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HONOURING MILESTONES
celebrating dedication

On 1 September 2026, the HDB family came together at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel to celebrate our colleagues at the Service Recognition Awards (SRA) Presentation Ceremony. It was a day dedicated to the people whose steadfast commitment and invaluable contributions have shaped our organisation over the years. From 10 years of service to an extraordinary 45 years, each milestone represented a remarkable journey of perseverance and shared achievement.

A JOYOUS PRELUDE *to a day of celebration*

The celebrations began even before the formal ceremony commenced. The venue quickly came to life as the excited, happy recipients streamed in. The photo booth was a popular gathering point, with colleagues enthusiastically striking poses and capturing treasured moments with friends. Adding an element of spontaneity and excitement, the selfie roamers weaved through the crowd, immortalising candid smiles and moments of camaraderie. For those who wanted a more dynamic keepsake, the 360-degree video booth provided an entertaining opportunity to step into the spotlight and create fun video moments. Together, these activities transformed the pre-event reception into a lively tapestry of laughter and interaction.

Celebrating YEARS OF DEDICATION

The centrepiece of the afternoon was the awards presentation where Chairperson and the Senior Leadership Team took to the stage to honour our deserving recipients. Over 450 recipients were recognised for their remarkable contributions to HDB. The presentation was a poignant reminder that an organisation's achievements are built not only on common goals and accomplishments, but also on the people who dedicate themselves to making a difference, year after year. Their wealth of experience, institutional knowledge and unrelenting commitment form an invaluable part of the organisation's heritage.

An afternoon of GASTRONOMIC DELIGHTS & FINALE TO REMEMBER

The celebrations continued with a sumptuous lunch, allowing recipients to unwind, reconnect and savour the afternoon in good company, against a backdrop of soothing evergreens and jazz classics struck up by a band. It was a welcome chance for everyone to pause from the rhythm of everyday work and enjoy an afternoon made just for them.

As the celebrations drew to a close, anticipation filled the room for the much-awaited acappella performance by The Island Voices. Their captivating harmonies and infectious energy filled the ballroom, drawing everyone to their feet in appreciation and enthusiasm. The celebration was topped off with a group photo to capture the spirit of the occasion.

Celebrating THE PEOPLE BEHIND OUR JOURNEY

To all our SRA recipients, congratulations on your significant milestone. Thank you for your unwavering dedication, invaluable contributions and for being an integral part of the organisation's journey. Your years of service represent more than the passage of time; they reflect the lasting impact you have made and are testament to the commitment and care you bring to your work each day.

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Growing with the Times: TOA PAYOH'S NEXT CHAPTER

What does 'new' look like in one of Singapore's earliest HDB towns?

As the first town to be comprehensively planned and developed by HDB, Toa Payoh was once a vision of a new kind of town. It pioneered several concepts familiar to us today, from planning neighbourhoods around a central Town Centre to being one of the first HDB towns to undergo rejuvenation under the Estate Renewal Strategy.

Today, Toa Payoh continues to evolve — and its next chapter is already taking shape.

WHAT'S COMING
TO TOA PAYOH WEST AND BEYOND?

Launching this October, the upcoming Toa Payoh West Build-To-Order (BTO) project will bring around 1,600 new homes with Caldecott MRT, an interchange for the Circle and Thomson-East Coast Lines – right at its doorstep.

Put together, these developments show how one of Singapore's most established HDB towns is finding new ways to meet the needs of its residents.

But new homes are only one part of the story. Residents can also look forward to:

More room to enjoy the outdoors

A new 1.1-hectare neighbourhood park will offer spaces for exercise, play and rest, bringing more opportunities to enjoy the outdoors closer to home. A future park connector will also link the area towards the Toa Payoh Integrated Development.

More support for ageing well

Toa Payoh's first Community Care Apartments (CCAs) will give seniors another option to live independently with care and support nearby. The nearby Active Ageing Centre will also offer an avenue and programmes to help seniors stay active and connected.

Everyday conveniences within easy reach

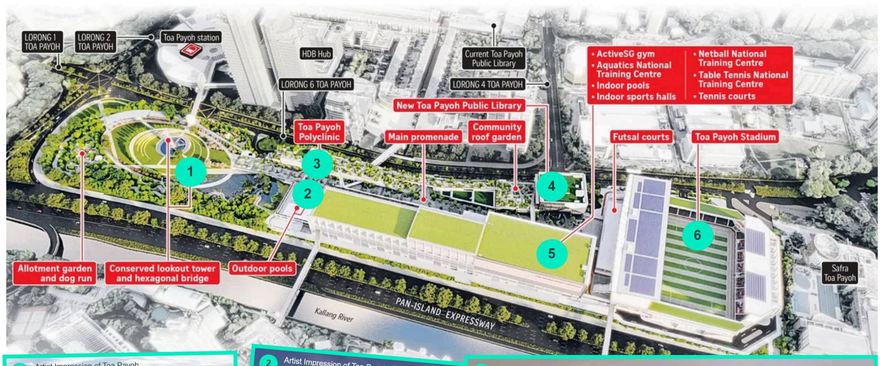
More food options, a supermarket, shops and a childcare centre will make daily errands that little bit easier, while a future mixed-use development will bring even more amenities to the area.

