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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Chairman of the MND Family Volunteer and Alumni Network, Senior Minister of State for Home Affairs and National Development Desmond Lee (rightmost) with volunteers involved in "Project Breaking Barriers", a refurbishment project to improve the accessibility of Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home as part of Singapore Universal Design Week 2016.

Image: Building and Construction Authority

Dear Friends of the MND Family,

2016 is coming to a close. Once again, thank you for another great year of working together on many meaningful projects! Personally, I have enjoyed working with many of you on various programmes, such as the Car-Free Sunday SG pilot editions, Friends of the Parks, The Ubin Project and Project ADORE (ADOOption and REhoming of dogs), just to name a few. In all of these, we have worked closely together, in partnership with our citizens and communities, to make Singapore our endearing home.

This past year, I am most heartened to see many of you step up and take the lead in outreach events, sharing with fellow Singaporeans about causes that we care about and the projects that help to advance these causes. The tremendous success of community-driven events such as Pesta Ubin, HDB Community Week, Festival of Biodiversity and PARK(ing) Day are largely due to the effort and contributions of our passionate volunteers and partners.

We have also been trying out new platforms to support promising ground-up projects and community-led initiatives. Inaugural hackathon workshops and competitions, like HDB's Cool Ideas Hack and the Climate Innovation Challenge, offered resources and opportunities for citizens to explore the immense potential of harnessing data and technology to improve our lives and our environment. Through these and other platforms, we hope to inspire and enable more Singaporeans to step out and play an active part in shaping the kind of future that we would like to see for Singapore.

As MND Family volunteers and partners, you have generously shared your passion, time and effort with us to advance many areas of our work and shared causes. Whether it is building active and cohesive heartland communities, protecting our natural and built heritage, enhancing standards in industries or making our public spaces more vibrant and inclusive, we have accomplished so much more together, and certainly much more than we can ever do alone.

I look forward to continuing this exciting journey of partnership with you towards building a better Singapore together.

Yours sincerely,

Desmond Lee
 Senior Minister of State for Home Affairs and National Development
 Chairman of the MND Family Volunteer and Alumni Network



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Heritage, Alive!

Dr Chua Ai Lin, President of the Singapore Heritage Society, on working with community and agency partners to keep Singapore's heritage alive



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I wish more people would realise that conservation is not a case of 'heritage versus development'. Rather, it is about maintaining continuity with the past, right here in the present.

Dr Chua Ai Lin
President, Singapore Heritage Society

Dr Chua Ai Lin started learning more about Singapore's history after returning from her overseas studies, when she joined the National Archives of Singapore and the Singapore Heritage Society in 1996. Dr Chua's fascination with Singapore's history and heritage continued to grow, and 20 years on the youngest President of the Singapore Heritage Society partners with multiple government agencies and community groups through platforms such as the Bukit Brown Working Group and Friends of Ubin Network to advise and raise awareness about Singapore's history and cultural heritage.

How did you first get involved in Singapore's history and heritage?

I majored in History at university, but it was in European History and I didn't know much about Singapore's history apart from the little that I remembered from school. When I graduated, I started working at the National Archives of Singapore and also joined the Singapore Heritage Society (SHS), attending many talks and heritage walking tours. That's how I discovered rich and complex layers and dimensions to Singapore's history which I never knew about before!

History and heritage – what is the difference?

History is an academic study of the past; heritage is what we call a 'living presence of the past'. It's not something distant that you only read about in the library. Rather, heritage comprises both tangible and intangible elements of the past that continue to exist in our environment and everyday lives.

What does Singapore Heritage Society do and how has this evolved over time?

We advance viewpoints on heritage issues in Singapore, as well as conduct research and public education to raise awareness around pertinent questions about Singapore's history and heritage.

SHS's activities used to revolve around traditional formats like talks, tours, publications and exhibitions. Now, we are experimenting with new ways for people to have a more engaging learning experience through creative mediums such as photography, participatory design and theatre. Our partners include [Invisible Photographer Asia](#), [Participate in Design](#) and [DramaBox](#).

I have also observed a lot more effort in recent years to engage the public, communities and stakeholders on policy issues. Beyond basic engagement, the government is exploring co-creation with citizens. So the whole landscape is very different today from how it was in the past.



