

Remaking Singapore

Singapore today comprises multiple layers and imprints of different eras, said Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong. Tham Yuen-C looks at some major projects to add new layers to the city, and key developments in the works.

Punggol Digital District

An earlier project to develop Punggol was halted in 1997 due to the Asian financial crisis. In NDR 2007, PM Lee gave it a new lease of life. Now, Housing Board blocks stand along the banks of the pristine Punggol Waterway, amid greenery and jogging tracks. By 2021, the area will have a new hawker centre, regional library, childcare centre and healthcare facilities. There are also plans for Punggol to become Singapore's mini-Silicon Valley with a new digital district.

Tuas Port



PM Lee first announced in NDR 2013 that a mega port would be built in Tuas. Phase 1 of construction work for Tuas Port has been completed and Phase 2 started in July this year. Operations will start in 2021, and the port is expected to be fully operational in the 2040s.

Jurong Lake District

Part of the plan to develop the area (below) around Jurong Lake and Jurong East MRT station into a lakeside business, shopping and leisure destination was first set out in 2008 and has been completed. The district, slated to become Singapore's "Second CBD", was once again a key highlight of PM Lee's NDR 2014. In the next decade, the area will also see a new Science Centre, the 90ha Jurong Lake Gardens, and a new 7ha tourism hub.

Marina Bay

The vision to transform Marina Bay into a sparkling new downtown was first unveiled in the 2005 National Day Rally. Today, it is a vibrant business and financial centre with iconic landmarks like Gardens by the Bay and Marina Bay Sands.



Greater Southern Waterfront

First mentioned in part in NDR 2013, the project will see developments along 30km of the southern coastline, covering 2,000ha of land. Some 9,000 housing units, including HDB and private housing, will be built on the land to be vacated by Keppel Club. There are also plans to build more office spaces, redevelop Pulau Brani, and revitalise Sentosa's beaches. When complete, the Greater Southern Waterfront will be connected to surrounding green areas, from West Coast Park to East Coast Park and the Rail Corridor, to form a new green heart in the centre of Singapore.

Redevelopment of Paya Lebar Air Base



In 2013, PM Lee first announced plans to move Paya Lebar Air Base to a new air force base when its lease expires in 2030. This will free up land and remove height restrictions around Paya Lebar, paving the way for the development of new homes, offices, factories and parks in eastern Singapore.

Jewel at Changi and Changi Airport Terminal 5



Jewel and Terminal 5 were both mentioned in NDR 2013. The attraction, codenamed "Project Jewel", opened in April this year. T5 will be "a whole airport by itself" and double Changi Airport's area when it is completed by 2030.

