

Looking back, charging forward

After 51 years of independence, there are many chapters of the Singapore Story yet untold. Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong yesterday gave Singaporeans an idea of what lies ahead: A bigger, better City in a Garden, with increased connectivity and greater business opportunities. He also outlined snippets of Singapore's past, present and future at the National Day Rally. The Straits Times looks at some of the milestones.

WHAT WE BUILT: THE PAST 15 YEARS



- 1 National Stadium**
- The National Day Parade this year returned to a new National Stadium after a decade-long absence. To mark the homecoming, the 55,000-strong crowd at this year's NDP revived a local tradition – the Kallang Wave.



- 2 Punggol**
- This neighbourhood in north-eastern Singapore has seen a rejuvenation, with the construction of new Housing Board flats and Punggol Waterway.

WHAT COMES NEXT: A LOOK AT THE NEXT 15 YEARS



- 5 Woodlands Regional Centre**
- Envisioned as the northern gateway to Singapore, the Woodlands Regional Centre will provide space for businesses, homes and a new waterfront park.



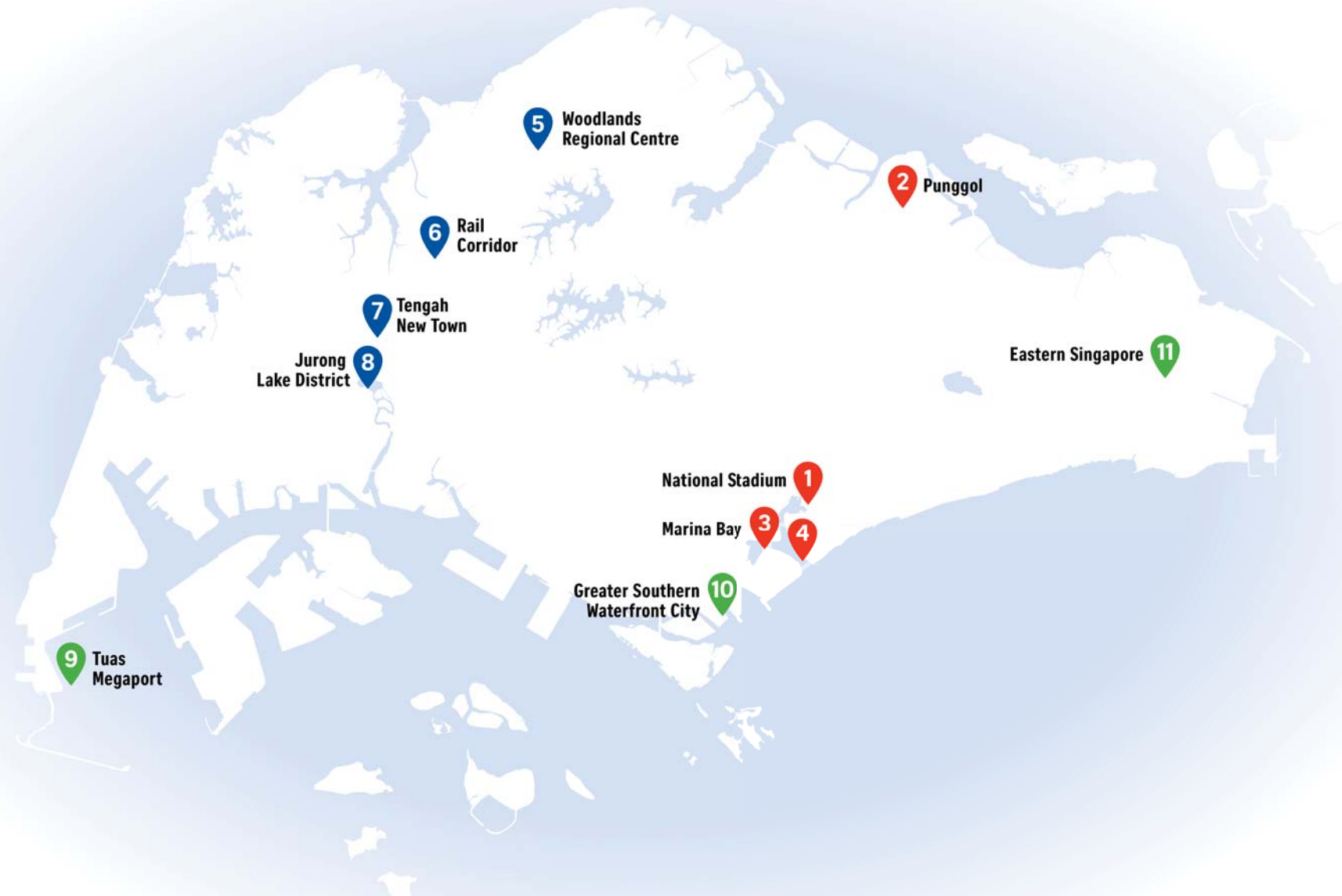
- 6 Rail Corridor**
- The 24km Rail Corridor will be redeveloped to make room for a variety of uses, creating paved cycling paths, rest shelters and active event spaces, as well as quiet rainforest-viewing platforms.



- 3 Marina Bay**
- In 2005, PM Lee envisioned the Marina Bay area as the signature image of Singapore. A decade on, it has lived up to its name. Buildings in the Central Business District now stand sentinel over the reclaimed bayfront, which is also home to the Marina Barrage and tourist attractions such as Gardens by the Bay.



- 4 Vibrant waterways**
- Otters and their pups have been spotted relaxing in Singapore's waterways, a sign that wildlife is coming back.



- 7 Tengah New Town**
- Other than the Jurong Lake Gardens, the upcoming Tengah New Town nearby will draw more people to the western part of Singapore.



- 8 Jurong Lake District**
- The upcoming Jurong Lake Gardens, about the size of 144 football fields, will be a new type of green lung outside the city centre. The gardens will show how technology can be integrated with nature, and will also be where the new Science Centre will be relocated. The terminus of the high speed rail that will link Singapore to Kuala Lumpur will also be located nearby.

WHAT'S IN STORE: 2030 AND BEYOND



- 9 Tuas Megaport**
- The PSA Port in Tanjong Pagar and Pasir Panjang will be moved to Tuas, forming the Tuas Megaport. This will boost Singapore's trade and economy.



- 10 Greater Southern Waterfront City**
- The move of the ports to Tuas will free up plenty of space for development in the Marina area. Some of the possibilities include a 30km waterfront route for walking, running and cycling. In all, about 1,000ha of land – thrice the size of Marina Bay – will be up for development in the Greater Southern Waterfront after 2030.



- 11 Eastern Singapore**
- The western end of Singapore is due for major transformation, with the development of Jurong Lake Gardens and Tengah New Town. But the east is also expected to change dramatically, PM Lee said, with Changi Airport's Terminals 4 and 5, as well as the move of the Paya Lebar Airbase to Changi.