



## SINGAPORE PRESS CLUB

Established in 1971, the Singapore Press Club is a social organization for people working in the media, public relations and other media-related areas.

The Club organizes a variety of functions throughout the year, and members are kept informed of activities through circulars and a newsletter.

Members meet regularly for lunch talks at the historic Raffles Hotel. The Club invites politicians, media personalities, foreign dignitaries and other VIPs to give talks and take part in forums and round table discussions.

Among those who have addressed the Club are Senior Minister Lee Kwan Yew, Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri, Japanese Economics Minister Heizo Takenaka, Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Tyronne Fernando, Minister for Information and the Arts Brigadier-General George Yeo, National Arts Council Chairman Professor Tommy Koh, BBC World Television Chief Executive Officer Christopher Irwin, and CNN International Vice President Peter Vesey and Bloomberg News Chief Michael R. Bloomberg.

A popular innovation is the Ambassador Speak series of lunchtime talks by ambassadors to Singapore. The most recent speaker was US Ambassador Franklin Lanvin.

Social evenings enable Club members to keep in touch. We have also organized goodwill mission to Sri Lanka, New Zealand, South Africa, Romania, Mauritius, India, the Philippines, Malaysia and China.

A programme of visits to local institution has been started. Changi Naval Base, the Port of Singapore Authority, the Singapore Mint, the Singapore Turf Club and Reuters news agency are among those visited under the programme.

The Club has set up a Clubhouse Building Fund committee to raise funds to establish a clubhouse which will serve as a focal meeting point for members.

Members are issued with a credit-card-style membership card that certifies their membership of the Club. They are also issued with a membership directory which is updated every year.

At present, there are over 500 active members, two-thirds of whom are regular members.

The Club is managed by a 15-member Management Committee elected every year.

## MEMBERSHIP

There are seven categories of membership: Regular, Associate, Corporate, Transient, Non-Resident, Honorary and Life. Eligibility to membership is confined to men and women whose qualifications meet the requirements of the Club viz:

### Regular Membership

Editorial and management staff members of newspapers, news agencies, news photo services, feature services, magazine, radio and television and resident freelance journalists whose main income is derived from the above media. Every member under this category must be resident in Singapore.

### Associate Membership

Those whose business or professional work involves close relationship with the field of journalism, including ex-journalists, public relation officers and information officers in Government ministries, statutory boards, the armed forces, foreign diplomatic missions, commercial firms and other establishments in Singapore, whose association with the Club will advance its objectives.

### Corporate Membership

The corporation that pays \$300 as entrance fee shall be known as "corporate member" and shall be entitled to all privileges granted to associate members. Corporate membership shall be held in the name of a person to be designated by the Corporate member and can be transferred at any time to another individual in the corporation as designated by the corporate member with the approval of the Management Committee.

### Transient Membership

This shall be limited to those who meet the qualification for either Regular or Associate membership but whose residence in Singapore is of temporary nature, in no case more than three months.

### Non-Residential Membership

Non-resident journalists who meet professional qualifications are eligible under this category. Club members who leave the country, upon application in writing before their departure, may be accorded Non-resident status. Upon proper notification to the Club, in writing, on their return, such members shall revert to their original Club status.

### Honorary Membership

With a unanimous vote of approval at a properly constituted meeting of the Management Committee, the Committee may invite any person who has contributed exemplary services to the Club to become an Honorary member of the Club.

### Life Membership

Any Regular or Associate member approved by the Management Committee may become Life member.

## FEES

Initiation fees shall be:

Regular	\$10
Associate	\$100
Corporate	\$300
Transient	\$10
Non-Resident	\$10

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Payable annually in advance at the following rate

Regular	\$30
Associate	\$100
Corporate	\$100
Transient	Nil
Non-Resident	\$20
Life(Regular)	\$400 one time
Life(Associate)	\$1,000 one time

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

a) Application for all categories of membership shall be made on a prescribed form and must be proposed and seconded by two members, at least one of whom shall be a Regular member.

b) Approval or rejection of membership shall be done only at a properly constituted meeting of the Management Committee by simple majority vote.

c) The Management Committee shall use its discretion to classify, reject or accept applications.

d) No reason shall be offered for any rejected applications.

e) The Management Committee shall have absolute discretion to reclassify the status of any member as and when it sees fit, and specifically in the event that the change of occupation contemplated in the third paragraph of Rule 4 b) occurs. The decision of the Management Committee embodied in the notice of reclassification of a member's status shall be final and conclusive. The question as to what constitutes a sufficient change of occupation contemplated in the third paragraph of Rule 4 b) shall be determined solely by the Management Committee. Upon any such reclassification of membership status, the Management Committee shall have discretion to offer such a person any appropriate membership as it deems fit.

**SINGAPORE PRESS CLUB**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

(PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK LETTERS)

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Name Mr/Mrs/Ms \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Designation \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Office address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Category of membership applied for: **Regular / Associate / Corporate**

Herewith one cheque for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ cheque no. \_\_\_\_\_

(being \$ \_\_\_\_\_ entrance fee and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ annual subscription).

Cheque should be made payable to: **Singapore Press Club**

I agree to abide by the Rules and Bye Laws of Singapore Press Club.

Signature of applicant and date

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_

Membership no. \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Membership no. \_\_\_\_\_

FOR OFFICIAL USE

Date of approval \_\_\_\_\_

Category \_\_\_\_\_

Subscription rate \_\_\_\_\_

Membership no. \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES**

a) All members shall have equal privileges in the Club. However, in the matter of voting and in the holding of an elective office on the Management Committee, only those Regular, Associate and Corporate members whose subscriptions are not in arrears for more than three months shall be entitled to attend and to vote at meetings and to be eligible to hold office on the Management Committee.

b) No member shall receive any emolument or profit from the funds of the Club or use the name of the Club for personal benefit or gain.

c) Each member may invite a guest or a group of guests to the Club but each guest must at all times be accompanied by the member.

d) Guests from overseas press clubs which reciprocate with our Club shall be granted guest privileges.

e) Members are subject to adherence to the Club Rules and Bye Laws and are fully responsible for the conduct of their guests.

Please send your application with payment by cheque to:

**Singapore Press Club**  
c/o FC Secretariat & Property Consultants  
50 East Coast Road  
#02-58 Roxy Square 1  
Singapore 428769  
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