

**Our Vision:** Home With A Heart

**Our Mission:** Building a safe, inclusive, sustainable and vibrant Town



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# TOGETHER, OUR NEE SOON SPIRIT

Stories that will inspire you this National Day



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# CELEBRATING INCLUSIVENESS

## M Dhinakaran

Healthcare Assistant, Ancillary Care  
Khoo Teck Puat Hospital  
Resident of Nee Soon

M Dhinakaran is a healthcare assistant in the Ancillary Care Department at Khoo Teck Puat Hospital. From a young age, seeing seniors live alone and in need of medical care led him to a career in healthcare. Although being a healthcare worker is not easy, Dhinakaran attributes his motivation to his patients: "Knowing that I can be an instrument to bring healing to the wounded gives me the motivation to stay on and give my best to them in whatever way I can." He believes that with passion, he can overcome any challenges. Through his work, he is learning to better understand each patient's emotions and thoughts. The key, he says, is to identify their needs and empathise with them.



## Nuraini Bte Mamon

Nurse Manager, Inpatient Wards  
Khoo Teck Puat Hospital  
Resident of Nee Soon

Nuraini Bte Mamon is a nurse manager in charge of a general ward at Khoo Teck Puat Hospital. Nursing has taught her how to see a person beyond his/her illness. While she has the clinical knowledge to offer the best treatment and care to her patients, she also has to be cognisant of their background, culture, needs, values and beliefs. Nuraini also finds joy in coaching and mentoring new nurses, and seeing them thrive in their job. Sometimes nurses are sole companions to patients in their last days. "I was providing end-of-life care for an elderly destitute man... I held the patient's hand as he was drawing his last breaths. I hope that my presence during the patient's last moments brought him peace and comfort," Nuraini said. During the pandemic, she and other nurses from the general wards had to adapt to rapidly changing protocols. She hopes that the public can show understanding and empathy towards healthcare workers.



## Mdm Cheow Tee

Part-Time Cleaner, Nee Soon East  
Nee Soon Town Council  
Resident of Nee Soon

Mdm Cheow Tee has been a part-time cleaner with Nee Soon Town Council (Nee Soon East) for 17 years. Always wearing a smile, she is a familiar and well-liked face among residents. After retirement and the passing of her husband, Mdm Cheow Tee joined the Town Council to keep both her mind and body energetic and fit. Being a part-time cleaner is meaningful to her and gives her flexibility to earn an income while having time for herself. Since the pandemic started, there has been an increase in mask litter in the neighbourhood. "This is an irresponsible and unhygienic act. It dirties the area, inconveniences neighbours, and creates additional work for the cleaners," Mdm Cheow Tee said. She seeks everyone's cooperation to dispose of waste properly to make the estate a better environment for everyone.



## Dr Ooi Say Tat

Senior Consultant, General Medicine  
Khoo Teck Puat Hospital

Dr Ooi Say Tat is a senior consultant in general medicine at Khoo Teck Puat Hospital. When he was young, he was frequently ill and has always felt better after consultations with doctors and nurses. Since then, he always had admiration for healthcare workers, which steered him towards his career path. Medicine is both science and art to Dr Ooi, as every patient is different and caring for them requires a personal touch on top of the right course of treatment. Being in a small team, he and his team members were hit hard with COVID-19 cases, especially in April last year. Fortunately, they received help from his colleagues from other divisions and departments, as well as support and encouragement from the community, such as food, drinks, and cards with well-wishes. "It was very heartwarming to see people helping and appreciating each other in the face of a pandemic," Dr Ooi said.



## Hossan Mohammad Saddam

Cleaner, Nee Soon Link  
Nee Soon Town Council

Hossan Mohammad Saddam has been working with Nee Soon Town Council since he was 19 years old. After completing school in India, he signed up with an agency to work under a conservancy company in Singapore so he can provide a better future for himself and his family. Like many other migrant workers, he had to part with his family and friends back home. Although he misses them, he remains optimistic and thankful. On his off days, he enjoys sightseeing around Singapore with his friends. Some of his favourite places are Sentosa and Marina Bay Sands. Hossan, alongside two fellow town council cleaners, was recognised at Our Nee Soon Hero Recognition Award Ceremony on 20 February 2021 for his bravery in saving two residents from a house fire in Nee Soon Link. He said: "I did not think about whether I would be injured in the process. The only thing on my mind was that I should try to save their lives."



## Kamat Bin Taib

Part-Time Cleaner, Nee Soon Central  
Nee Soon Town Council

Kamat Bin Taib is a friendly, part-time cleaner who has been working with Nee Soon Town Council (Nee Soon Central) for about five years. All four of Kamat's children are married and have moved out to start their own families; he now lives alone. Working part-time as a town council cleaner keeps Kamat active physically and mentally, and helps him get extra allowance to spend on his favourite activities. One of his favourite pastimes is catching up on Malay TV shows. He also enjoys fishing with his friends at the nearby Seletar Reservoir during the weekends. He finds it a great way to relax his mind and body. On challenges in his line of work, he pointed out that the frequency of high-rise littering has increased ever since more people have been working from home due to COVID-19. "Keeping our environment clean is a mark of social graciousness and civic consciousness. I truly hope that all residents can refrain from high-rise littering and keep our neighbourhood clean," Kamat said.



# SS AND EVERYDAY HEROES

## Alvina Neo

*Para-Athlete and Social Worker*

Born with spina bifida, Alvina Neo is a hand cyclist and air pistol shooter at the 2014 Asian Para Games and 2015 Asean Para Games respectively. Growing up, she was taught that when she falls down, she has to get up by herself. When she dislocated her shoulder in the midst of competition at the 2014 Asian Para Games in Incheon, she turned to air pistol shooting because only one arm is needed. Within just four months, she became 1 of 10 debutants in the 11-strong Singapore shooting squad at the 2015 Asean Para Games. She went on to win the bronze medal for P2 10m air pistol SH1 in the women's category. Alvina is also a social worker at Family Service Centre and has set up a support group for people with spina bifida. "I want to create that awareness that anybody and everybody can do something, but you have to put in that effort," she said. She hopes more empathy and compassion are shown to people who are differently-abled as they also have dreams, passions and a zest for life.



## Regine and Javen

*Mother and Son  
Residents of Nee Soon*

Twelve-year-old Javen was diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type 2 (SMA2), a genetic neuromuscular disorder that affects the nerve cells controlling the voluntary muscles, at 17 months. He requires the use of a motorised wheelchair to move about and tube-feeding due to a collapsed lung. Javen's condition means that frequent hospitalisation and surgeries are part and parcel of his and his family's life. Despite the challenges, Javen's mother and full-time caregiver, Regine, finds joy and satisfaction in giving back to the community. Since 2019, Regine has been involved in a weekly community project called Fridge Restock Community SG, where volunteers collect surplus produce to help restock community fridges. Every Thursday, Regine also distributes collected vegetables to residents from needy households in Yishun South Zone C as well as town council cleaners. Occasionally, Regine asks Javen to participate in volunteer work. "Everyone can help others; it's a matter of whether you want to do it," Regine said. It is Regine's hope that more Singaporeans are made aware of the SMA condition.



