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Design Business Chamber Singapore (DBCS), Singapore's premier multidisciplinary design business chamber wants to honour them as part of Singapore's 50th anniversary celebration of independence next year.

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Last year's inaugural launch of the SG Mark received overwhelming participation from both public and private sector organisations - including start-ups and SMEs. A total of 80 product submissions were received from 46 organisations - with 6 Platinum, 9 Gold award and 45 SG Mark winners. Most of the SG Mark winners have entered into the second Screening of the prestigious Taiwan's Golden Pin Awards and Japan's G Mark.

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Photo: Mr. Tai Lee Siang (second from left), President of Design Business Chamber Singapore signing the collaboration MOU with Mr. Mark Phoo (third from left), Principal of First Design Media School during the launch of SG50 Awards and SG Mark Awards 2015 at Marina Bay Sands. (photo: DBCS)

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Local business chamber to give regional marketing boost to homegrown designers

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SINGAPORE — The Design Business Chamber Singapore (DBCS) aims to help Singapore designers market their products and solutions in regional markets, as it continues to promote the awareness for good design among local companies and consumers.

These will be achieved through DBCS' Singapore Good Design Mark awards, which was inaugurated this year and received strong participation, the chamber's president Mr Tai Lee Siang said today (Sept 2) when speaking to reporters at the Build Eco Xpo.

"Among the 80 product submission, we awarded 6 platinum awards, 9 gold awards and 45 SG Mark winners. As part of our partnership with Taiwan's Golden Pin Awards and Japan's G Mark, many of these have entered their second screening," he said. "This marks our efforts to help market Singapore's designs and innovations to overseas."

Among this year's winners, Philips Design received a platinum award for the wireless lighting system HUE. The PUB also received a platinum award for Marina Barrage's design, which demonstrates effective urban water sustainability.

Moving forward, as part of the SG Mark, DBCS is working with the Workforce Development Agency over the next year to explore new industry-relevant workshops and initiatives targeted at design professionals. More details will be unveiled later.

Following this year's awards, SG Mark will return in 2015 with a focus on heritage brands.

"SG50 SG Mark will give recognition to home-grown design that have withstood the test of time and made an impact on our design heritage. The award is timely to showcase how design has contributed to building Singapore's brandname to be among the best in the world," Mr Tai said, adding that submission period will be open from now until Dec 31.



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The SG Mark hopes to educate the public about what is good design, and so enable them to purchase "intelligently", said Mr Tai.

It is given to products and services under three categories: lifestyle and personal (business to consumer); industry (business to business); and public services like education, research and medical.

Apart from aligning itself with globally recognised standards of the Japanese G Mark, the SG Mark is also aligning judging requirements with the Workforce Development Agency's (WDA) Creative Industries Workforce Skills Qualifications.

DBCS will be holding workshops for interested companies on these standards - such as sustainability, and whether a design contributes to the progress of society.

To foster design talent here, DBCS also signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) yesterday with private design school First Media Design School, which will see DBCS members getting tuition grants for design courses.

This is the fourth MOU inked with a design school so far, joining MOUs signed in March with the Management Development Institute of Singapore, Nanyang Polytechnic and Raffles College of Higher Education.

Submissions for both awards are open until Dec 31. Winners will be announced by March next year.

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