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More than just a headquarters to the X-Inc group of companies, which has been in the food business since the 1930s, it is the realisation of X-Inc's dream of a greater and better food industry where innovations and collaborations abound.

The six-storey, 22,000-square metre building at 218 Pandan Loop was opened by Minister of Trade and Industry Gan Kim Yong today.

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Built at a cost of S\$65 million, it aims to be an innovative culinary hub where avid food dreamers can co-work, co-create and co-lab in the wide range of facilities – from demo and commercial kitchens to presentation and event space. It's about the germination of ideas and dreams to foster collaboration and reduce overheads through shared common resources.

And when it's time to take the creations further, XPACE can provide food safety consultancy for Singapore Food Agency (SFA) certification and submission.

The Food Bank Singapore, Garrett Popcorn Shops and The Ice Cream Cookie & Co are among the new tenants with more in the specialty packaged food segment expected to make XPACE their home soon.

Collaborations at XPACE

Prior to its official opening, XPACE has already shown how different food players can team up to leverage each other's strengths to create unique products. X-Inc has worked with Jill's Sausages to create a sustainable ham with no preservatives, made with off-cuts of meat and vegetables. It has also partnered with The Ice Cream Cookie & Co to pay homage to local flavours by creating the XPACE Xandwich – a pandan ice cream with charcoal gula melaka cookies.

"XPACE was created to be a haven for liked-minded passionate food people to explore ideas, cook, prepare, work, store, discuss, collaborate, innovate, and experiment. It's the culmination of our dream and the start of many more to come. We are thrilled to pave the way for a new generation of collaboration that will hopefully result in a bigger and better food industry in Singapore," said Nichol Ng, CEO of X-Inc Pte Ltd.

More launches to come

As part of its grand opening celebration, X-Inc will be launching several initiatives next week.