

## DAY 3 AFTERNOON COMMUNITY VISIT

# COMMUNITY CLUBS of the People's Association

The field visits to the Community Clubs (CCs) will enable you to learn more about the functions of the CCs and the roles of grassroots leaders in building a cohesive community as well as their contributions to nation building. In addition to interacting with the community development practitioners and volunteers, you will have the opportunity to experience the local flavours of Singapore and visit other community facilities.

**Community Clubs (CCs)** are iconic features of the heartland landscape in Singapore. Nestled in the residential areas all over Singapore, the 108 CCs are the heartbeat of the local communities. They play an important role in the community building process of Singapore over the last 55 years. They are the hubs and nerve-centres of the communities where residents of diverse ethnic, religious, cultural and socio-economic backgrounds come together to forge a cohesive and harmonious society. They also promote community and intergenerational bonding.



Over the years, the CCs have evolved from simple zinc-and-wood buildings to sophisticated clubs furnished with different types of modern facilities. Some CCs are co-located with other public amenities such as the public swimming pools and public libraries. The most recent CC at the northern part of Singapore is integrated with a shopping mall. This maximises the use of space in land scarce Singapore. The evolution of the physical infrastructures of the CCs reflects the progress and aspirations of the people of Singapore.

Beyond the brick-and-mortar, it is the people who make up the heart of the CCs. The CCs are places where residents come to interact and get to know more about their neighbours and the happenings in

- ❖ 9 July 2015, Thursday, 2:00pm-4:30pm
- ❖ 40 PAX per bus, max 4 buses
- ❖ Free of charge for ICSD2015 registered attendants.
- ❖ Free bus shuttle is provided
- ❖ Gathering 15 minutes prior to departure, at registration counter at G/F Block D, SIM University.



the community. Residents can also access various government services at the CCs. In addition, there are numerous activities organised for the residents, by the residents. These activities include celebrations of the different ethnic festivals such as the *Hari Raya* and *Deepavali* as well as educational bursary awards for children from disadvantaged families. Courses are held in the CCs throughout the year to build the capacity and capability of residents.

The CCs are managed by a group of volunteers who are referred to as grassroots leaders. They are supported by professionals from the People's Association, a government statutory board established to build and bridge communities towards achieving One People, One Singapore.