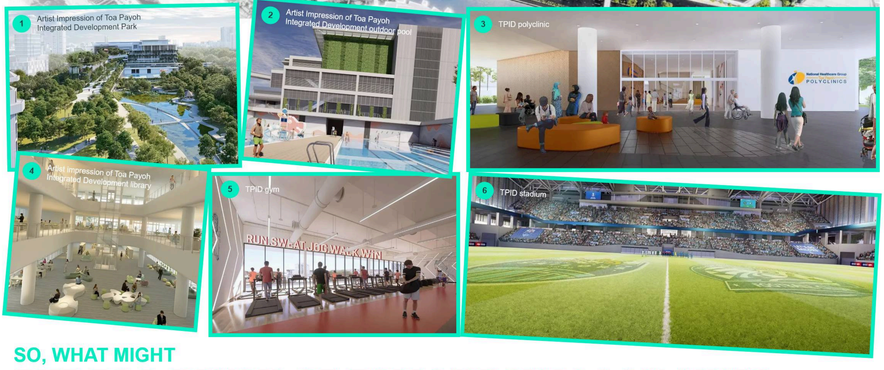
More ways to live, play and connect

Just down the road, the upcoming Toa Payoh Integrated Development will bring sports, healthcare, community and lifestyle facilities together in one place. The adjoining Toa Payoh Town Park will also get a refresh, with more greenery and recreational spaces while retaining its familiar heritage features.

ALL-IN-ONE COMPLEX

The integrated hub will feature a 10,000-seater stadium alongside community amenities such as a town park, library and polyclinic. There will also be an indoor sports hall, aquatic centre and other sports facilities on the 12ha site.





SO, WHAT MIGHT
THE TOA PAYOH OF TOMORROW LOOK LIKE?

A town for different generations

New homes don't just mean more residents. They also bring new households and younger families into the neighbourhood, adding fresh energy to an established town.

At the same time, more housing options can help long-time residents continue living in the community as their needs change. Toa Payoh's first CCAs, for instance, will offer seniors another option to age within a familiar neighbourhood. This is especially timely, with the minimum age to apply for a CCA set to be lowered from 65 to 55 from the October 2026 BTO exercise.

Something new, while keeping what is familiar

Toa Payoh's next chapter isn't just about adding more homes. It's also about creating new parks, community spaces, amenities and connections while retaining the places and features that have shaped the town's identity over the years.

After all, a town doesn't have to start from scratch to become new again.

Nearly six decades on, Toa Payoh continues to grow with the times while remaining a familiar home for generations of residents.

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HDB DESIGN DETECTIVES: SMALL DETAILS, BIG STORIES

What makes an HDB estate feel like it belongs to its neighbourhood?

Sometimes, it is the way the blocks are arranged. Sometimes, it is the landscaping, colours or materials. Behind many HDB developments are teams of architects, landscape designers, planners, engineers and other colleagues who work together to translate a site's history and surroundings into places that people can call home. The result may look effortless, but every detail can carry a story.

Look a little closer and you might be surprised by the stories hiding in the architecture, landscaping and even the playgrounds! Here are four questions to test your HDB design detective skills!

1 WHICH HDB PROJECT HAS A PLAYGROUND INSPIRED BY SMOOTH-COATED OTTERS?

a. Mount Pleasant Crest
b. Berlayar Residences
c. Taman Jurong Skyline
d. Marsiling Ridge

Clue: When an estate is shaped by its natural surroundings, look out for more than just views. The landscape, play spaces and wayfinding features may all reveal the story of the site.

ANSWER

b) Berlayar Residences
Located between the Southern Ridges and the Singapore Strait, Berlayar Residences draws inspiration from its waterfront and natural surroundings. Its playgrounds take inspiration from smooth-coated otters and their habitats, while other design elements feature local fauna such as the long-winged tomb bat and mangrove horseshoe crab.

These references help bring the area's biodiversity into the everyday experience of residents — turning a walk through the estate into an opportunity to notice and learn about the natural environment.

2 WHICH DEVELOPMENT INCORPORATES THE HISTORY OF THE FORMER OLD POLICE ACADEMY?

a. Berlayar Residences
b. Garden Vale @ Tengah
c. Toa Payoh Ridge
d. Mount Pleasant Crest

Clue: A new estate does not always mean starting from scratch. Look for old structures, materials, forms and stories that have been given a new lease of life.

