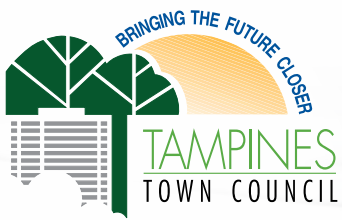


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Chairman's Message

Dear Residents of Tampines,

The month of August marked a string of celebratory events held within our humble residential town for Singapore's 52nd birthday.

There were various National Day celebrations held across the five divisions in Tampines. From National Day carnivals to potluck parties and fundraising dinners, we hope you have had a great time with your family, friends and neighbours. Our Tampines Hub also celebrated National Day alongside its Grand Opening on 6 August 2017, officiated by Prime Minister, Lee Hsien Loong. With brilliant stage performances and the free usage of sports facilities, our residents were kept thoroughly entertained throughout the day.

Amidst the festivities, the focus on what is critical for the future of our Tampines home in Singapore, remains salient.

On the topic of cleanliness, few people are aware that Singapore has more cleaners than a typical cohort of national servicemen. There are more than 56,000 cleaners nationwide who are working hard to keep our surroundings clean. They are part of our community, and a little effort to clean up after ourselves will allow them to focus on high traffic common areas. One way which residents can help is to clear leaves and twigs that have fallen onto the corridor from your potted plants. This will keep the vicinity of your home clean, and prevent clogging of the drains.

I also want to thank you for supporting our three-year long No Cleaners Day initiative, to show appreciation for our cleaners and take collective responsibility for our estate cleanliness.

Tampines Town Council provides free bulky removal service. If you need any assistance in disposing of big items, do call us at 6781 2222. You can also visit our website at <http://tampines.org.sg> for more details.

My fellow MPs and I will be joining our Hindu friends in celebrating Deepavali in October. We wish all Tampines residents Happy Deepavali and happy holidays!

Best Regards
Baey Yam Keng
Chairman

Para penduduk Tampines yang dihormati,

Bulan Ogos diwarnai dengan pelbagai acara perayaan di bandar kami sempena ulang tahun ke-52 Singapura.

Pelbagai sambutan Hari Kebangsaan telah dianjurkan di lima bahagian di Tampines. Dari karnival hari kebangsaan ke pesta 'potluck', serta makan malam untuk mengumpul dana, kami berharap anda telah bergembira bersama keluarga, rakan dan jiran tetangga. Hab Tampines Kita juga meraikan Hari Kebangsaan bersama dengan Pembukaan Rasmi pada 6 Ogos 2017, yang dirasmikan oleh Perdana Menteri Lee Hsien Loong. Dengan persembahan-persembahan yang bersemarak dan penggunaan kemudahan secara percuma, para penduduk terhibur sepanjang hari.

Dalam menyambut perayaan tersebut, kami masih memberi tumpuan kepada isu-isu kritikal bagi kediaman kami di Tampines.

Ramai yang tidak menyedari bahawa Singapura mempunyai lebih banyak pekerja pembersihan daripada kohort anggota perkhidmatan negara. Terdapat lebih daripada 56,000 pekerja pembersihan di seluruh negara yang bekerja keras untuk menjaga kebersihan persekitaran kita. Mereka adalah sebahagian daripada masyarakat kita, dan sekiranya kita turut berusaha untuk membantu, maka dapatlah mereka memberi tumpuan kepada kawasan awam yang lebih memerlukan. Salah satu cara para penduduk dapat membantu adalah dengan membersihkan daun dan ranting dari pasu tanaman mereka di koridor. Ini akan menjadikan persekitaran rumah anda bersih, dan dapat mengelak dari saluran air tersumbat.

Saya juga ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kerana menyokong inisiatif 'No Cleaners Day' selama tiga tahun, sebagai tanda penghargaan kepada pekerja pembersihan kami, dan sama-sama telah memikul tanggungjawab menjaga kebersihan estet kami.

Majlis Perbandaran Tampines menyediakan perkhidmatan membuang barangan besar secara percuma. Sekiranya anda memerlukan bantuan tersebut, hubungi kami di 6781 2222. Anda juga boleh lungsuri laman web kami di <http://tampines.org.sg> untuk maklumat lanjut.

Saya dan rakan-rakan MP ingin mengucapkan Selamat Hari Deepavali kepada para penduduk Hindu kami di bulan Oktober ini. Semoga sentiasa sihat dan bahagia selalu!

