

# Home Team Connects

Connecting You with the Home Team

An initiative by the Home Team Volunteer Network



## HIGHLIGHTS

### CELEBRATING SECOND CHANCES



The Yellow Ribbon (YR) Awards returned for a second run on 2 November to celebrate the community's success in shaping an inclusive society.

In her speech, Guest-of-Honour 2MIN Josephine Teo highlighted the importance of the community in forming a strong network of pro-social support for ex-offenders, and acknowledged the efforts of

SPS, YRSG, CARE Network partners, volunteers, donors and employers, which kept the two-year recidivism rate low.

Over 130 employers, community partners, donors and individuals, as well as 70 ex-offenders, were recognised for contributing towards a more inclusive society.



>> [Read 2MIN's speech](#)



## MHA IN PARLIAMENT

### FIRST READING OF THE PENAL CODE (AMENDMENT) BILL

On 20 October 2022, in Parliament, Penal Code (Amendment) Bill that will **repeal Section 377A of the Penal Code 1871**, which criminalises sex between men, was introduced for First Reading by Min K Shanmugam.

Also tabled for First Reading by Minister for Social and Family Development Masagos Zulkifli was the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment No. 3) Bill, which will **amend the Constitution to protect the current definition of marriage – i.e. the union between a man and a woman, as well as laws and policies based on this definition.**

The Bill does not codify or enshrine the definition of heterosexual marriage in the Constitution.

>> [Read the joint MHA, MSF press release](#)

### ORAL REPLY ON POWER OUTAGE AT WOODLANDS CHECKPOINT

Three MPs, Ms Joan Pereira, Dr Tan Wu Meng and Mr Gerald Giam asked about the cause of the 9 October power outage at Woodlands Checkpoint.

Here's an excerpt of the Oral Reply by MOS Faishal:

*There was no data breach or loss during the power outage. The Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) system had kicked in as designed and provided sufficient time for a proper shutdown of the servers, preventing any data breach or loss. ICA has put in additional layers of redundancy to protect our operations from power disruptions. There are backup generators for the main power source. In addition, UPS is provided for key systems to ensure operations continuity if the backup generators fail.*

>> [Read the full Oral Reply](#)

## DEEPAVALI FESTIVE VISITS

The work of our frontliners in safeguarding our safety and security never stops, so that we can enjoy public holidays with a peace of mind. On Deepavali, MIN K Shanmugam and 2MIN Josephine Teo visited ground officers at Jurong Fire Station and Woodlands Police Division to thank them for their dedication and hard work.



Min K Shanmugam at Jurong Fire Station



2Min Josephine Teo at Woodlands Police Division

## SCDF RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

SCDF has become the **first Asia-Pacific organisation to have its Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) framework accredited for its ORNS Rescue and Medical Units**. About 300 ORNS personnel were tested in their USAR capabilities - involving complex height rescue, cutting, rigging and lifting operations - in a 24-hour assessment by a team of International Search and Rescue Advisory Group assessors.



>> [Watch the officers in action](#)

## SHOWCASING SINGAPORE'S REHAB SYSTEM GLOBALLY



MOS Assoc Prof Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim led a team of officers from MHA, SPS and YRSG to the 24th annual International Corrections and Prisons Association (ICPA) Conference, held in Florida from 23 to 28 October 2022. The conference was attended by over 400 international professionals and experts.

During his conference presentation titled "Mobilising the Community to Support Offenders, Ex-offenders and their Families", MOS Faishal shared about the continuous and coordinated Throughcare approach adopted by SPS to address the risks and needs of offenders, and the support by YRSG in developing offenders' economic capital through skills training and work opportunities.

MOS Faishal also highlighted how SPS and YRSG work with community partners to develop and deliver both secular and culturally-nuanced programmes, to prevent offending and reduce re-offending.

MOS Faishal concluded with sharing MHA's focus on reducing the five-year recidivism rate, which requires a sustainable and more coordinated ecosystem of support among the community.



>> [Read the MHA press release](#) and [MOS' speech](#)

>> [Check out MOS' FB post](#)

## MAKING OUR ROADS SAFER



The Singapore Road Safety Council (SRSC) held its first fundraising gala dinner in two years on 14 October, raising \$550,000 to fund upcoming road safety education programmes.

Guest-of-Honour MOS Assoc Prof Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim expressed his appreciation towards the organisations and individuals who had supported SRSC strongly, despite a challenging economy after the COVID-19 pandemic.



In his speech, MOS commended SRSC, Traffic Police, and LTA for their sustained efforts to reach out to road users through online channels, to increase awareness of road safety amidst COVID-19 safety measures.

During the dinner, Singapore Road Safety Awards were also given to companies and individuals for their efforts to keep the roads safe.

>> [Read MOS Faishal's speech](#)

## MAKING HOTELS SAFER



The Annual Hotel Security Awards & Hotel Security Conference was held on 17 October, with a total of 178 employees from various hotels commended for their acts of honesty, bravery or vigilance.

The event is part of the Singapore Hotel Association's (SHA) partnership with SPF under the Hotel Industry Safety and Security Watch Group. Guest-of-Honour MOS Sun Xueling presented Special Mention Awards plaques to 18 employees.



At the conference themed "Reinforcing the Importance of Physical & Cyber Security in the New Normal", MHA officers shared best practices on security measures and plans with practitioners in the hospitality industry.

>> [Check out MOS Sun's FB post](#)

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## HOME TEAM INSIGHTS

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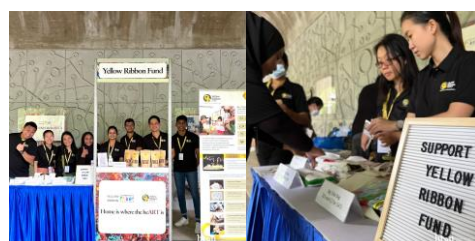


From **5 to 13 November**, the Yellow Ribbon Community Arts Festival (YR CAF) brought art pieces and poems created by inmates and ex-offenders to the public at Gardens by the Bay for adoption. Formerly known as the Yellow Ribbon Community Art & Poetry Exhibition, this year's event had lined

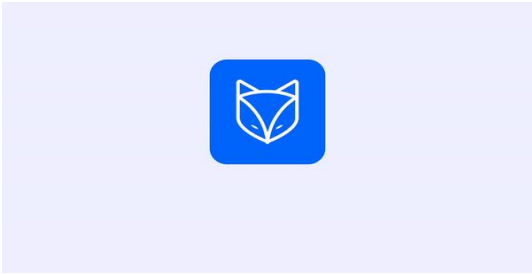
up free public workshops in crocheting, sketching and painting, and catch the YR Performing Arts Centre Alumni Band perform ["Brand New Day", the winning song from the YR Songwriting Competition 2021](#).

>> [Catch our Yellow Ribbon Volunteers in action here](#)

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