

Home Team Connects

Connecting You with the Home Team

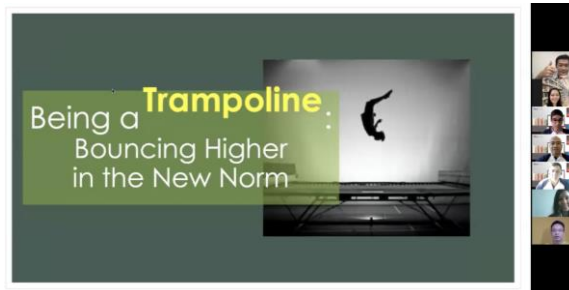
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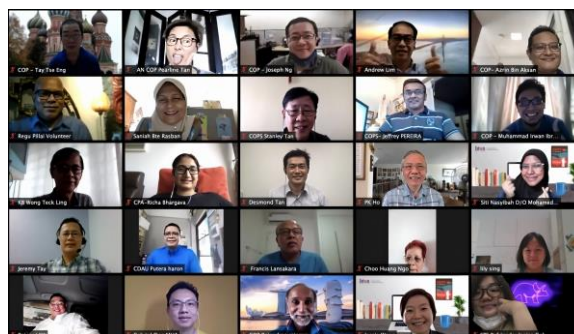
EDITOR'S PICK

HTVN WEBINAR: CONNECTING YOU WITH THE HOME TEAM

The Home Team Volunteer Network (HTVN) had our very first HTVN Webinar: Connecting YOU with the Home Team via Zoom where over 120 volunteers joined us for the session! Titled 'Being a Trampoline: Bouncing Higher in the New Norm', psychologists from MHA shared practical tips and resources with volunteers on how to stay mentally resilient in the current situation.



Other highlights of the webinar included candid sharing by Co-Chairmen of HTVN, Minister of State (MOS) Desmond Tan and A/P Prof Ho Peng Kee, and updates on HTVN. To make the session livelier, we also conducted quizzes with prizes given away!



For Home Team volunteers who did not manage to join us, fret not as there will be more to come!

Video:

>> [On HTVN FB](#)

HIGHLIGHTS

#ONEHOMETEAM – CELEBRATING NATIONAL DAY

Showcasing the Home Team Spirit at NDP, even without the usual crowds and fanfare, this year's National Day Parade is no less significant.



LTA UDAY SAMIR CHENNAM
Rota Commander,
Woodlands Fire
Station, SCDF



SGT AFIQ ASHRAF
Emergency
Response Team
(ERT), Jurong Police
Division, SPF

For this year's National Day celebrations, I'm the Vehicle Commander for the Pump Ladder, commonly known as the Fire Engine, on the Northern Route of the Mobile Column. I'm proud to be leading and showcasing SCDF's iconic vehicles, and how we've embraced

I drove the SPF Emergency Response Vehicle into the heartlands as part of the Mobile Column. It took a great deal of coordination since the Mobile Column involved so many agencies and vehicles, but it was all worth it at the end of the day. I felt proud to be among

transformation through new ops-tech capabilities and design features.

the officers who showcased the Home Team's capabilities to the nation.



NATIONAL DAY OBSERVANCE CEREMONY 2020

MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS NATIONAL DAY AWARDS

This year, Home Team National Day honours were given out to officers, volunteers, partners and members of the public in these categories:

- **105 Awards – Individual**
- **3 Awards – Team**
- **15 Awards – Home Team Volunteer**
- **12 Awards – Home Team Partner (this newly inaugurated honour recognises organisations for their exemplary contributions in partnering the Home Team to keep Singapore safe and secure)**
- **33 Awards – Public Spiritedness**

We spoke to three recipients about their awards:



Shim Chek Lin is one of the recipients of the **Minister for Home Affairs National Day Award (Individual)**. She oversees transformation efforts at CNB.

“It is absolutely an honour for me to receive this Award! I enjoy what I do and being able to contribute to a drug-free Singapore inspires me to do even better. As part of transformation engagement at CNB, I’m involved in change management. Informing officers about transformation development can be a challenge, and this prompts me to seek out new and creative ways to communicate and engage. Maintaining a positive mindset and being adaptable also helps me to cope with challenges that come my way.”