Salam Hormat
Baey Yam Keng
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亲爱的淡滨尼居民:

配合欢庆新加坡52岁生日, 淡滨尼在八月份迎来了一系列的庆祝活动。

淡滨尼五个市区各主办了多项节目, 内容多姿多彩。活动包括国庆嘉年华、便餐聚会、筹款晚宴等。李显龙总理也在2017年8月6日为淡滨尼天地 (Our Tampines Hub) 主持开幕典礼, 并与居民一起参加国庆庆祝活动。到场的居民们不但观赏了精彩的表演, 也免费享用淡滨尼天地的各种设施。相信居民同家人、朋友和邻居们都共度了欢乐的时光。

欢庆之余, 我们也不忘关注对淡滨尼家园至关重要的课题。

多数人可能不知道新加坡的清洁工人总数比每一届的国民服役人员平均人数还要多。目前, 全国每天超过56,000名清洁工人正在为环境的清洁和卫生努力。清洁工人也是我们社区的一份子。若我们可以多尽一份力把垃圾自行处理, 清洁工人就能把时间专注在人流量较多的地方。居民能帮忙的方法很多, 其中包括清除走廊上自家盆栽所掉落的枝叶。这一个小举动不但能保持您住家周围的清洁, 同时也能防止排水沟堵塞。

我也借此机会感谢您在这三年来对“无清洁工人日”运动给予的大力支持。这项有意义的活动除了传达大家对清洁工人的谢意, 也鼓励居民将社区整洁当成集体责任。淡滨尼市镇理事会为居民提供清除大件物品的免费服务。如果需要协助, 您可以拨电 6781 2222 联络我们。您也可以浏览我们的网站 <http://tampines.org.sg>, 了解更多详情。

我和议员同仁预祝我们的兴都教居民屠妖节快乐。祝福大家快乐安康!

主席
马炎庆

அன்பார்ந்த தெம்பனீஸ் குடியிருப்பாளர்களே,

சிங்கப்பூரின் 52-வது பிறந்த தினத்தைக் கொண்டாடும் வகையில் பல நிகழ்ச்சிகள் ஆகஸ்டு மாதத்தில் நமது அமைதியான குடியிருப்புப் பேட்டைகளில் நடத்தப்பட்டன.

தெம்பனீஸ் ஐந்து வட்டாரங்களிலும் பல தேசிய தினக் கொண்டாட்டங்கள் நடத்தப்பட்டன. தேசிய தின திருவிழா முதல் அதிஷ்டக் குலுக்கு விருந்துகள் மற்றும் நிதி திரட்டும் விருந்துகள் என அனைத்திலும் உங்கள் குடும்பம், நண்பர்கள் மற்றும் அண்டை வீட்டார்களுடன் கலந்துக்கொண்டு மகிழ்ந்திருப்பீர்கள் என நம்புகிறோம். பிரதமர் லீ சியென் லூங் அவர்களால் திறந்து வைக்கப்பட்ட நமது தெம்பனீஸ் ஹப் அதன் மாபெரும் திறப்பு விழாவுடன் தேசிய தினத்தையும் 2017 ஆகஸ்டு 6-ம் தேதி கொண்டாடியது. அன்று முழுவதும் அருமையான மேடை நிகழ்ச்சிகளுடன் அங்குள்ள பல வசதிகள் இலவசமாக வழங்கப்பட்டு நமது குடியிருப்பாளர்கள் மகிழ்விக்கப்பட்டனர்.

இந்த கொண்டாட்டங்களுக்கு இடையே நமது தெம்பனீஸ் இல்லத்திற்கு அவசியமான அம்சங்களில் கவனம் செலுத்துவது முக்கியமாகும்.

சிங்கப்பூரில் தேசிய சேவையாளர்களை விட அதிகமான சுத்தம் செய்பவர்கள் உள்ளனர் என்பதை ஒரு சிலரே அறிந்திருக்கின்றனர். நமது சுற்றுப்புறத்தை சுத்தமாக வைத்திருப்பதற்காக 56,000-க்கும் அதிகமான சுத்தம் செய்பவர்கள் தினந்தோறும் சிங்கப்பூர் முழுவதும் கடினமாக உழைக்கின்றனர். அவர்கள் நமது சமூகத்தின் ஓர் அங்கம். நாமும் நமது பங்கிற்கு சுத்தம் செய்வதில் சிறியளவில் உதவினால், அவர்கள் அதிக மக்கள் நடமாட்டம் உள்ள பொது இடங்களை சுத்தம் செய்வதில் கவனம் செலுத்தலாம். நமது வீட்டின் முன் பொது நடை வழியில் உங்களுடைய செடிகளில் இருந்து விழும் இலைகள் மற்றும் கிளைகள் போன்றவற்றை அகற்றுவதன்வழி குடியிருப்பாளர்கள் உதவலாம். இது நமது வீட்டை சுற்றியுள்ள பகுதியை சுத்தமாக வைத்திருக்க உதவுவதுடன் சாக்கடைகள் அடைத்துக் கொள்வதையும் தவிர்க்க உதவும்.

கடந்த மூன்று வருடங்களாக 'சுத்தம் செய்பவர்கள் இல்லாத நாள்' முயற்சிக்கு ஒத்துழைப்பு நல்கியதற்காக உங்களுக்கு நன்றி தெரிவித்துக்கொள்கிறேன். இது நமது சுத்தம் செய்பவர்களை பாராட்டுவதுடன் நமது குடியிருப்புப் பேட்டையின் சுத்தத்திற்கு நாம் கூட்டு பொறுப்பு ஏற்பதாகவும் அமைகிறது.

