

SPWU Honours Ho Ching



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Singapore Port Workers' Union held a low key but meaningful tribute lunch for Temasek Holdings Chief Executive Officer Ho Ching at Furama Riverfront Hotel on 13 May 2009.

More than just the regular annual lunch sessions SPWU has been organising with her since 2004, this intimate event hosted only by SPWU union leaders, dubbed the "next generation of union leaders", was meant to facilitate the learning of economic issues affecting the workforce today as well as the exchange of information at a high level.

"We benefited greatly from Ms Ho Ching's excellent local, regional and global economic lessons. We also picked up some tips to improve productivity and enhance the employability of Singaporeans. We were also told that we are on the right track with bipartite and tripartite relationships," said SPWU Executive Secretary Ong Chin Ang.

"We had a very interactive conversation with her and found her to be a very down-



Clearly Inspired... SPWU leaders were all ears as Ms Ho Ching (fifth from left) spoke. From left: Executive Council Member Suhaimi Badar, Second Deputy General Secretary Danny Phua Cheow Huat, Executive Secretary Ong Chin Ang, General Secretary Ameer Hamzah, President Lam Yuen Shin, Assistant Executive Secretary Jessie Yeo, General Treasurer Ong Kuan Pheng, First Deputy General Secretary Pritam Singh, Consultant Lee Mun Hou and First Assistant General Secretary Arasu s/o Duraisamy.

to-earth and caring personality. Despite being CEO of multi-billion dollar organisation Temasek Holdings, Ms Ho Ching has a deep understanding of bread-and-butter issues that concern the man on the street. She puts across the present global downturn in a very simple way that everyone can easily understand. She advised us that, while it is important for workers

to have a long-term goal and objectives, it is also imperative that we are able to survive the short term," said SPWU First Deputy General Secretary Pritam Singh.

All in all, union leaders were full of praises for her humble and practical approach to managing the current employment situation.

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