri - Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Singapore to the United States on the evening of 20 June 2016.

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After the Summit, the members of the delegation will also travel to other locations in the U.S. to explore business opportunities.

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About Singapore Manufacturing Federation

Established since 1932, SMF represents the interest of the Singapore manufacturing community, driving its competitiveness and sustainable growth through serving industry-specific needs. Supported by 10 industry groups and its Centres of Excellence, SMF enhances the competitiveness of the industry by encouraging capacity development and capability building, innovation and productivity.

SMF provides opportunities for companies to collaborate, network; and to grow and expand both locally and internationally. Current membership stands at about 3,000 corporate members ranging from SMEs to MNCs.

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