பெரிய பொருட்களை அகற்றும் சேவையைத் தெம்பனீஸ் நகர மற்றும் இலவசமாக வழங்குகிறது. உங்களுக்கு பெரிய பொருட்களை அகற்றுவதில் உதவி தேவையப்பட்டால், 6781 2222 என்ற தொலைபேசியில் அழைக்கவும். மேல் விவரங்களுக்கு எங்களது <http://tampines.org.sg> இணையதளத்திற்குச் செல்லலாம்.

அக்டோபரில் தீபாவளி கொண்டாடும் இந்து குடியிருப்பாளர்களுக்கு நானும் சக நாடாளுமன்ற உறுப்பினர்களும் நல்வாழ்த்துகளை தெரிவித்துக்கொள்கிறோம். அனைவரும் நல்ல ஆரோக்கியத்துடனும் மகிழ்ச்சியுடனும் வாழ வாழ்த்துக்கள்.

அன்புடன்
பே யாம் கெங்
தலைவர்



Completed Projects



● Blk 327 Reflexology Corner

● Repainting to 14 Blocks at Blks 515 A-D and 518 A-D, Blks 875-880



● Blk 518 C Fitness Corner

● Blk 497G/L Fitness Corner

● Blk 515 C Fitness Corner



● Blk 272 Playground

● Blk 432/433 Playground

● Blk 472 Playground

Tampines Hari Raya Bazaar has gone International!

Reflecting the community spirit in Tampines - and Singapore's international network of friends - the Tampines Hari Raya Bazaar, held from 27 May to 23 June 2017, ventured beyond our shores and played host to participating stalls from other parts of the world, including Brunei, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Morocco and Uzbekistan.

Together with Mr Heng Swee Keat, Mr Masagos Zulkifli, Mr Desmond Choo, Mr Baey Yam Keng and Ms Cheng Li Hui were also at Our Tampines Hub to visit the 120 stalls with residents and visitors.

“Our Tampines Hub is a place where families can come together, regardless of race, religion and background. We hope that the Hari Raya bazaar would be a celebration of Singapore's multicultural community.”

- Mr Heng Swee Keat



Tampines Learning Festival

Themed “Environment and Culture”, the Tampines Learning Festival 2017 was held on 21 May 2017 at the Tampines Community Plaza with Mr Desmond Choo, Mr Baey Yam Keng, Ms Cheng Li Hui and Mr Sin Boon Ann, with a special visit from Guest-of-Honour, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong. The event celebrated preschool education and provided a bonding platform for parents and children as they immersed themselves in a variety of games and knowledge-based activities that highlighted the importance of holistic learning and how it can be achieved.



In addition to the performances by students, the macho display of the Singapore Police Force motorcycles got the crowd buzzing when they were given the opportunity to don the police helmet and vest before posing for a photo on the bike.

Said 11-year-old Natalie Tan who attended the event with her mother, “I’m really excited because this is the first time my mother and I are both learning something new together!”

“We are very heartened to know that this event is very well-received among residents and they can look forward to more enriching activities in time to come. Learning doesn’t stop for any of us.”