Image: Chua Ai Lin

At Ubin Day 2016, the Singapore Heritage Society's booth featured a photo exhibition inspired by Ubin residents entitled '[The Island of Everlasting Utility](#)' by Clarice Lee (second from left, standing). Clarice was awarded the inaugural SHS Photo Mentorship Grant with Invisible Photographer Asia.

Please share about working with diverse stakeholders on Bukit Brown.

On Bukit Brown, SHS was initially involved in an advisory committee set up by URA to document the graves which would be exhumed to build the new highway through Bukit Brown. That project has since been completed, and we are now part of MND's Bukit Brown Working Group. The Working Group provides a platform for relevant agencies and community groups to discuss Bukit Brown issues and propose recommendations. The concerns and positions of various parties may differ, but MND helps to play a facilitating role in overseeing various dimensions of the issue.

What do you do as part of the Bukit Brown Working Group?

We bring two kinds of knowledge to the Working Group: firstly, on-the-ground knowledge that enables us to highlight historically-significant elements and make recommendations on artefacts along Bukit Brown that should be saved. Secondly, we bring expertise in conservation best practices. For example, the old Bukit Brown cast iron main gates were so run-down that it was initially thought they could not be salvaged. But we were able to introduce a metal specialist who advised on the removal, transfer and restoration of the gates to its present day location.

What do you make of public interest in local history and heritage?

Interest in Singapore's history has surged, especially since the Singapore Memory Project started in 2008. Many SG50 projects last year also prompted Singaporeans to reflect on our history beyond just studying the subject in school.

I'm glad more people are taking an active interest in local heritage. For example, when the group All Things Bukit Brown began self-organising several years ago, many of its members had no previous background in history and heritage activities. But they were so intrigued and passionate about it that they have gone to great lengths to educate themselves, and then others via tours, talks, exhibitions and books.



Image: Beth Uding

Dr Chua at Bukit Brown with students from Yale-NUS College.



Image: Chua Ai Lin

The old Bukit Brown gates being removed for restoration.

Tell us about some ongoing projects.

Our current focus for Bukit Brown with MND's Bukit Brown Working Group is on improving the visitor experience and accessibility through self-guided trails. This could include maps, proper signage, mobile applications and even facilities like sheltered rest points and washrooms.

We have also commenced a major study on historic places of worship in Telok Ayer, Tanjong Pagar and Tanjong Malang. We hope this project will contribute to a shift in conservation paradigm, beyond isolated sites to looking at whole historic urban landscapes and their many layers of social and cultural connections.

How can people start getting involved in Singapore's heritage?

The first step is to just learn! There are

plenty of opportunities available to find out about our history and heritage – talks, walking tours, exhibitions and online resources. Get yourself plugged in and you will find that there is so much more to Singapore than meets the eye. SHS has an active Facebook page updated daily with links to heritage news and articles at www.facebook.com/sgheritage

Your vision for heritage conservation in Singapore?

I wish more people would realise that conservation is not a case of 'heritage versus development'. Rather, it is about maintaining continuity with the past, right here in the present. This appreciation would give Singaporeans a different sense of ourselves, our home and our identity as a nation.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

A taste of the farmer's life

Master Grower Sylvia Chua finds a sense of fulfilment in sharing her knowledge on growing edible plants with other community gardeners.



Master Grower training helped me appreciate the amount of effort by farmers in growing crops and gave me the chance to taste freshly harvested fruits and vegetables.

Sylvia Chua
Volunteer Leader, Master Grower programme

From growing plants along the corridor outside her home since her primary school days, Sylvia Chua's love for gardening prompted her to participate in Marine Crescentville community garden's "Adopt a Plot" scheme. Today, Sylvia is a volunteer leader in the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority's Master Grower programme where she helps budding gardeners learn how to grow edible plants.

How did you get involved in the Marine Crescentville community garden?

In the past I only grew plants along the corridor outside my home. The

Marine Crescentville community garden has been there for about 14 years, and I used to walk by occasionally. One day in 2014, I happened to see a notice about the "Adopt a Plot" scheme which had just started in the garden, and I signed up.

Participating in the community garden, with a supportive network of other gardeners, has given me new insights and endless opportunities to try out many varieties of seeds which I never thought I could grow. Some plants, which were impossible to grow upstairs, are able to thrive in the garden due to exposure to full sunlight and the open environment. It's simply an amazing world out there!

