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Appointment of Mr Chew Hock Yong as Chairman of Workforce Singapore, 16 Sep

- Mr Chew Hock Yong will succeed Mr Lim Ming Yan as Chairman of the Workforce Singapore (WSG) Board from 1 October 2022. Mr Chew will be retiring from his role as Permanent Secretary (Home Affairs Development), Ministry of Home Affairs, on 1 November 2022 after 31 years of public service.
- MOM and WSG would like to thank Mr Lim for his contributions since his appointment on 4 October 2016.

[For more details: <https://go.gov.sg/bf3s2k>]

1H 2022 National Workplace Safety and Health Report Press Release, 16 Sep

- The National Workplace Safety and Health Report for the first half of this year (1H 2022) was released today. There were 28 workplace fatalities in 1H 2022, bringing the 6-month fatality rate per 100,000 workers to 0.8. This is higher than in 2H 2021 (0.4) and 1H 2021 (0.7).
- To arrest the spate of fatalities, MOM introduced a series of new and targeted measures, and called for a six-month period of Heightened Safety from 1 September 2022 to 28 February 2023.
- We will press on with our efforts to uplift safety standards, and urge all stakeholders, from top management to supervisors, to workers and members of the public, to do their utmost to prevent further accidents from happening.

[For more details: <https://go.gov.sg/4fm9au>]

MoneySense Campaign to empower Singaporeans with knowledge and skills on financial and retirement planning, 14 Sep

- The MoneySense Campaign 2022, “Level Up Your Financial Health”, aims to empower Singaporeans with knowledge and concrete steps to take charge of their financial well-being and plan for their retirement.
- Singaporeans can embark on your financial planning journey with:
 - Free retirement planning workshops and one-to-one-financial health clinics
 - An enhanced Financial Health Check tool for customised recommendations on improving one’s financial health
 - Free-to-air educational programmes with tips on managing finances and planning for retirement
 - Financial education programmes including MyMoney@Campus, MyMoney@Public and World Investor Week
- The campaign will run till the end of November. For more information and handy tips on financial planning, visit www.moneysense.gov.sg

[For more details: <https://go.gov.sg/8p1qk3>]

Statement on Labour Market Developments in 1H 2022, 14 Sep

- As Singapore recovers from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the labour market continued to make significant improvements in 2Q 2022; with total employment reaching 99.5% of the pre-pandemic level in December 2019.
- Resident employment continued to rise, and was 4.2% above the pre-pandemic level in June 2022. Non-resident employment increased significantly following the relaxation of border restrictions in April 2022, but remained 10% below the pre-pandemic level.
- Unemployment rates remained low (overall: 2.1%, resident: 2.9%, citizen: 3.0%) and the resident long-term unemployment rate improved to 0.7%, comparable to the pre-pandemic average.
- Retrenchments also fell to a record low (990). As firms filled more positions, the number of job vacancies eased slightly (126,100).
- With the significant easing of Singapore’s COVID-19 restrictions, business activities in sectors which had been badly affected by the pandemic are recovering.
- To ensure that businesses grow sustainably and remain resilient, MOM encourages businesses to press on with transformation, increase labour productivity and diversify their non-resident workforce.
- Businesses should also strengthen their Singaporean core through reskilling and offering flexible work arrangements to tap on more workforce segments such as older workers and caregivers.

[For more details: <https://go.gov.sg/ic8ldz>]

Queries on Covid-related matters

- Refer to MOM’s FAQs: www.mom.gov.sg/covid-19/frequently-asked-questions
- For the latest COVID-19 updates, subscribe to MOM’s telegram channel: <https://t.me/s/sgministryofmanpower>
- For further advice, contact MOM here: www.mom.gov.sg/feedback

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