- Ms Cheng Li Hui



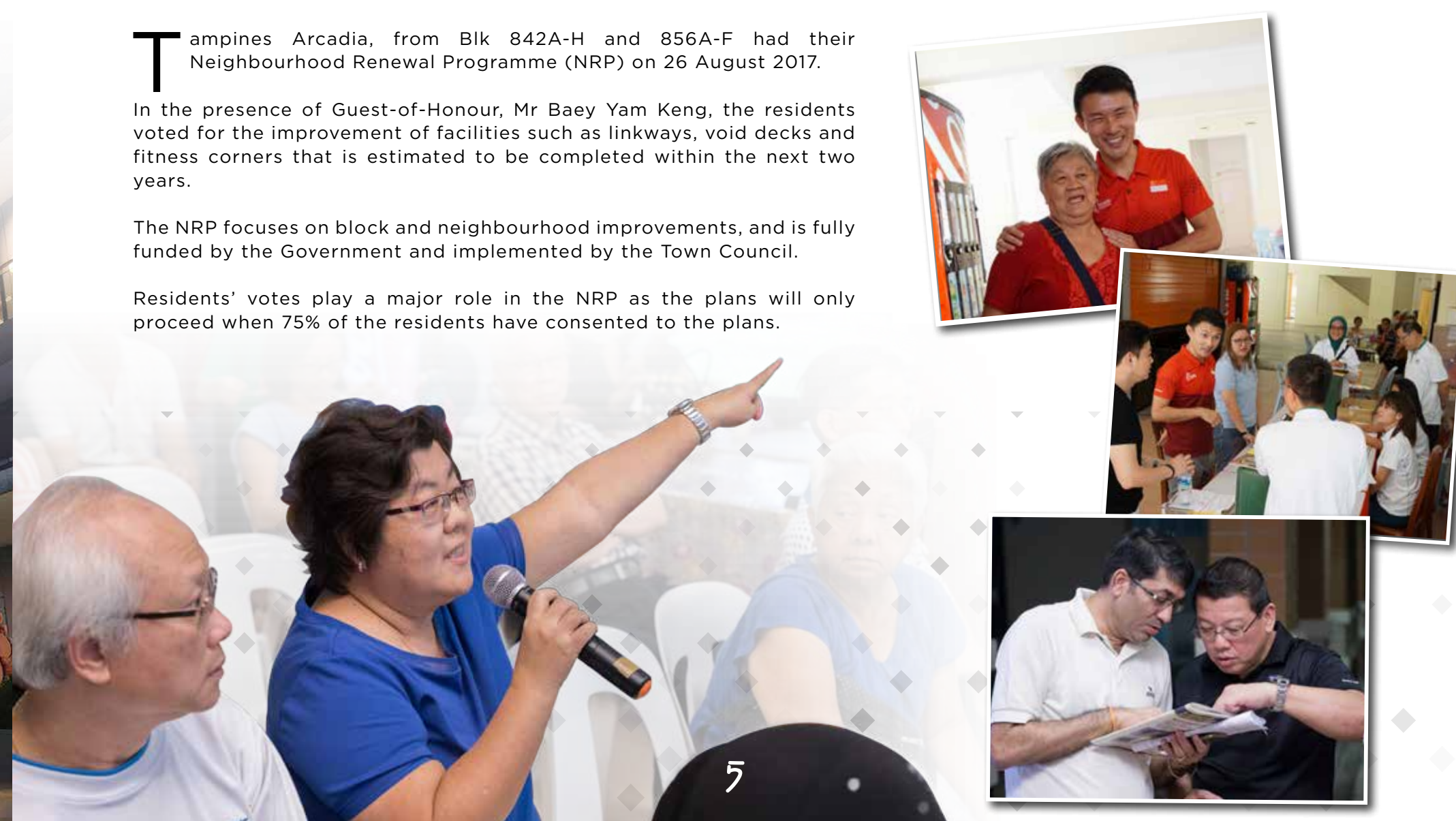
Hearing from You

Tampines Arcadia, from Blk 842A-H and 856A-F had their Neighbourhood Renewal Programme (NRP) on 26 August 2017.

In the presence of Guest-of-Honour, Mr Baey Yam Keng, the residents voted for the improvement of facilities such as linkways, void decks and fitness corners that is estimated to be completed within the next two years.

The NRP focuses on block and neighbourhood improvements, and is fully funded by the Government and implemented by the Town Council.

Residents’ votes play a major role in the NRP as the plans will only proceed when 75% of the residents have consented to the plans.



Keep Clean, Singapore 2017

In the month of May 2017, more than 600 participants together with Mr Masagos Zulkifli, Mr Baey Yam Keng, Mr Desmond Choo, Ms Cheng Li Hui and Mr Sin Boon Ann, did their part for "Keep Clean, Singapore!" by picking up litter around the estate.

Aside from residents, schools in Tampines including Temasek Polytechnic, grassroots volunteers and voluntary welfare organisations also joined in the townwide initiative to inculcate self-reliance, instead of depending solely on the hard work of the cleaners.

In a collective effort, a total of 122.6kg of trash and 72.06kg of recyclables were collected.

“After going through today’s activity, we realised that every small piece of litter matters. It would help greatly if everyone can make it a habit to dispose of them appropriately.”

- Nur Umami Raatul, 15



Protect Your Neighbourhood from Pigeon-related Dangers



The Rock Pigeon

The Rock Pigeon is a common sight in Singapore's urban landscape. In recent years, these birds have been thriving due to feeding by members of the public.

Pigeons cause problems

Uncontrolled population growth of pigeons in our town brings about the following dangers:

1. Diseases – pigeons spread diseases through droppings or contact with other diseased birds. This affects the vulnerable youth and aged, especially those with lower immunity.
2. Hygiene issues – Pigeon droppings soil public amenities, such as playgrounds, and private property like cars parked in open-air carparks.
3. Pests – Food unfinished by pigeons attract pests such as cockroaches.
4. Damage to buildings – roosting pigeons damage buildings and roofing of houses.



To tackle these dangers, action has to be taken to maintain cleanliness and hygiene of our common spaces. Some solutions include feeding pigeons contraceptives and pigeon population control treatments.

What can you do?

Do not feed the pigeons! A handful of residents feed pigeons because they find the birds cute or are afraid that these animals do not have enough food. However, feeding causes overbreeding and aggravates the problems brought about by the pigeons. Do your part by discouraging people from feeding pigeons.

Feeding pigeons is against the law

Pigeon-feeding is an offence that carries a fine of up to \$500. Residents who throw food for pigeons from their HDB unit may also be prosecuted for high-rise littering.

Keep the situation under control

If you encounter pigeon-related nuisance or have information on pigeon-feeders in your neighbourhood, call Tampines Town Council at 6781 2222 or e-mail us at feedback@ttc.org.sg. You may also contact AVA at 1800-476-1600.

When we all play our part, we'll be able to achieve harmonious human-animal interactions in Tampines.