What edibles do you grow there?

In these two years, I have grown common local vegetables like kangkong, cai xin, Chinese spinach, different types of lettuces, coriander, and more. I have also managed to grow wild rocket, kale, Swiss chard, New Zealand spinach, watercress, French bean, cherry tomatoes, red pak choi, Okinawa bitter melon, Korean "chamoe" melon, Japanese cucumber, butternut squash, and so many more!

I enjoy exploring how different plants grow, so I am always on the lookout for new types of seeds to try.

Left to Right:

Organic peanut plant, eggplant, and Sylvia (leftmost in photo) helping out at a Master Grower harvesting session.



What motivated you to join the Master Grower programme?

Prior to this, I had neither any training nor much knowledge about planting except from reading up from books or the Internet. Most of the time, I learnt through trial and error. The Master Grower programme is a great way for me to increase my knowledge about growing plants, especially edible plants, and also share what I have learnt with others. The experience is totally different from merely reading about it from a book!

Please share more about your role as a Master Grower.

I try my best to impart the knowledge that I have gained with people who are keen to learn about growing edibles. We conduct group tours in our community garden, for Master Grower participants as well as children from the nearby schools and kindergartens, to introduce the various types of edibles we grow. The children are fascinated when they learn that the edibles they eat are actually grown on the ground before they reach the supermarket shelves!

I have conducted seed sowing sessions and lessons on propagating simple herbs. I am also helping to set up an edibles section in a school garden as part of the Science syllabus for the students. In future, I hope to share more about growing edibles with the school teachers and students.

What do you enjoy about being a volunteer leader?

There is a sense of fulfilment in meeting new like-minded people and exchanging knowledge with others. I also enjoy learning and improving myself to be better equipped to teach others. I feel joy and satisfaction when someone tells me that they finally got something to grow despite previous failed attempts.

What do you wish more Singaporeans knew about edibles?

I wish people were more aware and appreciative of the amount of effort involved in growing our food and for them to eventually reach our meal tables. We



Sylvia at the community garden demonstrating how to sow seeds.



Marine Crescentville community gardeners harvesting vegetables to share with seniors at the nearby Foo Hai Elderly Lodge.

should not take for granted that our food will always be safe, fresh and readily available. Master Grower training helped me appreciate the amount of effort by farmers in growing crops and gave me the chance to taste freshly harvested fruits and vegetables. I discovered that cucumbers can actually be sweet!

Any tips for budding edibles gardeners?

I have three words for them: Tender Loving Care. For a plant to grow from seed to maturity, it needs all the care and commitment that you can give. Edible plants in particular cannot be neglected and need close attention

to grow well. Do not be discouraged by failures – try, and try again. To my friends who tell me they have a “black thumb”, I suggest for them to start by growing spring onions. One of my friends told me “I will never buy another spring onion again after tasting my own homegrown ones!” So start with something simple, then take the next step forward.

Follow the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority Facebook page at www.facebook.com/avasg for updates on the Master Grower programme.

Images courtesy of Sylvia Chua.

PROGRAMME (HDB)

Training youth to be Heartland Ambassadors

Fun-filled, experiential workshops equip students with knowledge on gracious and responsible heartland living as well as skills to engage residents.



64 HDB Heartland Ambassadors from 5 secondary schools attended the training workshop on 6 Sep 2016.

The school hall of Swiss Cottage Secondary School was abuzz with activity on 6 September 2016 as 64 students from Clementi Town Secondary School, Northland Secondary School, Shuqun Secondary School, Swiss Cottage Secondary School and Springfield Secondary School participated in a training session as part of the Housing & Development Board's Heartland Ambassadors Programme.

Through a fun-filled experiential workshop, the students learned about factors that contribute to a harmonious and responsible heartland community. They also picked up practical tips for engaging residents as Heartland



Through role playing activities, Heartland Ambassadors learn how to address real life scenarios they might encounter when engaging residents.

Ambassadors through interactive games, and role playing activities. At the end of the workshop, the Heartland Ambassadors were equipped with new skills and knowledge for addressing various scenarios that they might encounter while interacting with residents

Training workshops are part of the Learn-Serve-Initiate cycle of HDB's Heartland Ambassador Programme. After participating in the training workshop, Heartland Ambassadors proceed to serve the community by sharing their knowledge through outreach platforms such as block visits and other community events. Heartland Ambassadors are also encouraged to initiate their own projects for the community.



