

Let's Go *Jalan-Jalan*



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Jalan-jalan in Malay translates roughly to 'walk about' in English. It's such a lovely local way of describing an easy, informal day out, with the hope of making little discoveries along the way, meeting up with old friends, and perhaps making new ones as well.

No one appreciates the benefits of going on a bit of a jalan-jalan now and then, better than our very own CEO Tan Meng Dui.

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'Feet'uring One HDB

Since joining HDB in February 2021, CEO has been taking time out to visit various HDB offices/sites and projects. The mini visits allow him to get deeper insight into unique operations and challenges, to meet our colleagues working at these offices or involved in these projects, and to recognize their efforts and contributions in serving the needs of residents and customers.

These walkabouts are the focus of the #CEOgoesjalanjalan series on Workplace. CEO personally recaps each visit he makes with a short write-up and a few interesting photos that capture the key highlights of his visit.

From dropping by our frontline offices, to getting a close-up look at award-winning HDB developments in our estates, CEO's visits have put the spotlight on the #OneHDB spirit in action, showcasing how different teams come together to deliver service and innovation excellence.



Sole Searching Knowledge

CEO's jalan-jalan series has brought about another somewhat unexpected outcome – it has created a compilation of learning journeys for the rest of us!

Through CEO, we were able to visit our colleagues at the Cyber Security Operations Centre, to get a look at how it safeguards our systems and data. We were able to 'sit in' on a briefing by our BRI colleagues on the capabilities of our Smart Hub. And most recently, we were able to get a glimpse of and learn more about HDB's new External Retractable Clothes Drying Rack – all from the comfort of our Workplace app!



So, if you haven't had the chance to go jalan-jalan yet, check out the HDB FYI group on Workplace – CEO's waiting for you to catch up!



How Have You Been?

It's been two years since the pandemic started and we asked you about how you've been coping in life or at work. Here's what you told us!

Adrian Lim, DPG

Whenever there's a need to de-stress or to clear my mind, my mini garden is there!



Ho Hwee Tin, PLG

Since we can't attend physical meetings, I've been meeting my colleagues, family and friends through various platforms such as Skype, Zoom, and now Teams.



Keith Tay, HMG

My supportive colleagues have been keeping me going.



Leong Mei Lin, BIG

Face time is essential to building friendships, especially with our colleagues who joined during the pandemic. I'm glad we had the chance to attend in-person courses together recently - otherwise, I do feel lonely at times when work gets tough.

I've also been trying to meet my best friends at work for virtual lunches. It takes more effort and it's not the same as meeting up physically, but happy that we can have lunch in person now!



Yang Kailin, CRG

The COVID pandemic has forced us to quickly adapt to massive changes. I am glad to be working in HDB because of the great support from our supervisors. I can spend more time with my family, and even started exercising again. While I am getting used to my WFH routine, I sometimes still miss being in the office and bonding with my colleagues.

In a way, there's not much difference between working from home or office because we still need to complete our work on time. So I hope that we will be moving towards a hybrid working environment in the future!



Karen, HMG

Working from home has been a brand new experience for me. It really saves a lot of travelling time, as well as money spent eating out. I now get to enjoy dinner with my kids, and spend more time together with them at night.

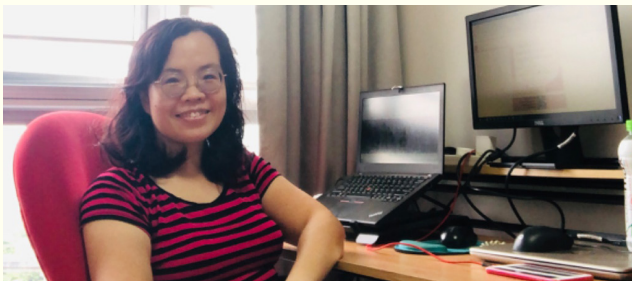


Whyn Yan, HMG

We seriously miss having face-to-face human interactions in the office - for example something as simple as shouting for colleagues across our work stations. COVID-19 caught us by surprise and many of us are still working from home until today. Regardless, our ILS team continues to make the best out of it and keep in contact with one another by having weekly huddles via Skype to talk about anything under the sun. It's not about the physical place we are at, but the people whom we are with that matters! :)