Extra preventive measures:

1. Cover all open-top rubbish bins. Tie your rubbish and do not leave food waste laying around. Help dispose of uneaten food and cutlery after a meal at hawker centres or coffee shops.
2. Prevent the roosting and nesting of pigeons by installing spikes or other bird-proofing measures.

Our Tampines Hub Celebrates Singapore's 52nd Birthday

On the evening of 6 August 2017, residents from all across Tampines gathered for the Grand Opening of Our Tampines Hub (OTH). In celebration of both the launch of our second home and our nation's 52nd birthday, the hub was pulsating to the patriotic tunes of beloved community songs and a brilliant "live" music performance by local band, Jack and Rai. It was truly a star-studded night with not just the five stars on the Singapore flag, but also our Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong who joined us at the Hub alongside local celebrities Taufik Batisah and Rebecca Lim.

Everyone had a blast, exploring what OTH had to offer in its entirety - from participating in free workshops to trying out the various new facilities for free.



10 lucky Tampines residents walked away with OTH collector's edition coin box set, each completed with three commemorative coins in a special serialised box. After a day of fun-filled activities, a suite of performances, and a screening of action-packed blockbusters, the night ended off with a splendid fireworks display and spectacular laser light show. The Tampines spirit soared, leaving those from other parts of Singapore wishing they lived in Tampines too.

A huge thank you to the 147,000 visitors and residents who joined us for the festivities, and we hope these special moments shared will remain with us as fond memories.



Commissioning of Solar Panels for Tampines

Tampines currently has the largest aggregated solar project for a Town Council in Singapore!

"I am happy that Tampines has been chosen as one of the towns to test out the pilot project for the installation of solar panels for public housing. Solar power currently accounts for about 1.5 percent of Singapore's total electricity consumption. That is equivalent to the power needs of about 26,000 four-room flats," Mr Masagos Zulkifli shared.

He added that Singapore aims to generate 5 percent of our energy needs through solar power by 2020. Apart from using solar panels on our blocks, we are also exploring other options such as installing solar panels on our reservoirs, to try to overcome our size limitation.

Said Mr Baey Yam Keng, "We have solar panels installed on a total of 157 blocks of flats in Tampines, and that is part of our efforts at managing our utility costs, while diversifying Singapore's energy sources at the same time. I want to thank our residents for putting up with the inconveniences during the installation."

Mr Baey also thanked the HDB for their assistance and support, and expressed the hope to bring solar power to the rest of Tampines, if the blocks are able to support them structurally and if space permits.

About two thirds or 67% of the power will go to lighting, followed by 21% for the lifts, and 12% for the water pumps.





Turn Aluminium Cans into more Savings!

60 Cents/Kg for Aluminium Cans at all Cash For Trash Stations* in September 2017

For a full list of Cash For Trash stations, please visit: <http://www.veolia.com.sg/our-services/residents/cash-for-trash>

* Available only for Veolia Cash For Trash station in Clementi, Bukit Merah, Pasir Ris and Tampines Sectors.



Metal Cans 99% Recycled

Impressive. We CAN do better.



2016 Waste and Recycling Statistics

Generated:	97,200 tonnes
Recycled:	95,900 tonnes
Incinerated:	1,300 tonnes

*Based on National Environment Agency Waste and Recycling Statistics for 2016.

Park above a Park

A community garden on top of a multi storey car park?

Atop Blk 136A lies Tampines' newest community garden. Launched by Mr Desmond Choo, the new garden is a place for residents to mingle with each other while taking in the sights and smells of various plants. From rosemary & thyme to lemongrass & pandan, there is sure to be something for everyone!

The garden also provides a conducive space for healthy lifestyle activities. Join fellow residents for their morning Qi Gong routine or carry out your own fitness regime. It is a common space for both young and old to enjoy!