## Mdm Sarimah Amat

*Winner, Yishunite of the Year 2020  
Resident of Nee Soon*

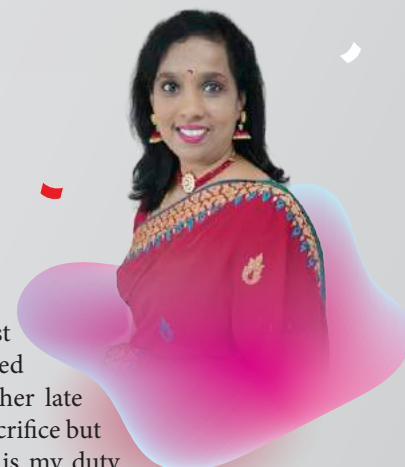
Mdm Sarimah Amat has fostered five children in the last eight years, of whom two are still with her. In 2012, she welcomed her first foster child, a four-year-old girl. She recalled the moment the girl first arrived at her Yishun flat: "Her expression was like asking me to rescue her. I carried her in my arms and I could feel her trembling." Since then, Mdm Sarimah felt that fostering was her calling. She also started a community initiative called Yishun 71 to help vulnerable seniors and needy families in 16 blocks in her estate. Services include delivering food and bringing beneficiaries for health checkups. She has also helped orphans in Thailand and Indonesia, as well as organised relief efforts for flood victims in Malaysia. For her efforts, Mdm Sarimah was recognised as the inaugural Yishunite of the Year last year, an award recognising Nee Soon GRC residents who have contributed to the community and embody the spirit of service and giving.



## Jayanthi

*First Runner-Up, Yishunite of the Year 2020  
Resident of Nee Soon*

Jayanthi's caregiving journey started right after her O-Level examinations, when she was just 16 years old. Youngest among her siblings, she dedicated 14 years as a full-time caregiver to her late parents. "People may say that it is a sacrifice but I don't think so. I didn't regret it; it is my duty looking after my parents and I enjoyed my journey," she said. At 25 years old, community work gave her a renewed sense of purpose. Over 28 years, she was Chairman of the Indian Executive Committee (IEC) in the Chong Pang division for three terms. She has helped organise annual Deepavali and Tamil New Year events as well as goodie bag distributions to needy families in Chong Pang, linking them up with relevant sources of help. She also volunteers on a regular basis at two Hindu temples in Nee Soon. For her dedication towards community service, Jayanthi was named first runner-up in the inaugural Yishunite of the Year in 2020.



## Priscilla

*Second Runner-Up, Yishunite of the Year 2020  
Resident of Nee Soon*

Priscilla was working as an early childhood educator at a childcare centre situated in a rental block community when she had a revelation about the poverty experience in Singapore. "No child should go hungry" became the motto of Project Love Lunch, a ground-up and all-volunteer community project started by Priscilla that has been providing dry groceries to five rental blocks in Yishun since 2015. What started as a small initiative, where she and a group of volunteers brought food to children living in rental blocks to tide them over the weekend, grew to become a monthly distribution of groceries. Currently, Project Love Lunch serves around 250 rental block units. Despite an accident that affected her mobility, Priscilla continued with her volunteer work. She also roped in her two teenage children to teach them the importance of serving the less fortunate. For her dedication towards supporting children and the elderly from under-resourced backgrounds, Priscilla was named second runner-up in the inaugural Yishunite of the Year in 2020.



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Singapore's 56th National Day was a celebration of hope and pride in the Nee Soon heartlands. MPs for Nee Soon GRC, grassroots leaders, volunteers and residents participated in virtual celebrations, decorating blocks and common spaces around town. There was even a virtual choir! As we travel the road ahead, it is important to remember this spirit that binds us together.

# NATIONAL DAY SPIRIT LIVES ON



## SINGING OUR SINGAPORE SPIRIT

This National Day, Nee Soon Town Council organised its very own virtual choir. The five MPs for Nee Soon GRC and residents joined voices to wish the country a happy birthday with the song "Count on me, Singapore". The momentous occasion was commemorated in a video, which also featured heartwarming clips of members of the community who make Nee Soon and Singapore a Home with a Heart.



## 尽情唱响我们的新加坡精神

义顺市镇理事会在这届国庆日自组成立虚拟合唱团。义顺集选区5位议员及居民合唱《新加坡，我为你奉献》，欢庆我国生日快乐。演唱过程和居民合唱时的温馨画面都收录在视频里。我们的市镇之所以能够成为我们的温馨家园是因为我们的居民。

## MENYANYIKAN SEMANGAT SINGAPURA KITA

Pada Hari Kebangsaan kali ini, Majlis Perbandaran Nee Soon telah menganjurkan koir mayanya sendiri. Kelima-lima orang Anggota Parlimen Nee Soon GRC dan para penduduk berpadu suara mengucapkan selamat ulang tahun kepada negara dengan nyanyian lagu "Count on me, Singapore". Peristiwa penting ini diperingati dalam sebuah video, yang juga memaparkan klip-klip yang menyentuh hati daripada anggota masyarakat yang menjadikan Nee Soon dan Singapura kediaman yang berhati.

## நமது சிங்கப்பூர் உணர்வைப் பாடல்வழி வெளிப்படுத்துவது

இந்த தேசிய நாளில், நீ சூன் நகர மன்றம் அதன் சொந்த மெய்நிகர்ப் பாடற்குழுவுக்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்திருந்தது. நீ சூன் குழுத்தொகுதியின் ஐந்து நாடாளுமன்ற உறுப்பினர்களும் குடியிருப்பாளர்களும் "கவுண்ட் ஆன் மீ, சிங்கப்பூர்" பாடலை ஒன்றாகப் பாடி, நாட்டுக்குப் பிறந்தநாள் வாழ்த்துகளைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொண்டனர். சிறப்புவாய்ந்த அந்நிகழ்வோடு, நீ சூனையும் சிங்கப்பூரையும் பரிவுமிக்க இல்லமாக்கச் சமூகத்தினர் மேற்கொண்ட மனதை நெகிழவைக்கும் செயல்களும் காணொளியாகப் பதிவு செய்யப்பட்டது.

## Did you know?

A large part of Yishun used to be covered by pineapple plantations



"Pineapple King" Lim Nee Soon (centre) stands in front of a motor truck, fully loaded with pineapples at his plantation

Source: Lim Chong Hsien Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore

# WALK BACK IN TIME

Yishun has gone through a massive transformation with the addition of many shopping, lifestyle and entertainment destinations, such as Northpoint City and HomeTeamNS Khatib. Despite the transformation, Yishun is still rich in cultural heritage. Take a walk down memory lane by visiting some of these places – you may have seen them, but do you know their stories?

9am

**Teochew Memorial Park**  
569 Yishun Ring Road, S768691



Our first stop is a 6-acre memorial park that houses about 20,000 unclaimed remains that were excavated when Teochew cemeteries were acquired by the government to make way for redevelopment. A large obelisk in the middle of the park and a grand archway with engraved wordings such as "Remember Our Ancestors" urge visitors to honour the memory of Teochew pioneers that have helped shape our home to the Yishun we know and love today.



## Did you know?

Teochews make up a large number of immigrants that arrived in Singapore in the 1800s and 1900s



11am

**Chu Siang Tong Temple**  
8 Yishun Ring Road, S768676



Just a short walk from Teochew Memorial Park is Chu Siang Tong Temple. It was formerly known as "Five Tigers Temple" because of its one-of-a-kind five-tiger sculpture that still greets visitors at the entrance today. Believer or not, come marvel at the intricate architecture that serves as an ode to the most followed religion in Singapore. Equally as striking on the outside as it is on the inside, this temple is also a gathering place for the community to organise charitable works.