Advanced Heartland Ambassadors (in red t-shirts) taking the lead in guiding the younger students.

Learn

Students learn new knowledge on responsible heartland living, neighbourliness and eco-friendliness



Serve

Students serve the community by sharing knowledge on community platforms such as HAV.U* Visits and demonstrations



Initiate

Students initiate sharing of the messages to a wider community through more HAV.U Visits and demonstrations. Students are also highly encouraged to initiate new activities from the knowledge acquired



* HAV.U stands for **Heartland Ambassadors Visiting U**
 Images courtesy of the Housing & Development Board

About the Heartland Ambassador Programme

HDB's Heartland Ambassador Programme is specially designed for the young and youth in becoming champions for gracious and responsible heartland living. All primary, secondary and post-secondary students are welcome to join. For more information, do send an email to youthoutreach@mailbox.hdb.gov.sg.

PROGRAMME (NPARKS)

Festival of Biodiversity 2016

NParks and the Biodiversity Roundtable come together for the annual celebration of Singapore's biodiversity and conservation efforts.



(From right) Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam; Chairman of Mandai Safari Park Holdings, Mr S. Dhanabalan; Senior Minister of State for Home Affairs and National Development, Mr Desmond Lee; and NParks National Biodiversity Centre Group Director Dr Lena Chan visiting the Festival booths.

A Celebration of our Natural Heritage

“What biodiversity could we possibly have in this small island of ours?” Senior Minister of State for National Development, Mr Desmond Lee, quipped in his opening address at the launch of the annual Festival of Biodiversity held on 3 - 4 September 2016 at the Singapore Botanic Gardens, Eco Lake Lawn.

Plenty, in fact! As Mr Lee went on to share, we live in a biophilic city with over 10 different ecosystems and over 40,000 species of flora and fauna. Singapore's local native biodiversity is significant, and so is our role in the global ecosystem and ecology. For instance, Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve serves as an important sanctuary for birds that traverse the thousands of kilometres along the East Asian Australasian Flyway during their annual migration.

A Celebration of Conservation Efforts

The Festival of Biodiversity 2016 was organised by the National Parks Board (NParks) in collaboration with the Biodiversity Roundtable. Nature groups got together to showcase their efforts in conserving biodiversity in Singapore through exhibitions, information booths as well as free arts and craft workshops for children.



Some of the Festival's young visitors learning how to play a part in protecting the environment and conserving our natural heritage.

The Biodiversity Roundtable is an initiative spearheaded by the National University of Singapore and NParks

to bring members of the natural history community together for discussions on biodiversity conservation issues. The annual Festival of Biodiversity aims to create awareness about Singapore's biodiversity, encourage everyone to play a part in conserving our biodiversity, and promote various conservation programmes.

A Celebration of Partnerships

Since the announcement of the Nature Conservation Master Plan at the Festival of Biodiversity last year, NParks has identified 46 species of flora and fauna for species recovery efforts, with priority given to threatened endemic species, critically endangered species only found in one location and rediscovered species previously thought to be extinct.

NParks will continue working closely with partners and communities on various programmes to conserve and recover these target species and safeguard against their extinction. Previous successes in species recovery efforts include the native Oriental Pied Hornbill once thought to be extinct in Singapore and the critically endangered Singapore Freshwater Crab, which is endemic to Singapore, meaning that it is not found anywhere else in the world.

Singapore's biodiversity conservation successes could not have been achieved without active and comprehensive conservation efforts as well as close partnerships with many passionate volunteers from nature groups, researchers and the wider community.

If you would like to play a part in supporting and promoting the care of Singapore's natural heritage, sign up as a Conservation Volunteer with NParks at www.nparks.gov.sg/contribute/volunteer

Images courtesy of National Parks Board.



31 school and nature groups showcased their conservation efforts and engaged visitors on various aspects of Singapore's biodiversity.



The Singapore Hornbill Project, a collaboration between NParks, Wildlife Reserves Singapore and the Singapore Avian Conservation Project since 2004, has helped bring the Oriental Pied Hornbill (pictured here) to healthier population numbers today.

