



PRESS RELEASE

First-Ever Integrated Space for Child Care, Healthcare and Urban Farming at the Former Henderson Secondary School

The Singapore Land Authority (SLA) is transforming the site of the former Henderson Secondary School at 100 Henderson Road for adaptive reuse into the first-ever integrated space comprising a child care centre; a nursing home and dialysis centre; and an urban farm within a State property.

2. This is a collaborative effort with the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA), the Ministry of Health (MOH), and the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) to integrate the three facilities within a single site to cater to the needs of the community living in the area.

3. The integrated site will allow users of the three facilities to curate programmes and encourage interaction and participation in the activities organised for one another, and the neighbouring community. To improve the connectivity of the re-parcelled site, SLA has provided for a road access for each of the three facilities. The location and the parcellation of the site are provided in Annex A.

4. “As the custodian of State properties, SLA strives to optimise available sites including vacant schools in new ways that will benefit the community. We are working towards providing a wide range of use to optimise State properties and to provide for the changing environmental needs. We see opportunities for this site to be converted into different uses that can complement and meet the needs of the community in the area,” said Yap Eai-Sy, Deputy Director of Business Planning and Development, SLA.

Child Care Centre

5. The child care centre at this site will occupy a 1,800 sqm two-storey block, and will be run by an anchor operator, PAP Community Foundation (PCF). It will create around 250 new affordable, quality preschool places by end-2019 for young families in the vicinity. At this retrofitted premises, the centre will have opportunities to develop spaces for outdoor learning and play, as well as engage in cross-programming with the nursing home and urban farm.

6. In the first half of 2019, parents can register for the child care centre through ECDA's online Registration Management System, which can be accessed via www.ecda.gov.sg/Parents. They can also do so using the Moments of Life (Families) mobile application, which can be downloaded from the respective Apple and Android app stores.

Nursing Home and Dialysis Centre

7. MOH plans to convert part of the site into a nursing home and a dialysis centre, to meet the demand for eldercare and dialysis services within the region. The co-location of inter-generational and therapeutic spaces under one roof will contribute to the quality of care for seniors.

Urban Farm

8. SLA will be launching a Price-Quality tender with AVA for urban farming use. Besides farming, the site can also be used to test-bed innovative technologies for urban farming. With its proximity to the community, the urban farm will also raise awareness on how food is grown, as well as promote local produce.

9. Tenderers will be assessed on their proposals to see how best they can involve the community and how their operations can be more socially inclusive. The successful tenderer will be required to curate activities and programmes for the child care centre, nursing home and the community within the area. The Price-Quality Tender will allow for more holistic assessment of bids with 50% of the overall score for the bid price and 50% for the quality of the concept. The quality component of the proposed concept will be a key consideration in our assessment for the tender award.

10. The tender will open on 30 October 2018, Tuesday. Tenderers interested to develop and operate the urban farm may access the following website for more information on the tender: SPIO (<http://www.sla.gov.sg/spio>).

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About SLA

Singapore Land Authority (SLA) is a statutory board with the Ministry of Law. Its mission is to optimise land resources for the social and economic development of Singapore. SLA manages some 11,000 hectares of State land and about 5,000 State buildings, which have largely been tenanted out for a variety of uses. It also manages land sales, leases, acquisitions and allocation, developing and marketing land-related information, and maintaining the national land information database through digitised land information services. Being the national land registration authority for property transactions, SLA issues and guarantees land titles in Singapore. It also manages and maintains the national land survey system, where boundaries or legal limits of properties are defined, based on a coordinated cadastre survey system. The use of geospatial information is also spearheaded by SLA through a national collaborative environment where geospatial data, policies and technologies are established and defined, thereby fostering innovation, knowledge and value creation for the Government, enterprises and community.

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About ECDA

The Early Childhood and Development Agency (ECDA) serves as the regulatory and developmental authority for the early childhood sector in Singapore, overseeing all aspects of children's development below the age of six, across both kindergartens and child care centres. ECDA is an autonomous agency jointly overseen by the Ministry of Education (MOE) and the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF), and hosted under the Ministry of Social and Family Development.

For more details, visit www.ecda.gov.sg.

About AVA

The Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority is a statutory board under the Ministry of National Development that is responsible for ensuring a resilient supply of safe food, safeguarding health and welfare of animals, safeguarding the health of plants, and facilitating agri-trade.

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SITE LOCATION AND PARCELLATION