Venerable N Sumana Thero is one of the recipients of the **Minister for Home Affairs National Day Award (Home Team Volunteer)**. A volunteer with SPS since 1987, he has trained and led more than 80 volunteer counsellors at the Singapore Buddhist Federation.

“Not only do I find that my voluntary services are appreciated, this Award also recognises the efforts of [the various] religious groups, encouraging more volunteers to step forward. The conducive environment and open dialogue sessions [with SPS] allow us to share ideas, thereafter strengthening our partnership. Seeing my student inmates receive opportunities for rehabilitation and reintegration keeps me motivated. The greatest reward is to see them return to the community and lead meaningful lives.”



Mr Wiener Robert Lorenz is the President of the Association of Certified Security Agencies (ACSA). He received the Minister for Home Affairs National Day Award (Home Team Partner) on behalf of ACSA.

“I’m honoured to receive this Award on behalf of ACSA. It shows that MHA recognises our efforts, and the dialogue we’ve had over the years has been fantastic. It’s all to do with getting the best outcomes for the security industry.”

HOME TEAM ROUND-UP

UNDERSTANDING THE WORK OF OUR HTDS

MHA’s newly appointed Ministers of State (MOS) Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim and Desmond Tan visited ICA Airport Command and HTA on 17 and 18 August respectively to better understand the work of these Home Team Departments. With challenges arising from COVID-19 in mind, our MOSes were keen to understand how the Home Team is helping to safeguard Singapore.

During the visit to Changi Airport Terminal 3, ICA officers shared about their work in securing Singapore’s borders and upholding immigration and national registration laws. They also discussed their plans to innovate and transform their processes, and how ICA is adapting to ensure travel into and out of Singapore will be more convenient and yet safe for travellers.

At HTA, the MOSes met officers to better understand HTA’s role as the Corporate University of the Home Team. They were also briefed on HTA’s strategies, priorities for FY2020 and beyond, as well as initiatives to drive Home Team training and learning.



For more photos of the visits, check out:

>> go.gov.sg/mosdesmond-ica-t3

>> go.gov.sg/mosfaishal-hta

Ministers of State (MOS) Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim and Desmond Tan visited CNB HQ and SPF's Police Operations Command Centre on 21 and 25 August respectively to better understand the work of our Home Team Departments.

At CNB HQ, officers shared with the MOSes about their mission to Enforce, Educate and Engage for a drug-free Singapore. They also viewed demonstrations of various operational capabilities and learnt about Transformation projects such as the Next-Generation Reporting Centre and Integrated Drug Enforcement Administrative Mobile Diary.

At the Police Operations Command Centre, the MOSes learnt about the Centre's vital role in coordinating responses on the ground. They were also briefed on SPF's role in the Whole-of-Government response to COVID-19.



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>> go.gov.sg/mosdesmond-spf-pocc

SPF SCHOLARSHIP AND HOME TEAM SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CEREMONY

WELCOME TO THE HOME TEAM FAMILY

The SPF Scholarship and Home Team Scholarship Award Ceremony was held virtually on 20 August with Minister K Shanmugam as the Guest-of-Honour.

The Home Team Scholarships are awarded annually to students who have excelled in their studies and co-curricular activities, displayed outstanding leadership qualities and have a keen interest to pursue a career with the Home Team. This year, 14 scholarships were awarded to students who will pursue their studies in a range of disciplines at local and overseas universities.

Congratulations to the recipients, and welcome to our family!



“The Home Team will continue to need **strong and capable leaders who can lead our officers, prepare for and tackle future crises, and maintain the very high level of public trust that we have today.** It is in this context that we invest heavily in getting talented young people who believe in our mission to join us, and we develop and groom them to be their best.”