PARTNERSHIP (CEA)

Inspiring confidence through industry partnerships

Strong support from industry partners enables CEA to better reach out to consumers and raise professionalism in the real estate agency sector.

Property transactions are major decisions for most Singaporeans, and likely to be our most significant financial commitment. The Council for Estate Agencies (CEA) was set up in 2010 to help safeguard consumer interests and enhance professionalism in the real estate agency industry.

To achieve this, CEA works closely with members from the industry including Key Executive Officers (KEOs), who are appointed representatives of each licensed property agency. KEOs are responsible for the proper administration and management of the business and supervision of its agents.

One such partner is Mr Christopher Koh, KEO of property agency Chris International. A strong advocate of empowering consumers to make sound property decisions, Mr Koh lends his expertise as a speaker at consumer seminars to help people understand what to look out for when selling, buying, or leasing properties. Such seminars also enable consumers to better understand the roles of real estate agents in property transactions.

Recalling a seminar when a man was unhappy that his agent did not help him in collecting late rent payments from tenants or handling repairs of faulty appliances, Mr Koh shared, "Only after the session did everyone understand that these are not part of an agent's role. They also learnt that they could separately engage a managing agent for a fee if they did not want to manage their property themselves."

Mr Koh believes in the importance of enhancing the standards of professionalism and service. In the current business environment of rising consumer expectations and easy access to property



Image: Council for Estate Agencies

Mr Christopher Koh, Key Executive Officer of Chris International (standing) leading discussions with other industry partners in CEA's recent Business Process Re-engineering initiative.

information online, the industry veteran advises agents to be more than just a broker in property transactions. They should also be professional in property marketing, advising and helping clients to resolve problems pertaining to the property transaction.

Shared Mr Koh, "Being professional is one thing but turning your clients into friends is even harder. Only when your clients treat you as a friend will they recommend future business your way."

All property agents are required to attend Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses to renew their registration. As a CPD course trainer at the Institute of Estate Agents and other real estate agencies, Mr Koh conducts courses on professional ethics in real estate work and property transaction procedures.

"My goal when conducting CPD classes is for participants to walk away with valuable lessons from case studies and my 24 years of real estate experience," said Mr Koh.

Mr Koh also serves as a volunteer member of CEA's Disciplinary Committee. The Committee hears cases of professional misconduct and determines disciplinary actions to be meted out against agents who have breached professional guidelines.

In 2016, Mr Koh and other industry partners were involved in CEA's Business Process Re-engineering initiative. Mr Koh led discussions on process-related challenges the industry faced when working with CEA. Feedback from the sessions will be useful for CEA to streamline workflows and improve customers' experiences.

The strong partnerships that CEA has forged with industry professionals like Mr Koh to raise service and ethical standards in the industry have inspired greater consumer confidence. According to CEA's [2015 Public Perception Survey](#), about eight in 10 consumers were satisfied with the services provided by their property agents.

PARTNERSHIP (BCA)

Project Breaking Barriers

Breaking down accessibility barriers for residents of Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home.



Senior Minister of State Desmond Lee with built environment industry partners who joined BCA and student volunteers in support of Project Breaking Barriers.



Senior Minister of State Desmond Lee meeting with residents of Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home during a physiotherapy session.



A new sheltered drop off point for ambulances and other vehicles to transport residents more easily, rain or shine.

As part of Singapore Universal Design Week held from 27 to 30 July 2016, the Building and Construction Authority (BCA), built environment industry partners and student volunteers came together to refurbish Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home. Refurbishments done include a retractable roof shelter for the pavilion, a more spacious activity area for residents and revamped washrooms with elderly-friendly features such as shower cubicles with seats.

Industry partners contributed over \$350,000 worth of cash and in-kind donations to support the project. Student volunteers from the BCA Academy, Institute of Technical Education, National University of Singapore and Singapore Polytechnic also lent their hands to the project, assisting with simple refurbishment work and general cleaning of the Home.

With generous support from all involved, Project Breaking Barriers helped create a safer and more convenient environment for both the Home's residents and caregivers, to enhance the residents' well-being and promote greater independence in their daily living.

For more information on Project Breaking Barriers, read the full media release [here](#).

Images courtesy of Building and Construction Authority.

