

Securing Singapore's place in the world, building a better home

On Monday, President Halimah Yacob said Singapore must respond to global shifts taking place in the light of Covid-19, and stressed the need for sustainable infrastructure development. Here are the key thrusts of the Government in these areas:



Maintain nation's defence even amid Covid-19

- No compromise on the Singapore Armed Forces' (SAF) operational readiness despite Covid-19
- SAF has resumed more training activities, and is restarting overseas exercises
- SAF will continue to take comprehensive safety measures to protect servicemen's health
- The Ministry of Defence and the SAF remain ready to contribute to national Covid-19 efforts



Strengthen peace and sovereignty

- Strengthen relations with immediate neighbours Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei
- Continue to work with Asean member states, as well as Asean's external partners
- Engage key partners to enhance cooperation in areas such as public health, reciprocal green lanes, and supply chain connectivity
- Play a constructive role at multilateral forums, including the United Nations, World Health Organisation and World Trade Organisation



Deepen defence cooperation

- Contribute to constructive dialogue and partnerships at platforms such as the Shangri-La Dialogue and the Asean Defence Ministers' Meeting
- Grow military ties with regional partners, scaling up bilateral military exercises and conducting regular dialogues and exchanges



Develop an inclusive home and a liveable city for all Singaporeans

- Continue to deliver reliable and affordable public transport for all, including giving those who are less ambulant more support
- Ensure that public housing remains accessible and affordable
- Lay the groundwork for longer-term infrastructure projects like the Greater Southern Waterfront



Push for sustainability

- Expand cycling paths to a total of 1,320km by 2030
- Work towards phasing out private vehicles with internal combustion engines by 2040
- Design new precincts for greater environmental sustainability and liveability
- Work to meet 30 per cent of Singapore's nutritional needs with locally produced food by 2030
- Ride on opportunities from decarbonisation and grow green industries, such as carbon services, and climate science



Ensure Singapore's safe reopening

- Set up a Safe Travel Office under the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority for a smoother traveller experience
- Use an in-house-designed test kit to screen travellers at land, air and sea borders
- Deploy technology such as unmanned aerial vehicles, patrol robots and remote sensors to detect crowding and ensure safe distancing



Building up status as a connected and competitive hub

- Revive Singapore's air hub in a safe way, and improve aviation infrastructure
- Reinforce Singapore's status as an international maritime centre, and invest in the maritime sector
- Restart travel between Singapore and Malaysia and embark on the Johor Baru-Singapore Rapid Transit System Link project