1pm

**Heritage Garden**  
926 Yishun Central 1, S760926



At Singapore's first and largest outdoor heritage space, you can take a mini walk around the Heritage Corner and Heritage Trail to learn about our town's rich history. Read about historically significant landmarks on information panels and view residents' old photos, objects and anecdotes throughout the garden. This may also be a good time to *da bao* (take away) some food and rest your feet for a moment before moving on to our next location.



4pm

**Giant Pineapple**  
850 Yishun Street 81, S760850



Named after "Pineapple King" Lim Nee Soon, our town was one of Singapore's key industrial estates back in the day. A giant pineapple is now erected in front of Block 850 to commemorate our illustrious past. Drop by and see it for yourself! Can you even say you were in Yishun if you don't have a photo of or with this iconic sculpture?

6pm

**Heritage Bridge at Rower's Bay**  
Yishun Ave 1, Rest Point



Learning never stops in Yishun. While strolling down the heritage bridge and enjoying scenic views of the waters and surrounding nature, you can find nuggets of information about Singapore's water story. You can also explore the various recreational activities offered at Rower's Bay, an open 2km-long channel of water.



# WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE SINGAPORE-INDIA COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT (CECA)

## 关于“新加坡—印度全面经济合作协定” (CECA) 您应该了解的要点



### UNTRUTHS VS FACTS 虚假信息与事实真相

#### UNTRUTH 虚假信息

1

CECA allows Indian nationals to enter and work in Singapore freely.

CECA 让印度籍人士可以自由进入新加坡工作和生活

#### FACT 事实真相

There is no free movement into Singapore for any foreign national.  
任何外籍人士都不能无条件自由地进入新加坡



All foreign nationals and their dependants, including Indian nationals, are subject to the Ministry of Manpower's prevailing work pass criteria.

所有外籍人士和其家属，要来新加坡工作与生活，前提是必须先符合人力部现行工作准证条例的规定与要求；印度籍人士也不例外。

#### UNTRUTH 虚假信息

2

CECA has not benefitted Singapore businesses or Singaporeans.

CECA 并未惠及新加坡企业或新加坡人民

#### FACT 事实真相

Singapore, our companies and Singaporeans have benefitted.

Since CECA was signed in 2005:  
新加坡、我国企业与人民都从中获益  
自CECA 在2005年签定以来:



**↑ 80%** Singapore's trade in goods and services with India  
新加坡与印度的货物与服务贸易往来



**↑ 50 times**  
stock of Singapore's direct investment in India

**↑ 50倍**  
新加坡对印度的直接投资存量



**97,000**  
locals employed in 2019 by Singapore-based companies that invested in India

**9万7000人**  
在印度进行投资而以新加坡为据点的企业在2019年所雇佣的本地员工人数

#### UNTRUTH 虚假信息

3

CECA and our FTAs have led to more jobs for foreigners than Singaporeans.

CECA 与我们的其他自贸协定为外籍员工制造的就业机会更胜于本地员工

#### FACT 事实真相

More Professionals, Managers and Executives (PMEs) jobs in Singapore have been taken up by Singaporeans compared to Employment Pass (EP) holders.

受雇于本地专业人士、经理和执行人员 (PME) 工作的本地员工比就业准证持有人来得多



From 2005 to 2020, the number of EP holders had increased by about **112,000**

从2005年至2020年，本地PME增加 **超过38万人**



Over this period, the number of local Professionals, Managers and Executives (PMEs) had increased by

同个时期，就业准证持有人只增加 **11万2000人**

**more than 380,000**



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请上网 <https://www.tal.sg/tafep/Contact-Us> 向劳资政公平与良好雇佣联盟 (TAFEP) 举报任何歧视性雇佣行为。

# APA YANG HARUS ANDA TAHU MENGENAI PERJANJIAN KERJASAMA EKONOMI MENYELURUH SINGAPURA-INDIA (CECA)

சிங்கப்பூர்-இந்தியா விரிவான பொருளியல் ஒத்துழைப்பு உடன்பாடு (CECA) பற்றி நீங்கள் அறிய வேண்டியவை



## ANTARA KEPALSUAN DENGAN FAKTA பொய்யும் உண்மையும்

### KEPALSUAN பொய்

1

CECA membenarkan warga India untuk masuk dan bekerja di Singapura dengan bebas.

CECA உடன்பாடு, இந்திய நாட்டவர்கள் சிங்கப்பூருக்குள் தாராளமாக நுழையவும் வேலை செய்யவும் அனுமதிக்கிறது.

### FAKTA உண்மை

Tiada warga asing yang dibenarkan masuk ke Singapura dengan sewenang-wenangnya. எந்த வெளிநாட்டவருக்கும் சிங்கப்பூருக்கு வருவதற்குத் தாராள அனுமதி கிடையாது.



Semua warga asing dan tanggungan mereka, termasuk warga India, perlu memenuhi kriteria pas kerja yang sedia ada oleh Kementerian Tenaga Manusia.

இந்திய நாட்டவர்கள் உட்பட, அனைத்து வெளிநாட்டவர்களும் அவர்களைச் சார்ந்திருப்போரும் மனிதவள அமைச்சின் நடப்பிலுள்ள வேலை அனுமதி நிபந்தனைகளுக்கு உட்படுத்தப்படுகிறார்கள்.

### KEPALSUAN பொய்

2

CECA tidak memberikan manfaat kepada perniagaan-perniagaan atau rakyat Singapura.

CECA உடன்பாட்டால் சிங்கப்பூர் தொழில்நிறுவனங்களோ சிங்கப்பூரர்களோ பயனடையவில்லை.

### FAKTA உண்மை

Singapura, syarikat-syarikat kita dan rakyat Singapura telah meraih manfaat. Sejak CECA ditandatangani pada 2005:

சிங்கப்பூரும், நமது நிறுவனங்களும், சிங்கப்பூரர்களும் பயனடைந்துள்ளனர். CECA 2005இல் கையெழுத்தானதிலிருந்து:



↑ 80%

perdagangan barangan dan perkhidmatan Singapura dengan India

இந்தியாவுடனான சிங்கப்பூரின் பொருள், சேவை வர்த்தகம்



↑ 50 kali ganda

stok Pelaburan Langsung Singapura di India

↑ 50 மடங்கு

இந்தியாவில் சிங்கப்பூரின் நேரடி முதலீடு



97,000

penduduk tempatan yang diambil bekerja pada 2019 oleh firma-firma Singapura yang telah melabur di India

97,000

உள்ளூர் மக்கள் 2019இல் இந்தியாவில் முதலீடு செய்திருந்த சிங்கப்பூரைத் தளமாகக் கொண்ட நிறுவனங்களில் வேலை செய்தனர்

### KEPALSUAN பொய்

3

CECA dan Perjanjian Perdagangan Bebas (FTA) kita telah mewujudkan lebih banyak pekerjaan untuk warga asing berbanding dengan rakyat Singapura.

CECA உடன்பாடு, நமது தடையற்ற வர்த்தக உடன்பாடுகள் ஆகியவற்றால் சிங்கப்பூரர்களைவிட வெளிநாட்டவர்களுக்கே அதிகமான வேலைகள் கிடைக்கின்றன.

