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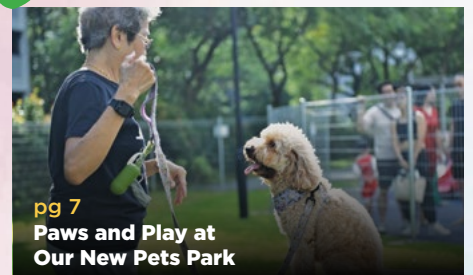
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Our Home of Possibilities!

Holland-Bukit Panjang Town: Our Wellness Heartland

On 5 April 2025, Holland-Bukit Panjang Town Council celebrated its progress with the launch of its commemorative books. The event was officiated by MPs for Bukit Panjang SMC and Holland-Bukit Timah GRC, Mr Liang Eng Hwa, Mr Christopher de Souza, Mr Edward Chia, Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, and Ms Sim Ann. It highlighted the town's development towards its vision of becoming Singapore's first Wellness Heartland.

This vision seeks to embed wellness in every aspect of daily life, from infrastructure to community engagement. Healthy living, social connectivity, and sustainable development are key to this concept.

Reflecting on the town's transformation, Mr Liang remarked, "Our town used to be quite *ulu*. Just about 20 years ago, there were very few bus services, no MRT, and limited amenities. But now look at where we are. And we are still not happy with it! We are still obsessed and passionate about making the town better!"



“What we have done over the past 24 years, a lot of it is because of ideas that you have shared with us, and because we have a very good town council that was able to translate these ideas and make things happen. So, a big thank you to all of you for all your ideas and all the energy.”

- Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, MP for Holland-Bukit Timah GRC (Cashew)





Today, Holland-Bukit Panjang boasts a range of enhanced amenities and healthcare facilities, including a new polyclinic, new nursing homes, and more active ageing centres. These developments ensure residents have better access to medical care and support services.

Cheng Eg Ming, 36, shared, “Living with my kids and mother-in-law, I really appreciate the convenience of having a polyclinic nearby. We no longer need to travel far when vulnerable family members fall ill or require vaccinations.”

Improvements to infrastructure have also enhanced mobility and accessibility. “It is much easier to travel within the town and hang out with my friends,” commented Poh Siew Cheng, 74.

Nevertheless, preventive measures are equally important. Wellness-focused features such as fitness corners, therapeutic gardens, and the Sport-in-Precinct initiative have been introduced or expanded. These not only promote physical well-being but also provide opportunities for residents to connect socially.

Khoo Gek Hung, 61, agrees, sharing, “I regularly use the fitness corners and parks, and often stay longer to chat with other residents. These places help keep the kampung spirit alive.”

Additionally, initiatives that promote mental well-being, social engagement, and intergenerational interactions have been rolled out.

Finally, wellness in town also means caring for the environment. Efforts such as solar panel installations, energy-efficient lighting, green libraries, and food rescue initiatives contribute to a healthier environment for all.

The commemorative book launch was a microcosm of the work done at Holland-Bukit Panjang, one shaped by partnerships, community support, and a shared commitment to progress. Holland-Bukit Panjang Town Council is grateful for your continued support. We will continue building a better town where health, sustainability, and community spirit come together seamlessly.



Celebrating Possibilities Across the Neighbourhoods



While the main launch of Holland-Bukit Panjang Town Council's commemorative books took place at Blk 259 Bukit Panjang Ring Road, celebrations extended across the town with two vibrant Town Carnivals. At Blk 306 Clementi Avenue 4 Community Hall and the Pavilion at Block 7A Ghim Moh Road, sublaunches of the commemorative books brought festivities closer to residents, reflecting the spirit of an inclusive and community-driven celebration.

Each location offered something unique for residents to enjoy while commemorating the town's progress and shared vision of becoming Singapore's first Wellness Heartland.

In Bukit Timah, families were treated to a lively mix of activities. Children delighted in a colourful bouncy castle and an entertaining magic show, while game stalls added fun for all ages. The atmosphere was cheerful and energetic, an echo of the town's aim to support active and healthy living.





Over at Ulu Pandan, residents took part in hands-on, eco-friendly crafts like terrarium making and coaster painting. A range of game stalls also added to the festive mood, encouraging friendly interaction and community bonding.

These events were a reflection of the town's broader commitment to fostering wellness in everyday life. From encouraging physical activity and intergenerational play to promoting environmental awareness and stronger neighbourhood ties, the town carnivals embodied the vision of a community where wellness, sustainability, and connectivity come together.

As residents gathered to mark this milestone, they also celebrated the transformation of their shared home — one that is active, inclusive, and full of possibilities.



Celebrating the Ones Behind the Scenes

Cleaners from Bukit Panjang, Cashew, and Zhenghua divisions were recognised for their contributions at a Cleaners Appreciation event held on 3 April 2025 at Zhenghua Primary School.

The event saw a warm turnout of students, school leaders, and community representatives. MP for Bukit Panjang SMC Mr Liang Eng Hwa opened the event with a speech acknowledging the dedication and tireless efforts of cleaners who maintain the cleanliness, safety, and well-being of shared spaces.



Cranston, Head Prefect of Zhenghua Primary School, also expressed gratitude on behalf of the student body. At the same time, he urged his peers to recognise their contributions beyond the event and make appreciation part of their daily lives.