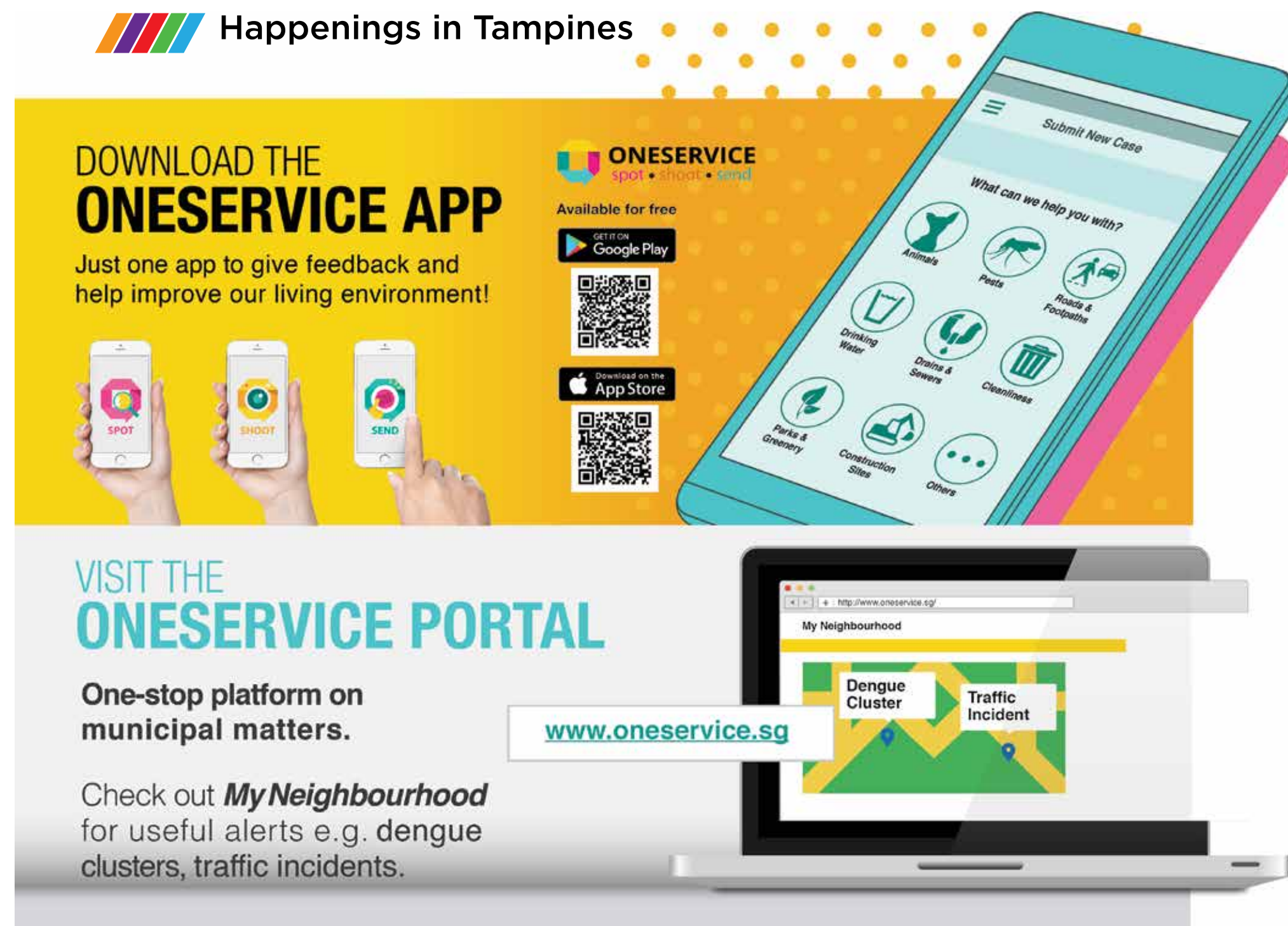
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ARTS IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Arts in Your Neighbourhood (AYN) is a programme by the National Arts Council to bring enriching arts experiences to everyone at their doorsteps. Happening in March and November each year, AYN consists of quality interactive arts programmes by established artists and arts groups, held at various spaces across the island.

Bring your family and friends to participate in exciting AYN programmes happening at Our Tampines Hub over the weekend of 25 and 26 November!



Play With Bamboo! by Liong Kit Yeng
25 Nov (Saturday), 2:00pm
Our Tampines Hub Festive Plaza
26 Nov (Sunday), 5:00pm
Our Tampines Hub Festive Arts Theatre
Admission is free

Experience a musical showcase of Asian cultures through the beautiful sounds of the bamboo! Featuring traditional folk songs, accompanied by dance and visual elements, take a musical journey across Asia with world-class arranger and composer Liong Kit Yeng and accomplished musicians from Chinese chamber music ensemble Ding Yi Music Company.



Legacy by Azpirasi
25 Nov (Saturday), 7:00pm
Our Tampines Hub Festive Plaza
Admission is free

Celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Singapore's history through Azpirasi's selection of traditional Malay dances, with intricate choreography and beautiful music that celebrates harmony, love and the kampong spirit.



Children and family craft activities by Cheryl Teo
25 Nov (Saturday), 26 Nov (Sunday)
3.00 – 6.00pm
Our Tampines Hub Festive Plaza
Admission is free

From dancing bauble dolls, to paper puppets, theatre masks and so much more, be sure to join us and take home a special craft collectible!

AYN is presenting 55 activities in various other locations such as Bedok Town Square, Westgate, Canopy@J-Link, and Ang Mo Kio Central Stage. For the full schedule and location details of Arts in Your Neighbourhood programmes, visit artsforall.sg/AYN.

Round Market Spring Cleaning



The Tampines Round Market is an icon of the town, and a favourite place with many people.

Given its popularity and history, human traffic here is heavy and to ensure that everything is spick and span, the Town Council conducts quarterly cleaning of the Round Market on top of the regular daily cleaning.

For three days - from 15 to 17 May 2017 - all the fans, tables, chairs, walls and virtually everything here were given a good scrub. Our pests control partners were also brought in to help ensure hygiene and cleanliness of the place.

All this to make sure the Round Market stays your favourite eating place!