### FAKTA உண்மை

Lebih banyak pekerjaan Profesional, Pengurus dan Eksekutif (PME) di Singapura telah diisi oleh rakyat Singapura berbanding dengan para pemegang Pas Pekerjaan (EP).

வேலை அனுமதி அட்டை வைத்திருப்போருடன் ஒப்பிடுகையில், சிங்கப்பூரில் உள்ள நிபுணத்துவத் தொழிலர், மேலாளர், நிர்வாகி வேலைகளில் அதிகமானவை சிங்கப்பூரர்களுக்குக் கிடைத்தன.



Dari 2005 hingga 2020, jumlah pemegang EP meningkat sekitar

112,000

Sepanjang tempoh ini, jumlah PME tempatan telah meningkat

lebih daripada 380,000

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# BLADE RUNNER WALKS ON NATIONAL DAY





“YESTERDAY’S STORY IS ALREADY OVER. NOW YOU HAVE A NEW CHAPTER. YOUR NEXT STORY IS TOMORROW. YOU NEED TO LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE. SET YOUR DREAMS RIGHT WITH MISSION, VISION AND RESILIENCE. PUT ON A BIG SMILE AND TELL YOURSELF YOU CAN DO IT!” — MD SHARIFF ABDULLAH

Born without a left foot, Md Shariff Abdullah, also known as Singapore’s Blade Runner, harbours a love of adventure that inexorably led him to running. After an amputation in 2008 that left him hopeless, Shariff dug deep to find new life again. The optimistic para-athlete now has 29 marathons and 6 ultramarathons under his belt.

It does not take mere inspiration to achieve such a feat, as we find out. It takes discipline, lots and lots of it. Even during a pandemic, Shariff keeps the momentum going and details exciting plans to celebrate Singapore’s 56th year of independence.

### In Resilience and Solidarity

There had been some memorable marathons for Shariff — his first marathon, the Standard Chartered Singapore Marathon, in 2009; the Boston Marathon in 2013, when the bombing happened; Mount Everest in 2016; and the North Pole in 2018. But, his National Day run last year was special.

“Every year I want to do something for National Day. Last year was a bit tough because of the pandemic situation,” Shariff said. When his plans for an overseas run was hampered, he and a small group of friends ran from Block 745 Yishun St 72 to Our Tampines Hub for a total of 55 km, stopping to honour frontliners at Yishun Community Hospital and Khoo Teck Puat Hospital.

This year, in conjunction with National Day Parade on 21 August, he led Yishun residents to a 10 km walk around Yishun estate. Following Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) measures, the small group, comprising only vaccinated individuals, walked in pairs.

### The Unique Kampung Vibe of Yishun

The endearing kampung spirit is what keeps Shariff in Yishun for 22 years, and he does not plan on moving anytime soon. Neighbours greet him with “Brother, how are you?”, or in Hokkien “*Jiak Ba Buay*” (have you eaten?) and “*Ho Boh*” (how are you?). The community cheers him on during his runs. The MPs for Nee Soon GRC, too.

In addition to the close-knit running community, the town’s physical landscape also facilitates Shariff’s training. He said: “Believe it or not, you can create a half-marathon route in Yishun.” He also finds respite in scenic locations such as Yishun Pond, his “solving problem area” and “healing place”.

“If you walk or jog one round, it is about 1 km. There is not much traffic; it’s quiet. I can think about what kind of problems I am having, what kind of actions I need to take. The solution will come to me during the run,” he explained.

### Blessed to Bless Others

Going through seemingly insurmountable setbacks in life, in hindsight, has enriched Shariff’s life. Prior to the pandemic, he would visit hospitals, offering patients hope and encouragement, and participate in charity runs. He currently volunteers with Nee Soon Central Zone 5 Residents’ Committee and Yellow Ribbon Singapore.

Shariff, who also works at a quarantine centre, hopes to send an encouraging message of resilience to all frontliners battling the COVID-19 pandemic. “We’ve gone through a lot [since National Day 2020], overcame them and learnt new things. This year, as we approach National Day, more than half of our population are vaccinated. Together, we take action and do our part. We are doing well.”

To those who are struggling, he urged: “Yesterday’s story is already over. Now you have a new chapter. Your next story is tomorrow. You need to look forward to the future. Set your dreams right with mission, vision and resilience. Put on a big smile and tell yourself you can do it!”

## “BLADE RUNNER” BERJALAN PADA HARI KEBANGSAAN

Dilahirkan tanpa kaki kiri, Md Shariff Abdullah, juga dikenali sebagai “Blade Runner” Singapura, mempunyai cinta pengembaraan yang amat mendalam untuk berlari. Setelah menjalani amputasi pada tahun 2008 yang membuatnya putus asa, Shariff berusaha dengan amat gigih untuk membina semula sebuah kehidupan yang baharu. Atlet para yang optimistik ini, kini sudah menyertai 29 maraton dan 6 ultramaraton.

Kami mendapati bahawa pencapaian yang mengagumkan seperti itu bukan hanya memerlukan inspirasi. Pencapaian berkenaan memerlukan banyak disiplin. Walaupun semasa pandemik, Shariff terus mengekalkan momentum dan memperincikan rancangan yang merangsang untuk meraikan ulang tahun kemerdekaan Singapura yang ke-56.

### Dalam Kebingasan dan Perpaduan

Terdapat beberapa maraton Shariff yang tidak dapat dilupakan — maraton pertamanya, Maraton Singapura Standard Chartered, pada tahun 2009; Maraton Boston pada tahun 2013, ketika terjadi pengeboman; Gunung Everest pada tahun 2016; dan Kutub Utara pada tahun 2018. Tetapi, lariannya bersempena Hari Kebangsaan pada tahun lalu sungguh istimewa.

“Setiap tahun saya ingin melakukan sesuatu untuk Hari Kebangsaan. Tahun lalu agak sukar kerana situasi pandemik,” kata Shariff. Apabila rancangannya untuk berlari di luar negara terhambat, dia dan sekumpulan kecil rakan-rakannya berlari dari Blok 745 Yishun St 72 ke Our Tampines Hub sejauh 55 km, dan berhenti untuk memberi penghormatan kepada para petugas barisan depan di Hospital Masyarakat Yishun dan Hospital Khoo Teck Puat.

Tahun ini, bersempena Perbarisan Hari Kebangsaan, dia mengetuai sekumpulan penduduk Yishun berjalan sejauh 10 km di sekitar estet Nee Soon. Mengikuti langkah-langkah keselamatan Fasa 2 (Kewaspadaan Dipertingkat), kumpulan kecil tersebut, yang hanya terdiri daripada individu yang telah divaksin, akan berjalan berpasangan.

### Suasana Kekampungannya Yishun yang Unik

Semangat kampung yang menawan adalah sesuatu hal yang menyebabkan Shariff tinggal di Yishun selama 22 tahun, dan dia tidak berniat untuk pindah dalam masa terdekat. Jiran-jiran menyambutnya dengan “Saudara, apa khabar?”, atau di dalam dialek Hokkien “*Jiak Ba Buay*” (sudah makankah belum?) dan “*Ho Boh*” (apa khabar?). Masyarakat juga bersorak buatnya sewaktu dia berlari. Ahli Parlimen Nee Soon GRC pun begitu juga.

Selain komuniti larian yang rapat, lanskap fizikal bandar ini juga memudahkan latihan Shariff. Dia berkata: “Percaya atau tidak, anda boleh membuat laluan setengah maraton di Yishun.” Dia juga berhenti untuk berehat di lokasi yang indah seperti Kolam Yishun, “kawasan penyelesaian masalah” dan “tempat penyembuhan” buatnya.

