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14 Sep SPH hosts a Networking Nite for local and international media at the Ministry of Sound as part of the Singapore 2006 International Monetary Fund and World Bank meetings.



22 Sep SPH once again takes top honours among non-electronics manufacturing companies as “Most Transparent Company” at the 7th SIAS Investors Choice Awards 2006. Goh Eng Yeow from The Straits Times, Nande Khin and Leslie Yee from The Business Times, and Suzane Quek from Lianhe Zaobao were also conferred awards for journalism.



20 Oct SPH launches the next generation of newsstands, Buzz Pods, at Singapore Post Centre and Hougang Point. In addition to newspapers and magazines, these sunny-orange kiosks stream music from Radio 91.3FM and Radio 100.3FM, and offer free breaking news headlines and information on promotions for download via Bluetooth as well as Wi-Fi connectivity for wireless surfing. Today, there are 16 Buzz Pods islandwide.



10 Nov SPH UnionWorks, which operates Radio 91.3FM and Radio 100.3FM officially moves from the Singapore Labour Foundation in Thomson Road to SPH's headquarters at News Centre, enhancing synergy between radio and print media.

29 Nov ChildAid, the charity concert jointly organised by The Straits Times and The Business Times, raises a record \$390,000 for two charities, The Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund and The Business Times Budding Artists Fund.

20 Dec SPH enters another new medium, delivering on-demand news clips on broadband TV through a partnership with M2B World. The new SPH News Channel compiles video content from The Straits Times, Stomp and AsiaOne, as well as international video news clips licensed from AP Digital, a division of news agency The Associated Press.

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9 Jan CEO Alan Chan with Gerd Finkbeiner, Chairman, executive board, MAN Roland Druckmaschinen AG, and Ulf Christer Edberg, MD, IDAB WAMAC International AB, at a signing ceremony for a \$48 million contract for new printing presses at Media Centre, Genting Lane.



18 Jan Chairman Dr Tony Tan, Deputy Chairman Prof Cham Tao Soon and CEO Alan Chan at the name unveiling of SPH's 43-storey upmarket condominium project Sky@eleven on its former Times Industrial Building site at Thomson Road. All 273 units were sold within 30 hours of its subsequent soft launch.

2 Feb SPH's online products clinches seven awards at the second Hitwise Online Performance Awards. The winners were AsiaOne and HardwareZone with three awards each, and zaobao.com with one award.



16 Mar The third season of SPH's Gift of Music series kicks off with a "Music & Magic" concert at the Republic Polytechnic Cultural Centre. The Singapore Symphony Orchestra, with Singaporean conductor Darrell Ang and violinist Selina Tang, performed to a full-house audience.

28 Mar SPH emerges the biggest winner in IFRA Asia's 6th Asia Media Awards with its haul of seven awards - one gold, four silvers, and two judges' special recognition awards in categories ranging from design to infographics. The awards recognise excellence among newspapers and magazines in Asia and the Middle East.

3 Apr SPH's outdoor advertising subsidiary SPH MediaBoxOffice enters into a deal with CapitaLand Retail to install 100 of its 42-inch digital screens in 10 malls around the island, starting this month. Placed at lift lobbies, escalator landings, customer service counters and other strategic locations, the screens deliver advertising as well as feature the latest news from The Straits Times and AsiaOne.



22 May SPH's 8th Red Apple Day, jointly organised with Beatty Secondary School for the first time, attracts 335 blood donors to its headquarters at News Centre. CEO Alan Chan and Beatty principal Boo Hian Kok were among the donors at the six-hour blood donation drive.

15 Jun SPH sponsors the Asian premiere of *PLAY! A Video Game Symphony*, a concert that is part of the Singapore Arts Festival. Playing the music and making its debut was the newly formed Singapore Festival Orchestra, conducted by Grammy Award-winning virtuoso Arnie Roth. Featuring music from cult computer games like *World of Warcraft*, *Halo* and *Final Fantasy*, tickets to the three performances on June 15 and 16 were sold out.



31 Jul SPH and the National Library Board (NLB) sign a landmark agreement to digitise the 1.5 million pages, or 162 years, of back issues of *The Straits Times*. The deal, believed to be the first in the world between a newspaper publisher and a library, will make available the entire contents of *The Straits Times*, from its first edition in July 1845, in digital format on computers at all NLB libraries from the second half of 2008.



16 Aug Chairman Dr Tony Tan hands SPH's donation cheque of \$200,000 to National Council of Social Service President Kwek Siew Jin and Chairman of Community Chest Jennie Chua. The donation supports 20 charity programmes that help the disabled to lead more independent lives, including giving them a shot at employment.

29 Aug SPH presents the local premiere of acclaimed movie, *Arctic Tale*, at Golden Village Vivo City to help spread the message about the threat of global warming. The screening was attended by close to 1,000 staff and business partners. At the event, the SPH Foundation donated \$120,000 to the Wildlife Conservation Singapore Fund in support of Singapore Zoo's wildlife conservation programmes.