ANSWER

d) Mount Pleasant Crest
Mount Pleasant Crest incorporates several references to the site's past, drawing inspiration from the former Old Police Academy. The former Old Drill Shed will be repurposed as a precinct pavilion, giving a familiar structure a new role within the development. Elements from the former swimming pool will also be reused as seating, allowing traces of the site's history to remain part of the new neighbourhood.

There is even a police car-themed playground! This shows how heritage can be interpreted in different ways and designed to be discovered through shared spaces.

3 WHAT INSPIRED THE DISTINCTIVE DIAGONAL FACADE ELEMENTS AT MARSILING RIDGE?

a. Waves
b. Railway tracks
c. Rubber plantations
d. The Singapore skyline

Clue: Architectural inspiration can be abstract. A familiar landscape or historical reference may appear as a pattern, angle or texture rather than a literal image.

ANSWER

c) Rubber plantations
Marsiling Ridge's diagonal facade design takes inspiration from the rubber plantations that once lined Marsiling Road. The design team translated the memory of the plantations into a contemporary architectural expression, giving the development a visual connection to the area's past.

This is one example of how local history can influence the character of a new estate — not through a museum display, but through the buildings themselves.

4 WHICH PROJECT USES BLUE AND WHITE HUES INSPIRED BY THE SURROUNDING SKY AND LAKE?

a. Taman Jurong Skyline
b. Berlayar Residences
c. Mount Pleasant Crest
d. Costa Grove

Clue: Look at an estate in context. Its colours, height, orientation and overall form may have been carefully considered to complement the surrounding landscape and skyline.

ANSWER

a) Taman Jurong Skyline
Taman Jurong Skyline's blue-and-white blocks were designed to complement the surrounding sky and Jurong Lake. The colour palette helps the development blend with its lakeside setting, while also creating a distinctive new landmark for the area.

Rather than treating the estate as a standalone development, the design considers how it will sit within the wider neighbourhood and contribute to the identity of Taman Jurong.

SO, HOW DID YOU DO?

4/4
You are an HDB design detective!

3/4
You notice the details and are well on your way to becoming the person to ask about interesting estate features.

2/4
You have solid neighbourhood knowledge – now you have a few more stories to share.

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Take a closer look next time you are out and about. Time for a weekend estate exploration!

These four projects show how HDB estates can respond to their surroundings in very different ways. Together, they show that design is not only about how a building looks. It is also about how a place remembers, connects and belongs.

These details are made possible by the work of colleagues across different disciplines — from those who study the site and develop the design concept, to those who coordinate the technical details, shape the landscape, plan the community spaces and bring the project to life.

Each contribution helps turn an idea into a neighbourhood that residents can experience every day. Well done to our HDB teams whose collective efforts have helped shape these distinctive neighbourhoods!

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3 Jul | Award

Public Sector Transformation (PST) Awards

30 Jul | Award

Singapore Green Building Council – BCA Leadership in Sustainability Awards 2026

Jul 2026

1 Jul | Events

SAF Day Combined Rededication Ceremony

10, 13 & 16 Jul | Events

Workday Goes Live Roadshows

Aug 2026

7 Aug | Award

Minister's Award

Aug 2026

22 Aug | Event

HDB & HDBSU Study Awards and HDBSU Long Membership Awards Ceremony 2026

Sep 2026

15 Sep | Award

Outstanding Project Manager Award

16 Sep | Award

Tricentis Innovator Award

23 Sep | Award

Special Recognition Award (Large Enterprises)

23 Sep | Award

Exemplary Procurement Leader Award

Sep 2026

1 Sep | Event

Service Recognition Awards (SRA) Ceremony

10 Sep | Event

Senior Management Advance 2026

4 SEP 2026

BCA Universal Design Excellence Award

HDB was honoured to receive the BCA Universal Design Excellence Award for Harmony Village @ Bukit Batok, presented at the International Built Environment Week (IBEW) Industry & Awards Dinner 2026 on 4th September.

As Singapore's first Community Care Apartment (CCA) project, Harmony Village @ Bukit Batok was designed to be an inclusive home for seniors that goes beyond simply providing housing. The project exceeded the requirements of the Universal Design Index (UDi) self-assessment framework, under which only projects achieving an "A" rating are considered for this award. Thoughtful touches are woven throughout the development, from distinctive floor colours, motifs, and larger fonts at letter boxes that aid wayfinding, to vision panels at main doors, flip-up clothes drying racks, and grab bars that support independent living. Outdoor amenities and themed communal spaces further encourage residents to connect with their neighbours — together creating an environment that is not only accessible and supportive for seniors to age with dignity but welcoming for residents of all ages and needs.

Congratulations to our project team comprising officers from DDG and BQG, whose hard work on Harmony Village reflects HDB's longstanding commitment to universal design excellence!

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