The celebratory mood continued with Hari Raya booths and interactive games led by CCA leaders. These light-hearted moments encouraged intergenerational and cross-cultural bonding between students and cleaners.

Following the activities, the cleaners enjoyed a hearty lunch and casual conversation with students and staff. Participants connected on a more personal level here, bridging gaps and fostering mutual appreciation.

As the event drew to a close, students presented their thoughtfully prepared carepacks while Mr Liang distributed green packets to the cleaners. The event ended on a warm note that underscored the importance of seeing, acknowledging, and valuing every member of a community, especially those whose efforts quietly sustain it.



Paws and Play at Our New Pets Park

Residents and their pets now have a dedicated space to play, bond, and socialise with the launch of a new pets park at Blk 310 Clementi Avenue 4.

The park is the first of its kind within an HDB estate in the division and was developed in response to growing community interest.

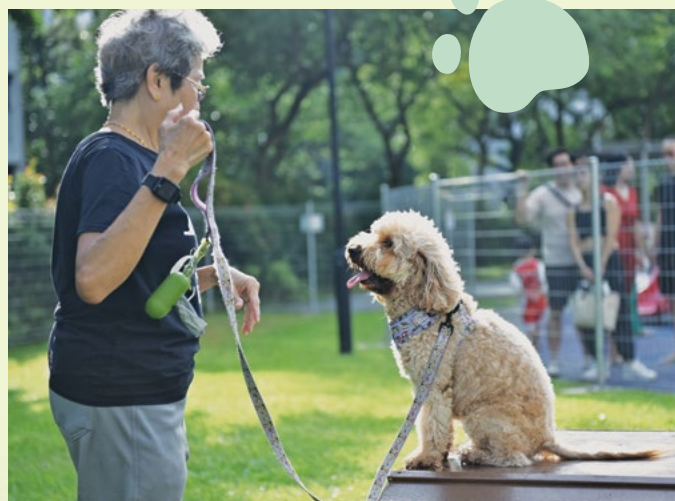
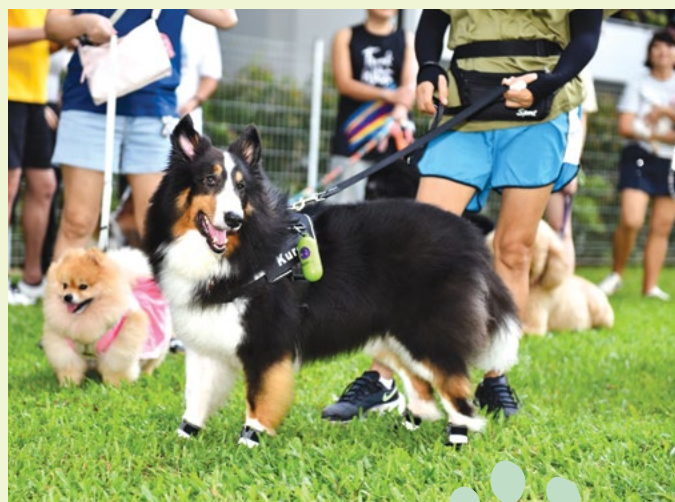
“This is something I’ve been looking forward to as our community of pet lovers has been growing,” said Ms Sim Ann. “It may not be the biggest, but it’s conveniently located for our fur parents and their fur kids.

She thanked residents for their suggestions and feedback, and the town council for making the park a reality. “Hopefully, with everyone’s ideas, we can continue making our community a better place.”

Residents have already started enjoying the space and see it as more than just a play area. “This is a good place for pets to be off-leash and enjoy much-needed stimulation, which can improve their behaviour, social skills, and physical fitness,” commented Maltese owner Josephine Oei.

Professional trainer Frankie Koh also highlighted the broader benefits of such parks, noting “Being a pet owner is about trust, responsibility, and care — not just for your animal, but also for those around you.”

With more pet-friendly spaces to come, residents can look forward to even more opportunities to bond with their companions and neighbours alike.



We Are Upgrading Bukit Panjang Neighbourhood 5 Park!

DOG RUN

A safe space for pets to play and neighbours to connect.

BEE HOTEL

Supporting biodiversity and bringing nature closer to home.



EXPANDED PLAYGROUND

More room for kids to stay active and make friends.

UPGRADED TAI CHI AREA

A calmer space for wellness and community.

LONG RAMPS

(Optional)
Smoother access for all ages and abilities.

In line with our vision of becoming Singapore's first Wellness Heartland, we are making Bukit Panjang Neighbourhood 5 Park more inclusive, active, and sustainable.

We would love to hear your thoughts! **Scan the QR code to share your feedback or suggestions.** This park is built for you, and your ideas help us make it better for all.



COMPLIMENTS

Dear Town Council,

I want to thank Rana and colleague personally for their outstanding help in finding my house key from the rubbish chute. Your sharp attention and willingness to assist in what could have been a stressful situation truly made a difference. I am very grateful for your exceptional care and kindness. Thank you for going above and beyond!

— Jade

Dear Town Council,

I would like to compliment Officer Mr Sivo for his excellent service. Last week, I called regarding a corridor light that was not working, and the light was replaced the same evening. I am impressed!

— Yvonne

Dear Town Council,

My bikes were cleared away as I overlooked the removal notice. Mr On was very helpful and efficient in making sure my bikes were correctly claimed and returned to my home the next day. He turned what could have been a cumbersome situation into a pleasant experience.

— Irene