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***CRE Leadership in Customer Experience Transformation and Innovation  
for Customer Satisfaction & Loyalty Enhancement***  
**APCSC, Mercuri Urval, and Singapore Professional Executives Cooperative  
held International CRE & CSQS Roundtable in Singapore**

**Singapore – December 8, 2016** – Asia Pacific Customer Service Consortium (APCSC) held the Customer Relationship Excellence (CRE) & Customer Service Quality Standard (CSQS) Roundtable together with Mercuri Urval and supported by Singapore Professional Executives Cooperative. The CRE & CSQS Roundtable, with the theme of “CRE Leadership in Customer Experience Transformation and Innovation for Customer Satisfaction & Loyalty Enhancement”, has attracted C-level executives and directors from cross industries including entertainment, insurance, telecommunications, banking, retail, direct marketing, information technology, academy, financial, logistics, healthcare, e-commerce and media sectors from Singapore to explore innovation and shape leadership in Customer Relationship Excellence and Service Quality in order to elevate Service Standard in the industry.

After the warm welcome speech from Mr. Jason Chu, Chairman, APCSC and Dr. Jeannine Hertel, Chief Operating Officer, Singapore, Mercuri Urval, the following prestigious speakers and panelists also shared ideas about a wide range of topics and answered audience questions during the panel discussion:

- Mr. Jason Chu, Chairman, APCSC, International CRE Awards Panel of Judge
- Dr. Jeannine Hertel, Chief Operating Officer, Singapore, Mercuri Urval
- Mr. Alex Berruezo Farguell, Director and Chief of Staff, MetLife
- Mr. Keith Kee, Board of Director Member, Singapore Professional Executives Cooperative
- Mr. Kenneth Tan, Deputy General Manager, Tri-Net Logistics (Asia) Pte Ltd
- Mr. Luke Janssen, Founder and Executive Chairman, Tigerspike
- Mr. Alex Berruezo Farguell, Director and Chief of Staff, MetLife



Mr. Jason Chu, Chairman of APCSC in his presentation “CRE Leadership in Customer Experience Transformation and Innovation for Customer Satisfaction & Loyalty Enhancement” welcomed the delegates, “Our people aspire to be CRE Leaders like the athletes aspire to be the Olympic medalists. CRE Leadership engages and inspires employees to transform into the customer centric culture. The International CRE Awards program has helped inspire industry CRE best practices, propagated the innovations from different cultures, campaigned for corporate social environmental leadership, advocated digital social mobile engagement cross regions persistently, the future vision of CRE Leaders and the CRE consumers’ aspiration. **CRE Leadership is an Inspirational Journey!** Through each CRE Championship Journey, together, we continue the legacy of inspiration and innovation, to inspire and to be inspired by one another. Together, we share new insights of customer relationship among the CRE Community and promote new CRE icons and brands through our international partnership.”

“**CRE Leadership is an Inspirational Journey!** As responsible global leaders, CRE Leadership enlightens and inspires employees to come up with creativity and innovative solutions. The upcoming 15<sup>th</sup> International Customer Relationship Excellence (CRE) Awards, International CRE & CSQS Leadership Summit and the 6<sup>th</sup> HK International CRE Innovation Expo on June 15-16, 2017 will further expand this international platform among international CRE Leaders across diverse culture and industries.” Mr. Chu concluded, “On behalf of APCSC and the CRE Awards organizing committee, I pay tribute to you all for the determination in pursuit of Customer Relationship Excellence, and to Mercuri Urval on their CRE commitment and support for the CRE & CSQS Roundtable today.”

**Dr. Jeannine Hertel, Chief Operating Officer, Singapore, Mercuri Urval** welcomed the delegates, and in her presentation *“It’s all about people – achieving Customer Relationship Excellence hand in hand with Human Resources”* shared, “Being close to the customer and creating a unique experience which ties the customers closely to a company’s products and services is key to beat competition. While there is certainly not a single company who would not emphasize the importance of customer satisfaction, there are some that get it right and others that don’t. Why is that the case? The answer is very simple: it all comes down to people. Working closely with Human Resources and deploying the right methodologies for securing people decisions separates the good from the great. In a compact presentation we will focus on an enhanced understanding of the connection between customer perception and people capabilities.”

The **Certificate in Customer Service Management (CCSM)** (inclusive of CCSA, CCCM, CSCM) Certification Program will be organized in **Hong Kong on Dec 19-22 for CCSM and Dec 19-20 for CCSA respectively**. Aiming to prepare supervisors and managers to *become a world class leader with CRE disciplines and mindset*, the course is like an *intensive mini MBA course* covering advanced topics in **Customer Service Management** and **Customer Service Quality Standard (CSQS)** that enable the participants to increase their knowledge of the latest development of Customer Service and CRM in terms of technology and management best practices. The CCSM program is recognized by the **HKSAR Government under the Continue Education Fund (CEF)** program, the **Customer Service Institute of Australia (CSIA)**, and the **International Council of Customer Service Organizations (ICCSO)**. Many leading multinational firms have benefited in their people development through this course. The latest launched **CSQS version 14.0** will be used in this CCSM training.