“Jika anda berjalan atau berlari-lari anak satu pusingan, jaraknya sekitar 1 km. Tidak banyak lalu lintas; sunyi saja. Saya boleh memikirkan apa jenis masalah yang saya hadapi, apa jenis tindakan yang perlu saya ambil. Penyelesaiannya akan datang kepada saya semasa berlari,” jelasnya.

### Rahmat Memberkati Orang Lain

Mengenang kembali pengalaman mengatasi rintangan hidup yang sukar telah memperkayakan kehidupan Shariff. Sebelum pandemik terjadi, dia akan mengunjungi hospital, memberikan harapan dan dorongan kepada pesakit, dan ikut serta dalam kegiatan berlari untuk amal. Dia kini merupakan sukarelawan dengan Jawatankuasa Penduduk Zon 5 Nee Soon Central dan Reben Kuning Singapura.

Shariff, yang juga bekerja di pusat kuarantin, berharap dapat menghantar mesej kebingkasan yang memberi semangat kepada semua petugas barisan depan yang sedang memerangi pandemik COVID-19. “Kita telah melalui banyak kesukaran [sejak Hari Kebangsaan 2020], mengatasinya dan mendapat pengajaran yang baru. Tahun ini, ketika kita menghampiri Hari Kebangsaan, lebih daripada separuh penduduk kita telah divaksin. Bersama-sama, kita mengambil tindakan dan memainkan peranan masing-masing. Kita melakukannya dengan baik.”

Kepada mereka yang sedang berjuang, dia menegaskan: “Kisah dahulu sudah berlalu. Sekarang anda mempunyai bab yang baharu. Kisah anda seterusnya adalah esok. Anda perlu melihat ke masa hadapan. Tetapkan impian anda dengan misi, visi dan kebingkasan. Senyumlah dengan lebar dan beritahu kepada diri anda sendiri bahawa anda boleh melakukannya!”



# ALTRUISTIC TRIO AWARDED

## FOR EVACUATING SENIOR IN YISHUN HDB FIRE



MP Minister K Shanmugam presented the SCDF First Responder Award to the helpful neighbours

It took not once but twice, and three helpful neighbours, to persuade an elderly neighbour to evacuate her flat that was engulfed in flames. On 10 July, Nee Soon GRC MP Minister K Shanmugam presented Madam Ranganathan Mouttoulatchoumy, Mr Baskaran Sabarish and Mr Soh Shao Leong with the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) Community First Responder Award.

### How It Happened

On 29 June, domestic helper Madam Mouttoulatchoumy, 50, was the first to discover that fire had erupted in a unit at Block 141, Yishun Ring Road. The 86-year-old resident was praying in her bedroom when her mattress accidentally caught fire.

Madam Mouttoulatchoumy quickly went over to help and escorted the elderly neighbour out to the corridor before rushing around to warn neighbours of the fire. However, the senior returned to the fire-ravaged unit in a bid to salvage her belongings. She also locked the door, to everyone's dismay.

Madam Mouttoulatchoumy had to coax the senior to hand over the key. When she unlocked the door, she saw the senior standing in a corner of the bedroom. "I immediately hugged her waist and started dragging her out," she recalled. By then, undergraduate Baskaran Sabarish, 22, and another neighbour, project coordinator Soh Shao Leong, 46, arrived. Together, the trio evacuated the senior safely.

"We repeatedly yelled at her to quickly get out. But she was dazed, probably in a state of shock. We had to take her hands and pull her out of the flat," Mr Sabarish recollected.

### Putting Others Before Themselves

Engrossed in saving lives, Madam Mouttoulatchoumy did not realise she was injured. "I did not feel any pain on that day. I found out that my abdomen was burnt at two areas on the second day. I am recovering."

Mr Soh revealed that he did not evacuate his own mother and two daughters in time. They inhaled too much smoke and were hospitalised. Fortunately, they have recovered.

When asked the reason for evacuating the elderly neighbour before his loved ones, Mr Soh explained: "I have known this senior for 10 years, and I know she is usually alone at home in the day. We are all worried about her because of her age. She is a good person; we usually exchange snacks and gifts during festive seasons."

### Post-Fire Restoration Efforts

Mr Shanmugam said he is heartened by the spirit of neighbourliness among the residents. He said: "Every time there is trouble, there is some silver lining. The silver lining here is how the community came together — the grassroots, the Town Council, the HDB, and residents nearby. Everyone came together to help, and then SCDF moved in. So that is what I find very good and we need to strengthen that."

The Nee Soon Town Council has repainted the affected corridors and carried out restoration work to cables and trunking. Town Council cleaners have also cleared debris in the affected units and cleaned shared spaces.



# RIDING TO A GREENER FUTURE

Nee Soon is getting greener. With the newly added 10-km cycling path, the cycling path network in Nee Soon now spans 16.5 km. Connecting residents to key amenities, there are also designated bicycle crossings and pedestrian crossings for a safe, smooth journey.

Law and Home Affairs Minister K Shanmugam and his fellow Nee Soon GRC MPs, Associate Professor Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, Louis Ng, Derrick Goh, and Carrie Tan, showed the way by getting on their bikes on the morning of August 21.

Starting from Block 627, Yishun Street 61, they rode to Nee Soon East Community Club. The 4 km stretch — a 40-minute ride — took them past eight major amenities: Wisteria Mall, Yishun Park Hawker Centre, Yishun Park, Blk 414 Yishun Mall, Khatib

Bongsu Park Connector, Yishun Nature Park @ Greenwalk, Junction 9 Shopping Mall, and Yishun Polyclinic.

Doing his bit for the environment, Mr Shanmugam said: “Earlier this year, my fellow MPs and I kayaked to Seletar Island where we picked up 381 kg of trash in one hour. Today we explored the cycling paths in the GRC.” He added: “We do this to increase awareness, and encourage people to be more environmentally conscious.”

Assoc Prof Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, Minister of State for Home Affairs and National Development, also recommended the “nice and easy” bicycle ride. “It is a great way to get some exercise while exploring this town we call our home,” he wrote on Facebook.



“The full cycling path network in Nee Soon, spanning over 26 km, is slated to complete in 2023 and will connect us to even more amenities in our town,” he added.

The growing cycling path network is in line with the Singapore Green Plan 2030, which promotes sustainable living. Sustainability is the goal of other Nee Soon projects too, such as the development of the 40-ha Khatib Bongsu Nature Park and upgrading of Nee Soon South Community Club (CC), the first CC in Singapore to be housed in a net-zero building.



MPs for Nee Soon GRC put their feet to the pedal, checking out the cycling paths in town



Map of cycling path with amenities

# TEL2: ARTSY, INCLUSIVE, ACCESSIBLE

Improved accessibility, inclusiveness and site-specific cultural heritage are highlights underpinning the six new Stage 2 Thomson-East Coast Line (TEL) MRT stations that opened on 28 August 2021. Adding to the existing three stations opened in January 2020, both TEL1 and TEL2 will benefit 100,000 households, where they will be within a 10-minute walk from one of the nine stations. The fully completed TEL will benefit 240,000 households.