Tales from the Heart

Some things just don't change over time. Principles of Honesty, Integrity, Positive Attitude, Adaptability and Resilience are career values that have stayed true. Our veterans have played a huge part in building up the strong and resilient nation we have today, and they are the best spokespersons to attest to these.

As a community, we care through sharing knowledge and experiences. In encouragement of this exchange, Young NTUC has collaborated with NTUC Income to organise the 'Tales from the Heart' project on 12 August 2017. With the support of organisations like the Tampines grassroots organisations, it became the concluding event for Young NTUC's U Heart volunteer campaign. 28 veterans, many from the Tampines community, shared their career values in a human library format with our next generation of young workers.

Through this, they showed an appreciation for the veterans and sent a message that regardless of the passage of time, younger workers will always have something to learn from them. Be it valuable knowledge and experience, or important and lasting career values, these lessons will remain timeless and unchanging in today's ever-evolving job environment.



For the Love of Dogs

While many her age were just beginning to figure out what they wanted to do, then 19-year-old Melodee Tan had decided to devote her time towards the care of animals. The decision was largely grief-driven, and it came after the abrupt deaths of her beloved pet dogs, Luckie, Dobie and Bambie in 2011.

"I lost three dogs in a span of six months, so that was what pushed me to start Hope for Animals," Melodee, now 26, recalls. "The time when my dogs fell sick, my family was coincidentally going through some financial issues, and it felt like I didn't have anyone to turn to for advice."

Melodee was overwhelmed with guilt, and blamed herself for all three deaths. She believed that her dogs suffered under her care due to a mix of ignorance, negligence and irresponsibility on her part at that time with regards to the importance of sterilisation and vaccination. One of her dogs was not sterilised, and passed away from womb cancer.

"They passed away before my very eyes," Melodee says.

It was an extremely difficult and traumatic experience, but instead of dwelling on the past, she decided to turn the negative situation into a positive one. In early 2012, she started Hope for Animals in honour of her three dogs.

Hope for Animals was initially a platform for pet owners to come together with the goal of spreading awareness and providing mutual support. Fast forward five years later today, the small 'project' had blossomed into a voluntary animal welfare group largely involved in adoption drives for animal shelters, furthering the message of animal responsibility in Singapore, and organising creative fund-raising efforts like the popular doggie ang-pow designs.

27 August 2017 was a first-time collaboration between Hope for Animals and East Spring Secondary School for a carwash event that saw the support of some 80 cars. Melodee and her volunteers managed to raise more than \$2,000, all of which went to Exclusively Mongrels Limited and Oasis Second Chance Animal Shelter (OSCAS). "Funds are always a challenge. We could use a sponsor but everyone will only give if there's some way they can benefit. So most of the time, funds are from our own pocket," she says.

When she is not organising fundraisers for animal shelters, the Tampines resident of 24 years can often be found walking dogs by the park near her home. It is to her delight that the estate is becoming more pet-friendly with the addition of a dog run in Tampines St 82 and dog training classes every Sunday morning around Tampines St 11.

The co-existence of human beings and animals in a community can potentially bring about various benefits for our residents. Many would be surprised to know that the presence of pets have a significant positive impact on human lives - studies have shown how animal companionship reduces high blood pressure.

However, in order to create the ideal harmonious living environment that both humans and animals can enjoy, Melodee acknowledges the imperative need for pet

owners to exercise pet responsibility, which is unfortunately "still lacking" amongst residents. For a start, she proposes that pet owners set a good example by cleaning up after their pets.

"If we're trying to move towards becoming a more pet-tolerant community, we'll need to come together to reach out to dog, cat and rabbit owners to teach them about pet responsibility," says Melodee. "Because that's where it all starts."

How to be a Neighbourhood Hero

Tampines Town Council is committed to helping dog owners raise happy and healthy dogs in a welcoming and compassionate neighbourhood. Just 5 simple steps and you're on your way to being the Hero of YOUR neighbourhood - in both your dog and your neighbour's hearts.

- **I.D. your dog:** Proper pet identification helps your dog find its way home
- **Keep your dog leashed:** Protect your dog, protect your neighbours
- **Set a good example:** Your actions reflect the reputation of animals within the neighbourhood
- **Pick up after your dog:** Love your estate as much as you love your dog
- **Supervise play with children:** Teach our kids to love animals, not fear them



The Queen of Lobster Nasi Lemak

You may have heard about the Lobster Nasi Lemak at Blk 9008 Tampines St 93 that has been making its rounds on social media the past month. But how much do you know about the creative mind behind this latest fusion dish trend?

It was almost 2.30pm on a weekday afternoon that the last customer was served his plate of Lobster Nasi Lemak. Madam Sarena Talib, more affectionately known as Kak (Malay word for sister) Sare, emerged with all smiles from the stall kitchen to share her story. With a cheery demeanour and radiating good energy, one would never have guessed she spent nearly 8 hours toiling in the kitchen.

An enterprising all-rounder, Mdm Sare has under her belt a myriad of diverse experiences in various fields like furniture retail, beauty services, real estate, and even fashion. But her big break only arrived after she made the decision to enter the



“It has gone viral across Asia- Malaysia, Brunei, and Indonesia. I get people from Brunei who come here specially to try it.”