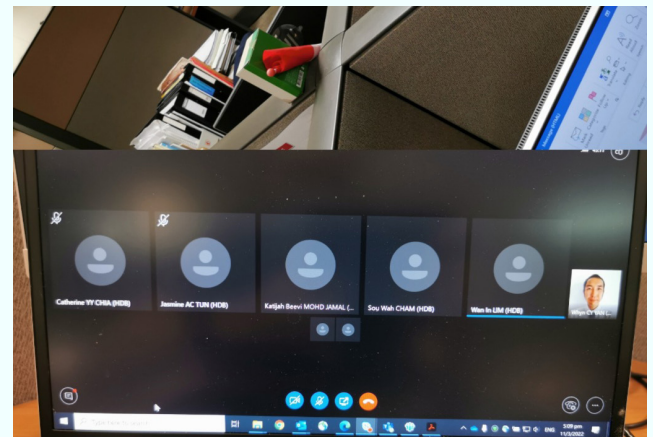
Alicia Yee, HMG

Here's my conducive workspace at home.



Elaine, HMG

I'm enjoying my current arrangement of alternating weeks to WFH!



Stephen Tan, BQG

Back in Apr 2020, it was difficult when I had to work from home without things that we enjoyed in the office – such as air-con, proper table and chairs, accessories like monitors and mouse pads. But as I adjusted my own mindset with time and began to buy things that will help me work from home, I grew to love this experience.

It's like a wish come true after 25 years in HDB! I feel refreshed and energetic as there is no need to travel to and from office, which means that I get more time to rest. I keep myself active by running twice a week, and walking out to buy my meals instead of taking public transport. I hope that in the future, we will have the option to choose to work from home or the office, and move towards a hybrid mode of working.



Chew, BRI

Although working from home may have been a norm for many companies in the private sector, I'm glad that HDB has also taken the step to implement this working arrangement. We no longer have to squeeze with the rush hour crowd just to get to work. Time spent travelling to the office has been reduced, and virtual meetings can also transition seamlessly to the next with just a click. I think most of us will appreciate the benefits too.



Tam Yong Fong, HMG

When more and more people around us have been catching COVID, I can't help but feel that it may be me one day too. However, we should continue to do what we can to keep ourselves safe, and adapt to this new way of living!



Lim, HMG

Seems like we usually end up working longer hours while working from home... but we MUST remind each other to practise self-care and take care of our own health. Let's stay strong and stay safe!





Our HDB Achievers



The COVID pandemic not only put a halt to many events, but also forced us to re-think the way we have traditionally held them.

One of these key ceremonies was the MND National Day Awards (NDA). Usually held annually as a combined MND Family event, the 2020 ceremony was initially put on hold and then decentralised to the individual agencies to organise. And this gave us the opportunity to bring the event closer to home, to hold it in a more intimate manner, and throw in some innovative elements as well.





So, on 25 January 2022, we celebrated the achievements of HDB recipients of the Commendation and Efficiency Medals at HDB Hub. During the ceremony, 12 staff received their medals from Ms Indranee Thurai Rajah, Second Minister for National Development.



HDB recipients of the Long Service Medal were the stars of our two ceremonies held simultaneously on 28 January 2022 at HDB Hub. Ms Sim Ann, Senior Minister of State and Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, Minister of State graced the ceremonies. A total of 60 staff were conferred the medal during this memorable occasion. And a special live-streaming video before the event began, featured the recipients helling and greeting one another at the ceremonies.

As a form of appreciation, care packs were also gifted to the recipients who attended the NDA 2020 ceremonies.

Once again, a round of applause for all the HDB recipients of the NDA. Well done!