Stretching 13 km, with three interchanges linking to the North-South Line, Circle Line and future Cross Island Line, Nee Soon residents can rejoice as travel times will be significantly reduced. Residents can also feast their eyes, as each station showcases a unique art installation by various Singaporean artists. Inclusive features take into account a diverse and multi-faceted community. Lift buttons, platform seats and signs with greater colour contrasts aim to better support visually impaired commuters; backrests and handrails on seats at station platforms cater to seniors and commuters with mobility difficulties; and lighting installed into handrails of staircases enhance visibility of steps for all.

## Here are some facts about each station at a glance!

	Springleaf Station	Lentor Station	Mayflower Station	Bright Hill Station	Upper Thomson Station	Caldecott Station
Location	Upper Thomson Road	Lentor Drive	Ang Mo Kio Ave 4	Sin Ming Ave	Jalan Keli	Toa Payoh Rise
Art installation to marvel at:	A blossoming “Tree of Memories” by comic artist Koh Hong Teng, including a food reference to the famous Ampang <i>yong tau</i> fjo dish.	Tan Guo-Liang’s “Interlude For Lentor”, a pictorial poem depicting shapes mirroring calligraphic scripts and musical notes. This academic allusion arises from Lentor’s close proximity to Teachers’ Estate.	Artist Song-Ming Ang’s 22 sculptures of songbirds, including the oriental white-eye and zebra dove.	Artist Angie Seah’s childhood memories of this place culminated in the creation of “A Kaleidoscopic Nature”.	88 subtle animal drawings titled “Lost in Our (Concrete) Jungle” by artist Troy Chin. He drew inspiration from the long-tailed macaques, a common sight at the Central Catchment Nature Reserve.	Inspired by the nearby Singapore Association of the Visually Handicapped, artist Claire Lim’s work “:)” take the form of dots perforated onto the station’s walls. They join to form hundreds of smiley faces, greeting commuters.
Nearby landmarks:	Springleaf Nature Park, eateries and shophouses	Ang Mo Kio 628 Market, Yio Chu Kang Community Club	Kebun Baru Birdsinging Club, CHIJ St Nicholas Girls’ School, Mayflower Secondary School	Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park, Khor Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery	Shopping mall, eateries	Singapore Association of the Visually Handicapped, MacRitchie Reservoir, nurseries and florists



Ms Carrie Tan poses in front of the sprawling “Tree of Memories” at Springleaf station



Assoc Prof Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim and resident Jaslyne are grateful for residents' cooperation

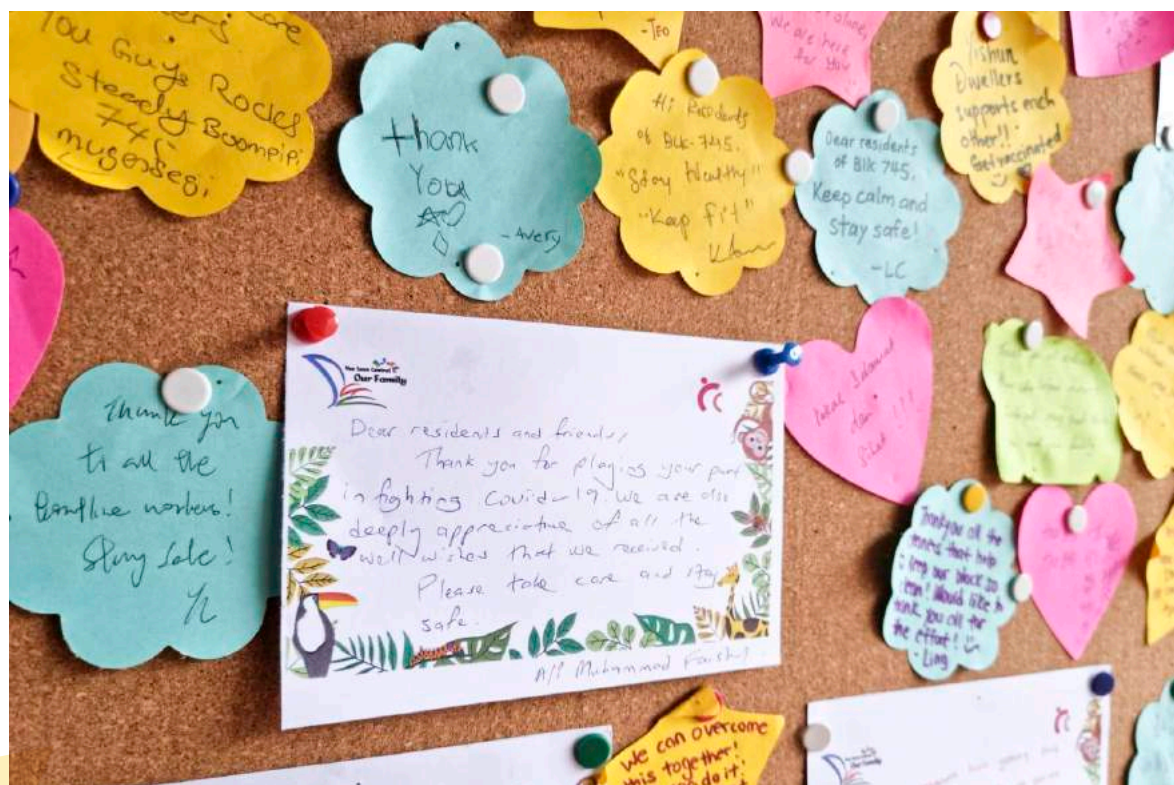
A mandatory swabbing exercise following the detection of positive COVID-19 cases in Block 745 shone light on the community spirit in Nee Soon.

The collective efforts of the residents to help detect and ringfence the spread of the virus was lauded by a resident of Chong Pang, Ms Jaslyne. A mother to a special-needs child, she recounted how the swabbing experience was an overwhelming process for her son and people with special needs. Witnessing her son getting swabbed made her acutely aware that among the affected residents, there are likely a few who might share the same struggle. Yet, in the interest of the community, they bear with the discomfort and turn up for the swabbing exercise.

She rallied the community to encourage and show their appreciation to affected residents at Block 745. With the support of Associate Professor Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim and grassroots volunteers, three "Thank You" boards were set up at Nee Soon Central RC Zone 1, 2 and 3.

It was heartwarming to see residents lining up to pen notes of appreciation and well-wishes. This outpouring of love and encouragement lent strength in times of uncertainty.

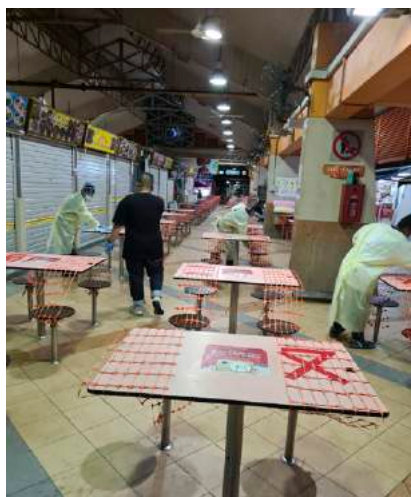
# COMMUNITY SPIRIT SHINES DURING SWABBING EXERCISE



Neighbours posted encouraging notes for residents and frontline workers of Block 745

May this flame of hope born from this strong spirit of care and empathy for the community by Jaslyne and her son keeps burning, warming the hearts of many residents and inspiring them to come forward to do their part for the community during this pandemic.

