

Hot topics in the House

4G leaders to launch discussion series

The fourth-generation leadership will begin a series of discussions with different groups of Singaporeans, said Finance Minister Heng Swee Keat.

They will reach out to Singaporeans of all ages and different segments of society, such as workers, volunteer groups and hobby groups.

The aim is to give all Singaporeans a role to turn good ideas into actions, he said, as the 4G leadership wants to listen to Singaporeans "with humility and respect".

Round-up of key themes in debate

The debate on the President's Address ended yesterday with MP Cheryl Chan (Fengshan) rounding up the key themes raised by speakers over five days.

These included improving social mobility, narrowing income inequality, making the economy more innovative and productive, and forging a stronger national identity.

She said building a cohesive society in which every citizen has a place does not occur by chance, but instead requires meticulous planning, putting in place social strategies and precise execution.



Law to protect vulnerable adults passed

A law to protect seniors and people with disabilities who are suffering from abuse and neglect was passed yesterday.

The Vulnerable Adults Bill will allow the State to intervene by entering homes to assess a person's well-being, and relocating them to safe places like shelters.

The new law will also protect whistle-blowers and allow the authorities to apply for court protection orders, among other things.