Through the **International CRE & CSQS Roundtables**, APCSC invites market leaders to come together for best practices sharing on product and service innovation, CSR, CRM, customer experience management, knowledge management, Social media CRM with successful business cases and strategies, facilitate innovation in business operation, bring new opportunities for brand building and market development, create win-win-win to customers, staffs and employers.

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**Asia Pacific Customer Service Consortium (APCSC)                      [www.apcsc.com](http://www.apcsc.com)**

APCSC is founded with the belief of *“Excellent Customer Relationship is the only way to Sharpen your Competitive Edge!”* The goal of the Consortium is to promote service quality and customer relationship excellence in international cities across regions and to recognize and reward government bodies, companies, business units, teams, and individuals that have contributed to the success of both their customers and the organizations that they serve. Through the Customer Relationship Excellence Award, **APCSC promotes Customer Relationship Excellence as a core business value**.

**International and ASEAN Customer Relationship Excellence (CRE) Awards      [www.apcsc.com/creaward/index.asp](http://www.apcsc.com/creaward/index.asp)**

The Customer Relationship Excellent (CRE) Awards has recognized many industry leaders and professionals for their customer centric service innovation. The participants have come from more international cities and business sectors in both corporate and individual categories, all demonstrating their business successes, best practices and insights on CRE. With the introduction of the Customer Service Quality Standard (CSQS) as important CRE Awards judging criteria, the participants have been benefited greatly from the best practices and critical success factors from a world-class framework.

**Customer Service Quality Standard (CSQS)      [www.apcsc.com/csqsnet/index.asp](http://www.apcsc.com/csqsnet/index.asp)**

The CSQS has been developed jointly by the Asia Pacific Customer Service Consortium (APCSC) and the researchers at the University of Hong Kong (HKU), with industry support by the CSQS Committee Asia Pacific. It is the world class certification awarded to customer centric organizations, business units and centers that excel in customer relationship excellence. CSQS holds the most advanced and comprehensive key to providing a clear step-by-step roadmap for companies to reinforce their CRE strategies and the best customer services. It embraces and integrates the balanced scorecard (BSC) management system and the ISO9000 quality management to provide a world-class benchmark and framework with clear guidelines and roadmap to transform into a strategic customer-centric business.

**International CRE & CSQS Leadership Summit 2017 June 15-16      [www.apcsc.com/cresummit](http://www.apcsc.com/cresummit)**

The CRE & CSQS Leadership Summit is exhibiting and showcasing **WORLD-CLASS Leadership in Innovation, Strategy, KM, Customer Service, Social Media, Public Service and CRM strategy and best practices** by world class companies, subject experts, CRE Awards winners, CSQS Committee members, industry leaders and experts of the CRE Leadership Community. This 2-day interactive and content-rich summit provides an International Platform for CEO’s & CXO’s to dialog, exchanging, sharing exemplary customer success leadership and showcase global successes in Hong Kong, an international financial, business, logistic, tourism and trade center.

**HK International Customer Relationship Excellence & Innovation Expo 2017, June 15-16      [www.apcsc.com/expo/index.asp](http://www.apcsc.com/expo/index.asp)**

- **Digital, Social Monitoring, Mobile, Cloud & Big Data**
- **CRM, Contact Center, BPO, eCom & Internet Security**

**The HK International CRE Innovation Expo** is aiming at providing a cross industry platform for firms to “open up, communicate and collaborate,” to expand international markets, achieve collaboration, and showcase innovative solutions. In the Expo, focusing on above themes, outstanding firms from around the world display, share and build a prestigious community platform to cooperate and create more business opportunities. Senior leaders from government, organizations, enterprises, research leaders and professionals from different industries share frontier problems regarding present and future business model development, pay close attention to create CRE & Innovation, business ideas, global competitiveness and challenges.

**HK International Expo Innovation Awards 2017, June 15-16      [www.apcsc.com/expo/2016winners.asp](http://www.apcsc.com/expo/2016winners.asp)**

**The Expo Innovation Awards** is dedicated to Regional & International Exhibitors providing innovative products and services with excellent customer references in *Digital, Social Monitoring, Mobile and Big Data & Cloud, CRM, contact center, BPO, eCom and Internet Security*. The Expo Innovation Awards recognizes innovative products and services, strengthen the corporate brand in the industry, and develop a sustainable business development strategy in Asia-Pacific region. Firms are assessed through introduction of product or service, business case presentation, summary and write- up, customer reference and customer satisfaction assessment. All the winners are awarded a trophy and certification from **APCSC & HKCSC Expo Organizing Committee**.

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