## TOWN COUNCIL RAMPS UP CLEANING



Town council workers carrying out cleaning works at a food centre

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Town Council has stepped up their efforts with regular estate cleaning works, daily cleaning of lifts, additional disinfection of high touch points, daily disinfection of playgrounds and fitness corners with misting technology, and placement of hand sanitisers at all lift lobby ground floors. Our frontline cleaners have also been using protective equipment, in accordance with MTI guidelines, while performing their duties.

When the Jurong Fishery Port cluster grew and affected our wet markets, Chong Pang Market, one of Singapore's top four markets, was not spared. Another market located at Blk 414 in Nee Soon Link was later identified as a cluster as well.

The Town Council quickly activated our cleaners to deep clean the affected areas and took precautionary measures with directives from the authorities, including progressively implementing access control with fencing and mandatory SafeEntry check-in at markets and hawker centres. These measures are necessary for quicker contact tracing to curb potential transmission in markets and better ringfence cases.

The safety of our residents remains our key priority. We are committed to keeping our town safe and clean for our residents, giving all peace of mind as they go about running your errands.

We would also like to remind the community to continue playing their part by practising good personal hygiene, masking up and adhering to safe distancing measures when going outside. Even after getting vaccinated, one can still be unwell and should see a doctor immediately.

## CHONG PANG CC IS MOVING

Coming to you in 2025



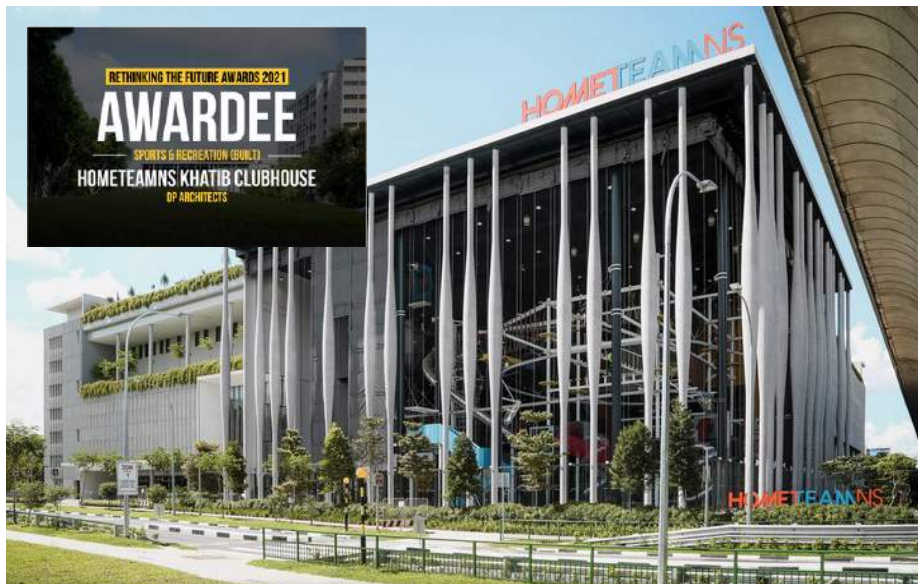
Artist's impression. Subject to change.

Chong Pang Community Club is moving to a temporary location from 16 September. The new location is an estimated 10-minute walk away at Blk 126 Yishun Street 11 #01-426 S(760126).

**Please note the new operating hours will be from 2pm to 6pm daily, except for public holidays. For inquiries, please contact the CC staff at 6758 8258.**

The CC is moving to make way for the construction of Chong Pang Integrated Development. This will rejuvenate the 40-year-old Chong Pang City neighbourhood centre. Residents can look forward to amenities like a brand-new CC, swimming pools, a gymnasium, fitness studios, and many more!

# HOMETEAMNS KHATIB WINS RUNNER-UP AT RTF AWARDS 2021



Singapore definitely punches above her weight in the international arena of architecture. Our HomeTeamNS Khatib Clubhouse, the brainchild of DP Architects Pte Ltd, won Second Award in the Sports & Recreation (Built) category at the Rethinking The Future Awards 2021. The annual awards programme honours outstanding works in the field of architecture, interiors, product design, landscape, and urban design.

Located at 2 Yishun Walk, HomeTeamNS Khatib is designed as an “urban retreat”, a welcoming oasis of calm that evokes heartwarming notions of home security, warmth and trust — crystallised in a vision: The vessel of community is forged by opening the doors to a house, so that it can be felt as home.

Innovative and conscious, its main concept revolves around circulation pathways. With

open-air sheltered verandahs, not only would a considerable amount of energy to fully air-condition certain spaces be saved, but they also allow a natural continuum to the outside environment. A 10-metre wide public thoroughfare also physically connects the clubhouse to the adjacent HDB neighbourhood park. Circulatory thoroughfares create multi-layered narratives and rekindle collective memories of servicemen, while deliberate threading of connections and dissolution of fortified perimeters and frontages engender an ambience of sharing and bonding within the community. Whether it is catching a glimpse of a passing train or feeling a sense of peace overlooking the surrounding greenery, HomeTeamNS Khatib will surely remind you of a home away from home.

## SG CLEAN DAY: A QUARTERLY AFFAIR

The Public Hygiene Council (PHC), in collaboration with 17 town councils, will roll out the quarterly SG Clean Day on Sunday, 31 Oct 2021.

### SG Clean Day aims to achieve three key objectives:

- Highlight the problem of littering and create a strong visual impact of a littered environment when our cleaners stop picking up after ourselves
- Encourage residents to conduct litter-picking activities and raise awareness on taking personal responsibility to bin their trash properly
- Give our cleaners a day off to appreciate their efforts towards keeping Singapore clean



The 17 town councils will cease sweeping at open areas and on the ground levels of housing estates on this day.

## Ask Jasmine

Dr Jasmine Siang is a licensed behavioural specialist and psychotherapist with more than 12 years of experience in Individuals, Couples and Family Therapy. Her expertise includes abuse, anxiety, eating disorders, relationships, emotional issues, trauma, etc. She firmly believes change is always possible and healing is an art. It takes time. It takes practice. It takes trust.

This column is not intended to serve as a substitute for any financial, medical, legal or other professional advice.

If you have specific concerns or an urgent situation in which you require professional, psychological or medical help, you should seek help from a licensed professional, physician or mental health professional.



### Dear Jasmine,

I am a 27-year-old student in my final year of university. I have a typical family; I live with my parents and younger sister.

I have always found it difficult to communicate with my father ever since I was a young boy. He was brought up in an almost completely different time, where whatever his father told him, it was law. Whenever I consult him about my financial or personal life decisions, he refuses to hear me out and, when he does, he always gives me a politically correct answer.

I feel that I deserve to have a voice in my family, as I have been contributing to the family's finances and have always been ready to listen any advice given by my parents. However, when I hope to have the same treatment, it almost feels like due to the 30-year age gap, there is no give and take with my father, whom I want to reiterate I love very much.

I would love to have some advice on whether I am doing something wrong, or if there is another way I can try to get through to my father and improve the communication between us.

Yours sincerely,  
A Concerned Son

### Dear Concerned Son,

I don't think it is advice you are seeking from your father. It sounds like you need validation and approval from him.

You are disappointed because your needs are not met, and this may be because you haven't been completely honest with yourself about your expectations. Right now, you both are speaking on two different channels. So, ask yourself what kind of validation you wish to hear or see from your father. You are right; you need to improve your communication, and it needs to be clear and precise. Try telling him, for example, “I would love for you to approve of my contribution”. In fact, it is not wrong to ask for approval.

