

Home Team Connects

Connecting You with the Home Team

An initiative by the Home Team Volunteer Network



EDITOR'S PICK

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE – APPOINTMENT CEREMONY 2020



On 1 September, 64 Justices of the Peace (JPs) were appointed by President Halimah Yacob. They took their oaths during a virtual ceremony, with Presiding Judge of the State Courts, Justice Vincent Hoong, in attendance.

The JPs were appointed for a term of five years commencing 1 September 2020, with 43 newly appointed while 21 were re-appointed for their second or third term. With the new appointments and re-appointments (as well as the retirement of 46 JPs previously in service), the total number of JPs is now 173. The Home Team would like to thank the JPs for their service and extends a warm welcome to the newly appointed JPs!

DID YOU KNOW?

- JPs are outstanding Singaporeans who have made significant contributions in their professions, the public service, social services and the community at large.
- JP serve as Visiting Justices of our prisons, Court Volunteer Mediators in the State Courts, or marriage solemnisers appointed through the Registry of Marriages.

>> For more on the Appointment Ceremony, read the [press release](#)
 >> Learn more about Dr Prem Kumar Nair and Mr Henry Baey, two of the newly appointed JPs: go.gov.sg/mha-jp2020

HIGHLIGHTS

OUR TRAINERS, OUR PRIDE



Meet WO2 Abdul Rahman and CPT Genevieve Lim, two SCDF officers who are committed to helping their Trainees excel as Home Team officers.

BY RACHEL SIN

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go.gov.sg/scdf-trainers-2020



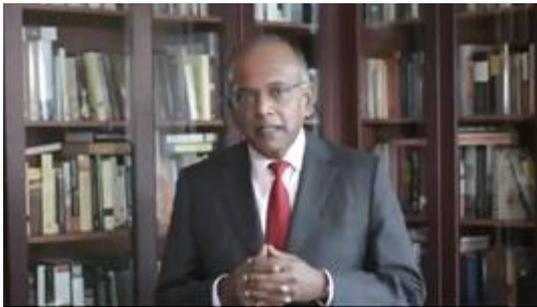
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SHAPE THE
NEXT GENERATION
OF LIFESAVERS

HOME TEAM TRAINING
EXCELLENCE AWARDS

HOME TEAM ROUND-UP

THE BIG ISSUE: CONVERSATIONS ON WOMEN DEVELOPMENT

On 20 September, MIN K Shanmugam announced that a major review on gender equality in Singapore will be taking place. Led by MOS (MCCY and MTI) Low Yen Ling, MOS (MOE and MSF) Sun Xueling and Parliamentary Secretary (MOH) Rahayu Mahzam, the initiative will include a series of ground engagements to generate discussions on women's issues within homes, schools, workplaces and the community at large. Recommendations from this review will then form the basis of a White Paper, to be submitted in 2021.



>> **Watch MIN's speech (20 September):**
go.gov.sg/c-gender-equality



>> **Watch MIN's interview (22 September):**
go.gov.sg/c-gender-equality-interview

MIN K Shanmugam on Safeguarding Women's Rights >>

*This review is a continuation of a journey that started many years ago. A key point in that journey is the **Women's Charter**. I would say "turning point". It was passed by the Legislative Assembly in 1961, before our Independence.*

*As the primary piece of legislation governing women's rights, the Charter has been amended over the years. **Recent amendments in 2016 and 2019** were made to better support vulnerable women, girls in family violence, crisis situations. It strengthened law enforcement against online vice.*

*In addition to the Women's Charter, we have also **added new laws and created a legal framework to protect women's interests**. This has been one of my key priorities as Minister for Home Affairs, and Minister for Law. The legislative changes that were made include **amending the Criminal Procedure Code and the Evidence Act in 2018** to reduce the trauma inflicted on victims – sexual victims – when participating in the criminal justice process.*

***Last year, the Penal Code was amended.** There are new offences for technology-facilitated sexual crime – for example, voyeurism, distribution of intimate images/ recordings, including the option of caning for these offences, to signal the severity. We created new offences to better protect minors from sexual predators and repealed marital immunity for rape.*

***This year, the Protection from Harassment Act (POHA) was amended,** and made it possible for victims, primarily women, to obtain protection orders against harassment, stalking, online bullying. We also further amended the legislation to streamline and expedite the process – made it easier, less expensive for women to obtain help. Intimate Partner Violence – we also dealt with it this year under POHA.*

*In terms of processes, the **OneSafe Centre was established** by the Police for victims of sexual assault to undergo forensic and medical examination in one place, with greater privacy*

ON THE GROUND

Understanding the Work of Our HTDs

Ministers of State (MOS) Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim and Desmond Tan visited Changi Prison Complex and SCDF HQ on 27 and 28 August respectively to better understand the work of our Home Team Departments.

At Changi Prison Complex, the MOSes learnt about YRSG's work in preparing ex-offenders for employment through skills training, as part of their long-term career development. They also learnt how SPS has employed technology to ensure rehabilitation efforts continued throughout the Circuit Breaker, a crucial step for ex-offenders as they seek to reintegrate into society and find employment in challenging times.

At SCDF HQ, officers shared about SCDF's use of technology in achieving their lifesaving mission and overcoming challenges. The MOSes also viewed demonstrations of SCDF's capabilities in firefighting, HazMat and pre-hospital emergency medical care.



For more photos of the visits, check out:

>> go.gov.sg/mosfaishal-sps-changi

>> go.gov.sg/mosdesmond-scdf-hq

TRANSFORMATION OF TRAINING



Developed by the Singapore Prison Training Institute (SPTI) at HTA, the **Mobile Interactive Training Application (MITA)** is a smart device application that encourages self-directed learning for Trainees undergoing the foundational Prison Officer Course.

