



In nine days, Singapore will celebrate her 54th birthday. This year is also special because it coincides with the Singapore Bicentennial, which marks the 200th anniversary of Sir Stamford Raffles' arrival in Singapore. The theme for this year's National Day Parade is "[Our Singapore](#)" where everyone is encouraged to be pioneers of our future, just as we are living the dreams of our pioneers.

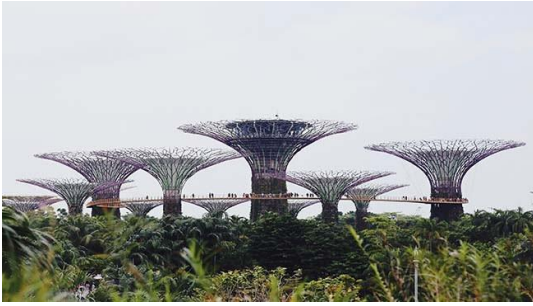
As Singapore progresses to be a Smart Nation and in view of an ageing population ahead, technologies are employed to automate processes or reduce essential manpower. The Singapore Government is also encouraging everyone to create and embrace an inclusive culture, where people with disabilities will not be stereotyped or feel left out.

As the lyrics of this year's [National Day theme song](#) puts it, "*so now we look around us and we see, a nation built with love by you and me, a land to treasure right down to the core, our home, our heart, our Singapore.*"

Singapore's best days are yet to come. Happy National Day!

Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.

ARTICLES & UPDATES



Trash becomes energy at Gardens by the Bay

Gardens by the Bay collects between four to five tonnes of waste every day. In line with the Nation's push towards zero-waste future, it has adopted technology that converts trash into energy as well as a carbon-based product that may enhance plant growth. Read [more...](#)



Smart Nation should support special needs

The society in Singapore has a part to play in integrating those with special needs. Metta School, which caters to students who have autism and mild intellectual disabilities, created a virtual stimulation system to allow students experience everyday scenarios. Read [more...](#)



App to unlock memories for persons with dementia

The app will feature curated objects and photographs from the past, to elicit memories in patients with dementia, and coax them to share their past with their caregivers. Caregivers can also use moving icons and animations to launch conversations. This app will be available in English by end 2020. Read [more...](#)



New initiative to offer more help to underprivileged

An initiative called *Marsiling Cares*, will provide Marsiling's underprivileged residents with even more support by stringing together a series of new and existing programmes in the estate. Such programmes include tuition for less privileged children and setting up of a social service hub to help vulnerable families. Read [more...](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



16 August 2019

Beach Clean-Up with Dr Sylvia Earle

NTU is organising a morning out with world-renowned oceanographer Dr Sylvia Earle, Explorer-in-Residence at National Geographic Society, Time Magazine's first Hero for the Planet. Be part of this meaningful effort. [Find out more.](#)



15 August 2019

Cha-Ching

A globally-recognised animation and music-based financial literacy programme which takes an engaging and age-appropriate approach to teach children about key fundamental money smart concepts. [Find out more.](#)

COMPETITIONS & GRANTS



18 June - 5 August 2019

ASEAN Youth Eco-Champions Award

An Award to recognise outstanding youth who have made significant contributions to protecting the environment. Winners will also get a chance to participate in an ASEAN-wide youth event in Cambodia. Click [here](#) to read more and apply.



18 June - 19 August 2019

CoLab4Good Award for Service to Society

An Award that recognises student initiatives which have made significant contributions to either the community or the environment. Click [here](#) to read more.

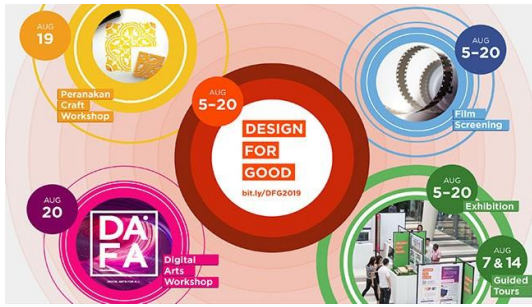


18 June - 19 August 2019

Mr & Mrs Kwok Chin Yan Award for Student Initiative

An Award that recognises student initiatives which have made significant contributions towards enhancement of student life, improvement of campus environment or betterment of the larger community. Click [here](#) to read more and apply.

UPCOMING EVENTS



5 - 20 August 2019

Design For Good 2019

Celebrating the potential of design and creativity to shape the Future We Want, sign up for free craft and digital workshops, and watch films on the big screen. Visit the exhibition to see how ADM students are thinking about People and Planet. [Find out more.](#)



2 - 16 August 2019

Ayer Ayer Project Exhibition

Visit the exhibition to learn about the impact of plastic waste on the marine environment. Don't miss the Shore Debris Table exhibit that was created by using shore debris and shaped like Punggol Beach. [Find out more.](#)



15 - 16 August 2019

Red Week 2019

Organised annually by NTU Red Cross Youth, come and find out more on how you can contribute to society by participating in their events. There will also be game booths and redemption of free goodie bags at the event. [Find out more.](#)



3 - 4 August 2019

Music For A Cause 2019

Organised by social enterprise Love Action Project, this music festival will feature 13 local bands supporting 16 social causes. It is also a platform to generate awareness and fundraise for social causes in Singapore. [Find out more.](#)



3 August 2019

Wake Up Your Idea!

Organised by UNFRAMED, a leading community of social impact entrepreneurs, this event is a movement to drive social entrepreneurship, innovation and positive change in our communities. There will be two roadshows - attend both for more impact ideas! [Find out more.](#)



8 August 2019

Hawker Culture = Takeaway Culture?

Singapore's hawker culture is well-loved by many. We patronise it regularly and are proud of it. However, how can we help to safeguard this culture without it being done at the expense of the environment? Join in this learning journey to a hawker centre in Chinatown and a visit to UnPackt to get ideas! [Find out more.](#)



7 August 2019

Sustainable Economic Development Through Environmental Programmes

Come and hear about projects that could solve the ever-growing demand for recoverable resources and bio-fuel energy through an economical, eco-efficient and eco-environmental approach. [Find out more.](#)



24 August 2019

Welcome To My World: Stepping Stones

An annual concert organised by Very Special Arts Singapore, involving various social service agencies and special education schools across Singapore. The aim of this concert is to show that disability does not and should not stop someone from achieving excellence in the arts, and that the arts are for everyone. [Find out more.](#)



Website



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Student Community Engagement aims to empower students to make a difference through positive social actions. We believe that young people have a critical role to play in building a better world for themselves and the community.

We provide students access to opportunities such as grants for their ground-up initiatives and social entrepreneurship efforts, internships at non-profit organisations, and training programmes to develop community leadership skills.

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