As for your father, he may not know what the issue is or may even think that it is something you should already know. Either way, clue him in. It may not be a natural or immediate response, but you need to be comfortable with your own needs first. Only then, you will feel comfortable asking, and your father will feel comfortable giving.

Jasmine Siang,  
Behavioural Specialist/Psychotherapist

Help is always available

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Association of Women for Action and Research (AWARE): 1800 777 5555

**For marital relationships:**  
Care Corner Counselling Centre: 6353 1180

**For mediation and dispute resolution:**  
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**For mental health issues:**  
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**Have a concern?**  
Simply scan this QR code and submit your enquiry here to be shortlisted.

# NATIONAL DAY AWARDS 2021

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOWN COUNCILLORS!



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(BINTANG BAKTI MASYARAKAT)



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## HAPPY 56<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL DAY SINGAPORE



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您应该知道

# 尚穆根 部长

## 的一些事



尚穆根部长在咖啡店会见忠邦社区居民

**众**所周知，尚穆根部长曾经是个杰出的律师，也身兼内政部长兼律政部长。他还有许多您未必知道的事情。

### 尚穆根先生任职忠邦社区议员已有33年了。

他2008年从政被任命为内阁部长，并自2011年大选以来是义顺集选区的领事部长。

尚穆根先生与义顺众议员引领义顺的发展已经有许多年。拥有2座新的医院及综合诊疗所的义顺素有北部医疗枢纽的雅称。其他新的发展项目包括义顺纳福城、义顺综合交通枢纽、卡迪内政团队战备人员协会及即将竣工的南北交通廊道。义顺目前已经是生机勃勃的市镇。

忠邦综合发展项目已经开展翻新工程，并且进一步发展忠邦社区。尚穆根先生说：“我们正在共同努力把义顺塑造成一座既摩登又活跃，让人宜居，集工作、生活及娱乐于一身的市镇。”

### 注入忠邦社区新活力的同时，也保留成熟邻里的共同回忆。

尚穆根先生说：“我们知道忠邦在居民心中是个特别的地方。”令人兴奋的忠邦综合发展项目将设有一个新的联络所、熟食中心、巴刹、游泳池、商店及其他健身设施等。

“为了纪念这个极具意义的忠邦里程碑，我的基层领袖正准备出版咖啡桌书，记录居住在忠邦居民的生活面貌及他们的故事。”让人们多了解及联系大牌102座发展的微型网站也即将推出。忠邦综合发展项目的第2个阶段包括兴建综合社区大厦，使该项目更加完善并加强社区凝聚力。

### 尚穆根先生参与各社群的宗教庆祝活动。

疫情前，他参加为期9天的九皇爷诞，开斋节拜访回教堂并在本地的印度教徒欢庆节日。

### 他是关爱动物，保护动物权益的守护者。

他目前有两只狗，而且都是领养的。他也曾经发言反对虐待动物与残忍的强制训练动物手法。

他鼓励居民互相帮助。有两位小学女生Valelynn与Alicia写信给他，表示想保护流浪猫。她们为此设计布告，想在义顺邻里张贴。尚穆根先生接见了她们，并鼓励她们。他说：“她们爱护动物的精神给我留下深刻的印象。”

### 他如其他人一样，善用科技，上线连接和支持居民。

他说：“我们与基层领袖和居民以虚拟的方式进行对话，代替实质接触点如家访及走访邻里。”讨论的课题包括政府如何管控新冠病毒19疫情、确保工作稳定、种族和宗教议题、保持心理健康及如何索取政府为各人、家庭和商家所提供的援助。

### 他与义顺议员们团队支持绿色发展。

义顺将兴建更多脚车道、公园及智能绿色设施。“我们会在义顺添加更多脚车道。到了2023年，会有额外长达9.05公里脚车道。当这些工程竣工后，义顺将一共有长达26公里的脚车道。”

尚穆根先生和其他义顺议员们，费绍尔副教授、黄国光先生、陈滄敏女士及吴顺喜先生共同在实里达岛清除海滩垃圾。尚穆根先生事后在面簿发表说：“我们在1小时内一起清理重达381公斤的垃圾。”



# SOME THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT MINISTER SHANMUGAM

There is more to Minister K Shanmugam beyond being a lawyer and holding two portfolios as Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law.

## Mr Shanmugam has been an MP in Chong Pang for 33 years

He joined the government as a Cabinet minister in 2008 and has led Nee Soon GRC as the anchor minister since the 2011 general election.

Mr Shanmugam and the Nee Soon MPs have overseen the development of Yishun over many years. Yishun is popularly known as the healthcare hub of the North with two new hospitals and a polyclinic. Other new key developments include Northpoint City, Yishun Integrated Transport Hub, HomeTeamNS Khatib and the upcoming North-South Corridor. Yishun is now a vibrant town.

There are plans to further develop Chong Pang, with the proposed multi-purpose Chong Pang Integrated Development (CPID) project. “We are working towards making Nee Soon a modern, vibrant town for all to work, live and play,” Mr Shanmugam said.

## Chong Pang will be rejuvenated while keeping memories of the mature neighbourhood centre alive

“We know that Chong Pang is a special place for residents,” said Mr Shanmugam. The exciting CPID will house a new community club, hawker centre and market, swimming pools, retail outlets and other fitness amenities. “To mark this important milestone for Chong Pang, my grassroots leaders are working on a commemorative coffee table book to capture the [lives of] people of Chong Pang and their stories.” A microsite for people to learn more about the development and connect with the current shops in Block 102 will also be launched. The second phase of the project includes a community plaza to complement the new integrated development and further foster community bonding.

## Mr Shanmugam takes part in religious festivals of different communities

In pre-COVID days, he took part in local festivities such as the nine-day *Kew Ong Yah* celebrations (The Festival of the Nine Emperor Gods), visited mosques during Hari Raya and joined devotees for celebrations at local Hindu temples.

## He is an animal welfare advocate

He currently has two dogs, both of which were adopted. He also speaks against animal cruelty and forced training methods.

He encourages residents who want to help others. Recently, two primary schoolgirls, Valelynn and



*Photo was taken before the pandemic*

Alicia, wrote to him saying they wanted to protect stray cats and had designed a poster which they wished to put up around Yishun. Mr Shanmugam met them and encouraged them. “I was impressed by their empathy for animals,” he said.

## Like many others, he uses technology and goes online to engage and support residents

“In place of physical touch points such as house visits and walkabouts, we have been holding many virtual dialogues with grassroots leaders and residents,” he said. Topics discussed range from the government’s approach in tackling COVID-19 to job security, race and religion, maintaining mental well-being and navigating different government support schemes for individuals, households and businesses.

## He and his Nee Soon team of MPs support green developments

More cycling paths, parks and smart, green amenities will be featured in Nee Soon. “We will be adding more cycling paths in Nee Soon. An additional 9.05 km will be added by 2023. When these are completed, Nee Soon will have over 26 km of cycling path.”

Mr Shanmugam and the other Nee Soon GRC MPs — Associate Professor Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, Mr Louis Ng, Ms Carrie Tan Huimin and Mr Derrick Goh Soon Hee — went for a beach cleanup at Seletar Island. “We picked up 381 kg trash, in one hour,” he wrote on Facebook.



*Minister K Shanmugam chatting with residents at the coffee shop*