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Chemical Industry Rallies Together to Attract Future Talents

Singapore, 5 September 2009 – The chemical industry today rallied together to attract more than 600 students to visit Jurong Island for a unique Chemical Industry Experience, or ChemEx 2009.

As part of the event programme, the students, which hail from the Institute of Technical Education, the five polytechnics, National University of Singapore as well as Nanyang Technological University, were given a rare opportunity to visit several key places within Jurong Island, with the highlight being a visit to one of the many companies based on the island. This visit in particular provided the students with a greater insight on how the entire chemical industry supply chain has been intricately woven together on the island.

The event was graced by the Senior Minister of State for Education and Trade and Industry, Mr S Iswaran, who lauded the companies for stepping out to lend their support to an event such as ChemEx despite the current economic climate. Citing the resilience of the industry, he added that with the recovery of the economy in due time, the chemical industry would once again be poised for further growth and expansion.

ChemEx 2009 was successfully held for the second year running as part of the chemical industry's ongoing efforts to raise awareness amongst the tertiary students about the lucrative prospects of a career in the industry. It is an initiative of the Chemical Industry Manpower Advisory Committee (CHIMAC), an industry committee under the Singapore Chemical Industry Council. The event is also supported by the Economic Development Board, JTC Corporation, the Institute of Chemical and Engineering Sciences as well as the Chemical Process Technology Centre.

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