IN THE NEWS



Image: HDB

Image: CEA

New Chairman of HDB Board Mr Bobby Chin (left) and President of CEA Council Mr Quek See Tiat (right).

New Chairman of HDB Board and President of CEA Council appointed

Mr James Koh retired as Chairman of the Housing & Development (HDB) Board on 30 September 2016 after serving on the HDB Board for 11 years. He is succeeded by Mr Bobby Chin, Chairman of NTUC Fairprice Co-operative Ltd, who previously served as Chairman of the Urban Redevelopment Authority. The Council for Estate Agencies (CEA) also appointed a new President on 22 October 2016, following Mr Greg Seow's retirement from the Council after serving as its first President since CEA was formed in 2010. He is succeeded by Mr Quek See Tiat, who was previously Chairman of the Building and Construction Authority. Read the full press releases [here](#).



The team from DP Architects at their prototype bus stop designed to make waiting for the bus more enjoyable.

Project Bus Stop – Making waiting fun

A group of young architects came up with a design idea for a bus stop to “make waiting fun”. Re-imagining the bus stop as not just a functional space but also a social one, the team worked closely with URA and other agencies to create a prototype of such a bus stop at Jurong East Central. The experiential bus stop offers free Wi-Fi, mobile phone charging points and interactive smart boards providing content and services like bus arrival timings, journey planner and e-books. Other features include a green roof and solar panels, bicycle parking spaces, artwork by local illustrator Lee Xin Li and even a swing! The project is supported by URA's Our Favourite Place scheme, which supports individuals and groups with ideas to activate and enliven our public spaces. Find out more about the scheme [here](#).



Image: Gardens by the Bay

Volunteers helping out as storytellers during the annual Gardens by the Bay Mid-Autumn Festival celebrations.

Lighting up the night with lanterns

58 Gardens by the Bay volunteers lent their helping hands to the Mid-Autumn Festival celebrations held at various parts of the Gardens on 4 - 17 September 2016. Volunteer guides led lantern-toting visitors on walks through 10 giant lantern sets on display around the brilliantly-lit Gardens. The lantern sets portrayed well-loved Asian tales of the moon including “The Ten Suns”, a tale of the archer Hou Yi, husband of the Moon Goddess Chang Er. At the Supertree Grove, volunteers helped out as craft booth assistants and storytellers for children to enjoy various Mid-Autumn Festival themed activities set up in the area. Find out more about volunteering with Gardens by the Bay [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS & CONTESTS

NParks' Parks Festival

The NParks' Parks Festival – Parks for Everyone is taking place at Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park this November! Look forward to a fun-filled weekend of programmes and activities all at one location:

- * *Arts & Gardening Bazaar*
- * *Talks and Workshops*
- * *Nature Surveys and Guided Tours*
- * *Sports & Wellness activities*
- * *Fun fringe activities and games*
- * *Delectable F&B offerings*
- * *The fourth instalment of the popular NParks Concert Series in the Park: Rockestra™ featuring Olivia Ong, Jive Talkin', The JumpStart, Shirlyn & The UnXpected, Ciao Turtle and Supersonic!*



Image: National Parks Board

19 & 20 November 2016 (Sat & Sun)

9.30 am – 5.00 pm

Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park (River Plains)

Free Admission

Visit [this website](#) for more information.

Families for Nature

Take part in the National Parks Board's new Community in Nature (CIN) initiative, "Families for Nature" with your family to experience nature and learn more about Singapore's biodiversity through activities organised throughout the year.

Participate in 4 all types of activities - Nature Adventurer, Wildlife Guardian, CIN Ambassador, and SGBioAtlas Contributor - to collect unique stamps and puzzle pieces that will form a map featuring Singapore's amazingly rich biodiversity!

Find out more about this CIN initiative at [this website](#).



Good Neighbour Award 2017 - Call for Nominations



Good Neighbour AWARD 2017



Scan for more details

Do you know a neighbour with a big heart whom you can always count on? Or one who goes the extra mile to make a newcomer feel right at home? Don't miss this chance to show your appreciation! Nominate him/ her for the Good Neighbour Award 2017 today.

To nominate your neighbour, visit www.hdb.gov.sg/gna or call 1800-866-3079 (Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 6:00pm). Nomination forms are also available at HDB branches, community clubs, RC centres, libraries and HDB shopping malls.



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