Using gamification technology, realistic scenarios and interactive challenges, MITA serves as an engaging learning platform for officers to reinforce their lessons on correctional practices, principles and theories.

MITA complements classroom learning and has been fully implemented for the latest batch of Trainees undergoing the Course.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

CURBING FAMILY VIOLENCE

On 12 September, MOS Faishal joined a focus group discussion organised by Casa Raudha Women Home and Assyakirin Mosque and shared his views on the topic of domestic violence. In his opening remarks, MOS Faishal acknowledged that it was important to provide different perspectives and hear from both genders on the subject of domestic violence.

Recognising Casa Raudha as a key community partner and member of the Taskforce on Family Violence, MOS Faishal noted the importance of the community and the Government working together to curb domestic violence and better support victims.

Also discussed during the session was the vital role of fathers and how this goes beyond traditional views of fatherhood to include providing socio-emotional support to families, wives and children. In fact, both parents play important and complementary roles in coming together to build a harmonious family.

Another matter that participants agreed on was the need to protect children while offering the hope of reconciliation. “If a child sees domestic violence by any family member, but in particular, violence by the father – that connection of social and emotional support from his father would be affected,” shared MOS Faishal.



“Combating domestic violence cannot be done by the Government alone. **We need to co-create solutions with the community**, which works closely with the beneficiaries daily, and has done a lot of good work on the ground.”

– MOS Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim

>> [Read MOS Faishal's speech at the Casa Raudha Women Home focus group discussion](#)

FORCE MULTIPLIER

HTX NEWEST UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE



HTX's newest unmanned aerial vehicle is capable of long-distance flights without the need for a safety pilot, offering officers a real-time situational picture of incident sites and a bird's-eye view from kilometres away.

>> [Read more at go.gov.sg/htx-uav2020](https://go.gov.sg/htx-uav2020)

SALUTING OUR HOME TEAM GUARDIANS

SAFEGUARDING OUR BORDERS

**Four Replica Guns and Accessories Uncovered at Tanjong Pagar Scanning Station
(6 September)**

>> go.gov.sg/ica-090920

ANTI-SCAM OPERATIONS

**261 Scammers and Money Mules Investigated in Island-wide Enforcement Operation
(12 September)**

>> go.gov.sg/spf-120920

SWIFT ENFORCEMENT

Man Arrested for Loanshark Harassment Within One Hour (14 September)

>> go.gov.sg/spf-140920-01

CANBERRA STREET HIGH-SPEED CAR CHASE

**Four Arrested for Suspected Drug Offences, Including Man who Fled from Car Chase
(17 September)**

>> go.gov.sg/cnb-170920

THANK YOU to our Home Team Guardians
for keeping Singapore safe and secure.

RALLY TOGETHER IN CHALLENGING TIMES

Since April 2020, Home Team officers have been in the vanguard of COVID-19 dormitory operations. Here's an inside look at their vital work on the frontline.
By Fazlee Rosli

5-MIN READ
go.gov.sg/home-team-fast



Caring for Our Captains

SSGT Thuwaibah and DSP Ismael oversee the administration of SPS' well-being initiatives. "While our Captains of Lives keep the prisons safe from COVID-19, we care for their general well-being and support one another as a team. Together, we can tide through COVID-19!"

PHOTO: SPS

>> Read more at: go.gov.sg/sps-well-being

NEW NORMAL

SAFE DINING

Put your mask on when not eating or drinking

Use serving utensils for shared dishes

Sit only on unmarked seats

Return your trays and crockery after meals

Throw used tissues and masks into bins

NEW NORMAL

SAFE SHOPPING

AVOID crowded spaces. Check spaceout.gov.sg

Keep at least 1 metre apart

Use contactless payment where possible

Sanitise hands before and after touching common surfaces

Help buy essentials for seniors

NEW NORMAL

SAFE WORKPLACES

Work from home where possible

When in the office, keep your mask on

Stagger work and break hours at the office

Sit at least 1 metre apart

Disinfect shared surfaces before and after use

NEW NORMAL

SAFE COMMUTING

Keep masks on if driver and passengers are from different households

Sanitise hands before and after touching common surfaces

Travel off-peak where possible

AVOID talking to prevent spread of droplets

STAY CONNECTED AND ENGAGED:

Our Well-Being Microsite

Provides advice on self-care and how to work productively, collaborate virtually and manage teams remotely.

ON THE INTRANET: OurWellBeing.gov.sg

SGUnited – Stay Engaged

Includes resources on how to thrive, stay connected with loved ones, help others and get help.

ON THE INTERNET: www.SGUnited.gov.sg

National CARE Hotline

24-hr hotline with psychologists, counsellors, social workers, psychiatrists and public officers manning lines: **6202-6868**

RESOURCES:

>> **TraceTogether app:** www.tracetgether.gov.sg

>> **COVID-19 online symptom checker:** www.sgcheck.gov.sg

>> **MOH COVID-19 hotline:** 1-800-333-9999

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



The 1-777 Rap: Rebooted [SCDF FB](#)
SCDF are back again with SGAG – dropping their latest rap video on non-emergencies. Remember: Call 1-triple-7, not 995!
go.gov.sg/scdf-rap-reboot

WHAT DO YOU ACTUALLY DO AT ICA?

Things You Always Wanted to Ask [ICA FB](#)
Hear from INSP Fiona Lai about her work as a Team Leader at Changi Airport, as she leads a team of 40 immigration officers at Terminal 1.
go.gov.sg/ica-fiona-changi

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