All About SHARE

It has been yet another fulfilling year of fund-raising activities for the HDB SHARE Committee, which would not have been possible without the kindness of our colleagues. Just like everyone else, the Committee faced challenges in the early days of the pandemic – such as not being able to hold their signature event that we all fondly know as our ‘Charity Breakfast’.

Nevertheless, the Committee organised various activities in place of it, and received overwhelming support from our generous colleagues. Let us take a brief look at the past year:

April 2021

HDB Cares Campaign

The Committee first rolled out this campaign at the start of the pandemic back in 2020. With support from our colleagues, it returned for an encore performance, this time with heartwarming stories from beneficiaries of the Community Chest.



June 2021

Donate-a-Meal or Cake Campaign

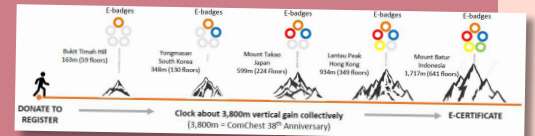
The team tapped on the Pay-it-Forward initiative of METTA, a Community Chest beneficiary, which allows donors to buy meal coupons for beneficiaries to use at METTA's cafe. The Committee came up with cake coupons as well, for METTA to distribute birthday cakes to beneficiaries on their birthdays. Our staff donated over 3,000 meal coupons and 200 birthday cakes to them!



August 2021

Community Chest Vertical Marathon

The Committee supported Community Chest in their first standalone Vertical Marathon, which aims to unite people from all parts of the community to climb as one and rise above challenges. As Community Chest was celebrating their 38th anniversary, participants were encouraged to clock 3,800m of vertical gain with their family, friends and colleagues.



September 2021

President's Challenge

Together with our MND family, HDB has always been a strong supporter of the President's Challenge. This was a special annual call by President Halimah Yacoob, which reminded us of what we can do to help the less fortunate in our society. As donations were matched, every dollar donated to the President's Charities would have its impact multiplied, providing support to more beneficiaries.



November 2021

Adopt-a-Sharity Donation Drive

Other than the usual Sharity plushies and key chains, the Committee introduced new Sharity merchandise this year – namely notebooks, tote bags and even pencil sets. Over 2,000 Sharity items were donated to the various beneficiaries of Community Chest, such as AWWA Singapore.



January 2022

Chinese New Year 'Fu Dai' Charity Event

A yearly event organized during the Chinese New Year, the Committee worked with Community Chest to raise funds for 'Fu Dai' – which are bags of blessings and joy, meant for seniors and families in need. The campaign helped spread festive joy to the less fortunate groups through the delivery of festive items and necessities.



March 2022

SHARE e-Closing Ceremony

Traditionally a physical event, the SHARE Closing Ceremony pivoted to a virtual ceremony to mark the end of the financial year, as well as the term of the current members. The event recognized the fund-raising efforts of the Committee and support from Community Chest and HDBSU, while also welcoming the incoming Committee members who will take over the new term.



Have you heard of the SHARE Programme?

The SHARE Programme is a hassle-free monthly giving programme of Community Chest, which HDB has been supporting since 1984. Donations through the SHARE Programme will serve as a continuous source of funds to provide holistic and comprehensive support to a wide range of charities, especially those which are less visible or relatively unknown. 100% of SHARE donations goes towards helping the disadvantaged from about 80 charities supported by Community Chest.



If you would like to join our many colleagues in helping the less privileged in our community, approach HR or your Group SHARE rep to start contributing through the programme or revise your existing contributions to Community Chest. Your preferred donation amount will be deducted from your salary every month.

Let us continue to make a difference to the lives of the beneficiaries!



The WOW @ork Calendar

January

Events

25 & 28 Jan

► MND National Day Awards 2020 Ceremonies



February

Awards

16 Feb

► Recognition of Excellence (RoE) Award



March

Events

11 Mar

► SHARE Committee e-Closing Ceremony 2022

Awards

23 Mar

► Total Defence Awards 2021 Ceremony

