



BECAME THE BIGGEST VIDEO GAME IN THE WORLD

A Minecraft Movie – the latest live-action adaptation of a video game and Hollywood's first proper stab at bringing it to life – opens in Singapore cinemas on April 3. The film was stuck in "development hell" for almost a decade, with numerous actors, directors, writers and film executives cycling through, including Steve Carell and Shawn Levy, Join The Straits Times' correspondent YAMINI CHINNUSWAMY and executive artist LEE YU HUI on a walkthrough of the game's pixellated and cubic terrain to find out why it got so popular



1980s and 1990s video games, such as the original Super Mario Bros (1985) and Pac-Man (1980)

players have mined and crafted while immersed in melancholic ambient music

MILESTONES

Ender Dragon, found in

the End dimension

<u>ZUUS AL</u>PHA BUILD RELEASED



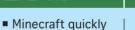
■ Minecraft is created by ■ Persson releases a Swedish game developer public alpha build of Markus "Notch" Persson. Minecraft online in who cut his teeth at King

■ King is the Swedish mobile game company behind Candy Crush Saga, Bubble Witch Saga a small fee in exchange and more



■ Early adopters can pay for testing the game, and are promised free access to the full game upon its release

DRAGON



develops a following ■ 4,500 people turn

up at the MineCon 2011 event in Las Vegas, United States

■ Minecraft 1.0.0, the first full version of the game, is released at this event



■ Tech giant Microsoft acquires Minecraft's parent company, Mojang, for US\$2.5 billion

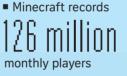
2016

calling card

■ Minecraft: **Education Edition** is launched after teachers and educators around the world start using Minecraft in their classrooms

to gamify lessons

2020



Total sales to date top 200 million

2021



content collectively amasses one trillion views on YouTube

Minecraft becomes the first game to sell

2023



■ It is also the world's best-selling video game, according to the

Guinness World Records

A MINECRAFT MOVIE

■ Four misfits, including Garrett "The Garbage Man" Garrison (Jason Momoa), are accidentally transported into a block-like world full of cubic scenery and creatures

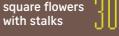
■ Expert crafter Steve (Jack Black, right) takes them on a quest around the Overworld to get them back home

■ But first, they must stop nefarious piglin forces from the Nether from destroying the Overworld

■ Though inspired by a video game, the film uses practical effects to replicate the colour-drenched. right-angled terrain of Minecraft

tree trunks

large square



extra-large