



Annual Report FY 2014/15



Chairman's Message

Dear Residents,



On behalf of Ang Mo Kio Town Council (AMKTC), I am pleased to present to you the Annual Report for the Financial Year of 2014/15.

In 2014, our Town Council had successfully completed 1 Neighbourhood Renewal Program (NRP) and 75 improvement projects in our estates. Two other NRPs are on-going and more improvement works are underway. While playgrounds and 3G fitness corners promote community bonding and healthy living, sheltered link ways and drop off porches do provide protection against the weathering heat and rain.

Barrier-free accessibility makes moving around the neighbourhood more seamless and wheelchair friendly. The completion of the Lift Upgrading Program (LUP) in most blocks allows lifts to stop at every level, adding significant convenience to many residents. These are just some examples of the improvement works we have done over the past 1 year. Residents can look forward to more improved amenities such as the redeveloped Ang Mo Kio polyclinic, a new Community Centre in Kebun Baru, a new nursing home at the junction of Ang Mo Kio Ave 1 and 8, as well as the Sengkang General and Community Hospitals.

Throughout the year, we have also focussed on improving the connectivity in our estate by working closely with the Land Transport Authority (LTA). Through the Bus Service Enhancement Program (BSEP), we have added new bus services and enhanced existing services so that residents can enjoy better accessibility and shorter waiting times.

By 2021, two new MRT stations (Lentor and Mayflower) on the Thomson Line will allow residents to travel from the estate to the City more quickly. The Cross Island Line which is expected to be ready sometime in 2030 will serve as an alternate east-west route on the MRT. The North-South Expressway, to be ready by 2020, will also help shorten the travel time between Ang Mo Kio and the City.

With plenty of greenery around our estate, new park connectors will be rolled out to link to existing ones within the district. Included in the Phase 2 development are the Ang Mo Kio Ave 5 Park Connector, Ang Mo Kio Ave 8 Park Connector cum Linear Park and the Jalan Kayu - Sengkang Park Connector.

As we celebrate SG50 together, we can also look forward to more exciting changes in the coming year. We welcome feedback from you and my team will endeavour to work with you to make our estate a better place to live, work and play.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lam Pin Min'.

Dr Lam Pin Min

Chairman, Ang Mo Kio Town Council

Improvement Works in 2014/15

The Community Improvement Projects Committee (CIPC) provides funding support for community improvement projects. With close consultation with residents and planning from the Town Council, improvement works around the town add convenience through better accessibility, safety and play in the form of playgrounds for the young, 3G fitness corners for various ages, sheltered link ways and drop off porches for pedestrians, and ramps for wheelchair assisted personnel.

The Project Development Committee (PDC) recommends and implements requests for town improvement projects submitted by Advisers and grassroots leaders for additional upgrading of new and existing amenities and facilities in our estate.

Some of recent projects include:



Playground for the young and Sheltered Link ways for pedestrians



3G Fitness Corner at void deck to encourage exercise for all ages and better use of space



Installation of hand rails at pavilion for safety



Improving aesthetics surrounding through wall murals



Barrier Free Access points provide a smooth and safe platform for the elderly and wheelchair assisted residents.

Tree Planting Day (Nov 2014)

Our annual Tree Planting Day was held on 1st November 2014 had more than a few reasons to celebrate in our annual event. More greenery was added through the planting of Happiness trees, while it also marked the official opening of Teck Ghee Zone A's Community Garden. After the garden opening, our Advisers launched "Cleaner, Greener, Together" campaign, spearheaded by the Town Council.



Outreach Activities

The Strategic Planning & Outreach Committee (SPOC) organizes outreach activities to complement those organized by grassroots organizations. Through the Town Council's Community Liaison Team, outreach programs are organized for residents and students volunteer to spread community awareness on campaign initiatives and assist those in need.



Litter Picking Ambassadors (CHIJ St Nicholas Girls School)



Recycling Project (Deyi Secondary School)



"Water Conservation" Wall Murals (Anderson

Town Hall Meetings

Held on a quarterly basis and chaired by Advisers of Ang Mo Kio –Sengkang West, the purpose of the Town Hall Meetings is to gather feedback from residents on estate matters or any issues they face. Common issues raised at these platforms include corridor obstruction, conservancy issues, estate improvements etc..

We also took the opportunity to thank our cleaners for their hard work by presenting certificates, vouchers and organizing appreciation lunch for them.

Kebun Baru Division (20th April 2014)



Ang Mo Kio-Hougang Division (13th July 2014)



Jalan Kayu Division (18th Oct 2014)



Cheng San - Seletar Division (31st Jan 2015)



No Cleaners Day

Operations We Clean Up! was held on 3rd May 2014 and organized by the Public Hygiene Council, Singapore Kindness Movement and Keep Singapore Beautiful Movement. Volunteers including our Advisers, picked litter and collected a total of 130kgs! To show our appreciation to our cleaners, food, vouchers and lucky draw prizes were shared to our deserving heroes.



Ang Mo Kio - A Walking and Cycling Town

There is much to look forward to for residents as the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) shared plans on Ang Mo Kio's walking and cycling town on 1st January 2015. The installation of park connectors and cycling tracks are literally paving the way for residents to be more active through walking and cycling across the estate.



Business Liaison Committee (BLC)

The Business Liaison Committee together with the Merchants' Associations in GRC work with shopkeepers on enhancing the safety of the common area for residents and patrons to the commercial area. Priority is on keeping common areas with sufficient walking space during business hours to ensure accessibility for users and compliance to the fire safety code.



Site visit at Blk 527 to 531 Ang Mo Kio Ave 10
(Cheng San-Seletar division)

Estate Maintenance

The Estate Maintenance Committee (EMC) reviews and makes recommendations on estate matters. Together with Chairman, Mr Yeo Guat Kwang, members have frequent site visits around the divisions to ensure maintenances are on par with safety regulations and practices.



Horticulture

Tree Replacement Program

Due to increased numbers of up-rooted trees and fallen tree branches in recent years, residents and grassroots leaders in our estate have actively requested the removal of existing old matured ill-health Rain trees in the open carparks.

The 1st phase of the program was completed with around 500 tree saplings being inter-planted between the Rain trees. The 2nd phase of the program aims to remove Rain trees in ill health as most of the young saplings planted 5 years ago have already grown more than 6m tall. This reduces the occurrence of snapped branches falling on vehicles and human in the future.



Trees in ill health tend to suffer from decay. Ailing trees will eventually be replaced with trees planted 5 years ago.

Community Gardens

Four more Community Gardens were set up in our estate where unused space was turned into a garden. They can be found at Blk 180 and Blk 117 Ang Mo Kio Ave 5/4 and Blk 404 and Blk 348 Ang Mo Kio Ave 10/3. While the town council assists in the setup of the gardens through the provision of fencing, footpath, planters, tap water and power points, the horticulture team consults on design layout of the garden, with the support of grassroots and resident volunteers.

These Community Gardens not only add greenery to our estates, it also allows residents to bond with each other through gardening and growing of vegetables and fruits.