- Mdm Sare

F&B business in 2013. "I'm very grateful that I did", she says.

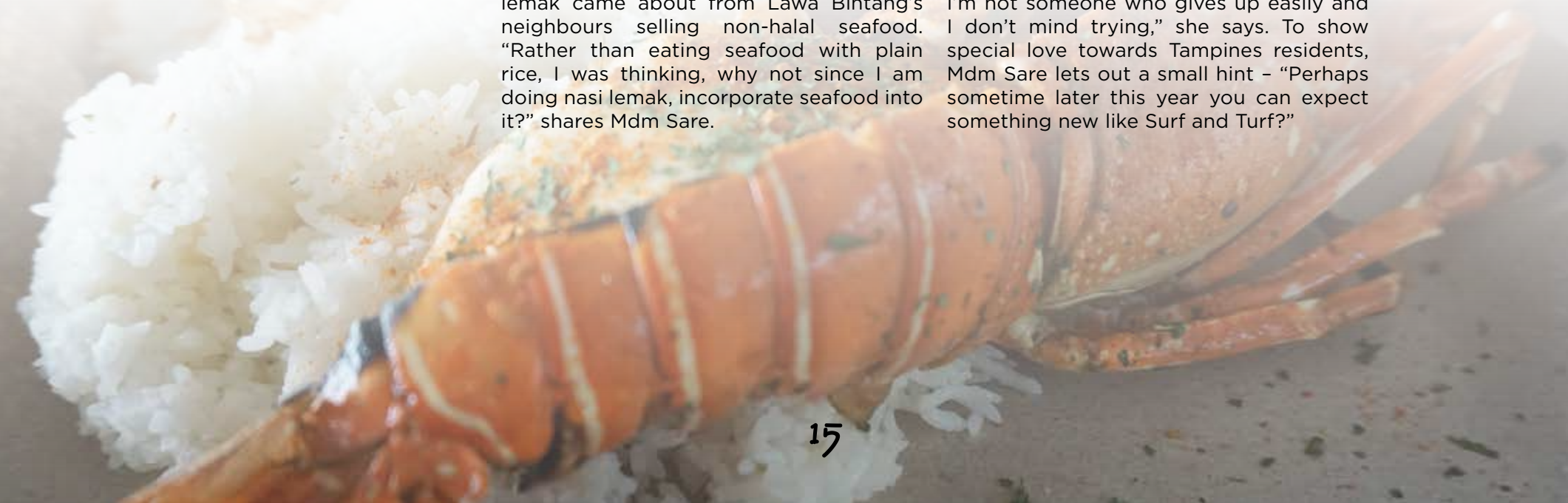
The popularity of the Lobster Nasi Lemak was, according to Mdm Sare, "like a rocket". Its ascent was so sudden and unexpected that she did not even begin to fully realize it. It only came to her attention when journalists and food bloggers arrived with requests to feature the dish on various newspapers and sites. It was not long before the dish became one of the most talked-v about topics when it comes to Tampines, drawing not only food-loving Singaporeans from across the island, but also across Southeast Asia to stand in line for hours - just to taste this one-of-a-kind specialty.

Prior to the current outlet at Tampines, she was selling Nasi Ambeng and Mee Rebus Tulang at Kaki Bukit and Tai Seng - two of her most popular dishes at that time. The switch to selling nasi lemak only came this year February after the relocation to Tampines, and the idea for Lobster Nasi Lemak was rolled out soon after. Being the only halal food stall at Tampines' Kenny Eating House, the idea for fusion nasi lemak came about from Lawa Bintang's neighbours selling non-halal seafood. "Rather than eating seafood with plain rice, I was thinking, why not since I am doing nasi lemak, incorporate seafood into it?" shares Mdm Sare.

The move to Tampines came about due to a change of management at the Tai Seng branch, and an increase in rental for the Kaki Bukit one. Initially, Mdm Sare did not have any particular opinion about location "so long as there's a vacancy."

However, the pleasant environment and vibrant food scene in Tampines has since won her over. "The estate has a lot of good food, not only nasi lemak but there's also nasi campur at Our Tampines Hub," she says. "I always see comments online saying East side always have good food!" Now, Mdm Sare is confident that her fusion nasi lemak dishes are the perfect fit for the vibe and culture of the Tampines neighbourhood. "Tampines is quite a futuristic town with young residents always looking for new and 'hype' dishes," she observed. "So the launch of my Lobster Nasi Lemak dish is timely, especially with the recent launch of Our Tampines Hub".

As trends come and go, Mdm Sare is in plans to continue contributing to Tampines' gastronomic landscape by cooking up new creations "I'll continue to develop something new for the menu, I'm not someone who gives up easily and I don't mind trying," she says. To show special love towards Tampines residents, Mdm Sare lets out a small hint - "Perhaps sometime later this year you can expect something new like Surf and Turf?"



Meet-The-People Session



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