– Minister K Shanmugam

>> [Read the address](#) by Minister K Shanmugam to Scholarship recipients and their families

REHABILITATION

NEW MEDIA TRAINING ACADEMY



“With new skills and renewed motivation and determination in being given a second chance, ex-offenders can rejoin the national workforce with confidence and contribute actively to society.” – Mr Matthew Wee, CEO, YRSG

Bright Lights, Bright Start

A new partnership will help create job opportunities in the media industry for inmates as they embark on their rehabilitation and reintegration journey. On 3 August, YRSG and Mediacorp Pte Ltd signed a Memorandum of Understanding that aims to help inmates develop industry-level skills and pursue careers in the media services sector. A new media training academy will be set up in the Multi Media Hub (MMH) located at Tanah Merah Centre.

Accredited media courses such as the Specialist Diploma in Social Media Marketing and Online Content Creation, and the Diploma in Film and Television Production will be offered to inmates from September 2020 onwards.

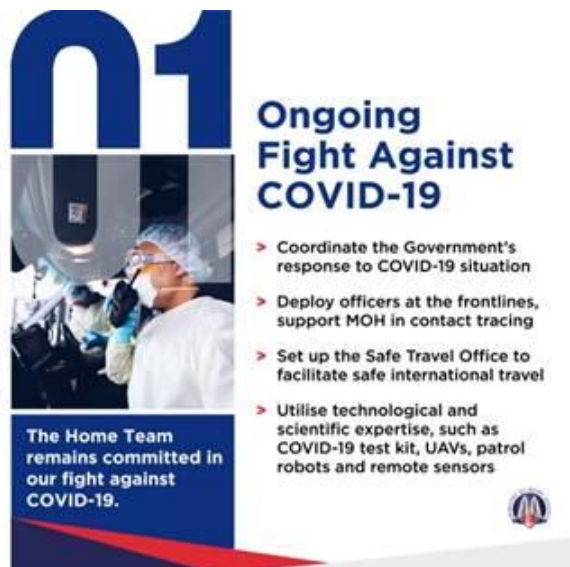
>> Watch a [video produced by inmates from MMH](https://www.go.gov.sg/yrsg-mmh-video): [go.gov.sg/yrsg-mmh-video](https://www.go.gov.sg/yrsg-mmh-video)

MHA IN PARLIAMENT

MHA'S ADDENDUM TO THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

This week, MHA presented its Addendum to the President's Address. Keeping Singapore safe and secure remains of utmost importance. Apart from maintaining a high level of operational excellence and readiness, the Home Team will continue to build new capabilities to meet emerging threats, and leverage both community and international partnerships.

>> Read [MHA's Addendum to the President's Address](#)





Strengthening the Home Team's Capabilities



- > Strengthen legislation and regulatory regimes (e.g. drugs, gambling, fire safety, foreign interference)
- > Leverage technology to tackle crimes, greater use of robots and UAVs for operations
- > Enhance service delivery, increase capacity to deliver better emergency response outcomes
- > Strengthen collaboration and operational effectiveness as One Home Team
- > Invest in and develop our Home Team officers

We will continue to deal with emerging and evolving threats.



Deepening Community & International Partnerships



- > Build up resilience against the threat of terrorism through SGSecure
- > Partner the community, including business community, to combat scams
- > Step up preventive drug education efforts and expand community correction efforts to better support the rehabilitation and reintegration of ex-offenders
- > Deepen cooperation and partnerships with international organisations

We will deepen partnerships with the community and leverage international collaboration.



ANNUAL REPORT 2019/2020



HTA's Annual Report 2019/2020 chronicles HTA's achievements for the past financial year and showcases its work to the public, building confidence in HTA's training and learning capabilities as the Corporate University of the Home Team.

Scan or click on this QR Code for the Annual Report:



ICA Annual Report 2019
The ICA Annual Report 2019 showcases how ICA continues to reskill and upskill its officers to take on tomorrow's challenges. Read the Annual Report at: www.ica.gov.sg/annuals

 **Seen**
Cool content from the Home Team and beyond – watch, like and share!



Drive with a Heart SCDF FB
Every second counts. You can make a difference towards improving the outcome of medical emergencies by giving way to emergency vehicles.
go.gov.sg/scdf-giveway



Caring for the Community YRSG FB
Hear from Vijay, ex-offender and founder of Bravehearts SRM Services Pte Ltd, on what motivates him to contribute to society.
go.gov.sg/yrsg-vijay

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