







# AQSA INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS 2023 Envisioning Sustainability and Digitalisation in ASEAN Construction Industry 15-18 May 2023 Sibu Sarawak Malaysia

"Singapore: In Reflection and Motivation in Moving Forward"

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In the last fifty years, Asia has seen many economic growth and developments in industries, social and communal facilities with improvements of better and more modern infrastructures. China and East Asia together with ASEAN are intimately entwined in expanding trades and investments which create the symbiosis boom in the building constructions in cities as well as the rural regions.

Singapore has been enjoying many decades of economic and development progress is now facing new efforts in the envisioning sustainability and digitalisation of the construction industry.









This presentation is to highlight some of the **past developments** that provide impetus to meet the **sustainability and digitalisation concerns** in **new construction projects** in Singapore.

These mega projects are enumerated in various sectors of the industry.

## 1. Land Infrastructure

Since the first reclamation works began in 1822, Singapore's land area has expanded by almost 25 percent from 58,150 to 71,910 Ha.







# 1. Land Infrastructure

Reclamations and land improvements to the world's first at Changi Airport started in June 1975.

52,000,000 m<sup>3</sup> - landfill and seafill

200 Ha - swamp land was cleared/filled with

12,000,000 m<sup>3</sup> - earth from the nearby hills

 $40,000,000 \text{ m}^3$  - sand fill up the seabed

870 Ha - reclaimed

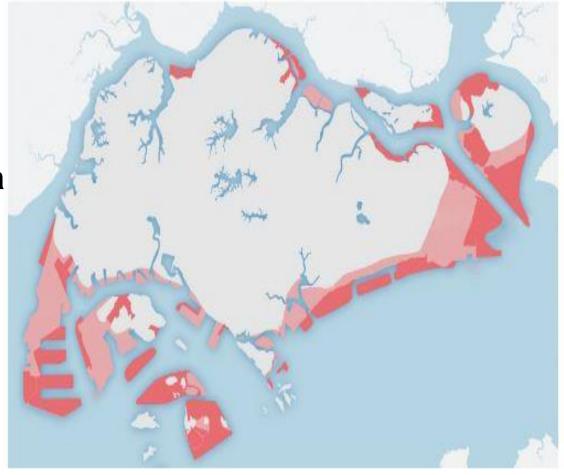
200 Ha - landfill

670 Ha - seafill

1,300 Ha - total site area









# 1. Land Infrastructure

# Changi East in 2017 and Beyond



**Table 8.1** Project specifications (after Choa et al., 2001).

Project	Area (ha)	Length of vertical drair (Mm)	
Phase 1A	501	_	
Phase 1B	52	28	
Phase 1C	524	49	
Area A – North	91	13	
Area A –	45	50	
South			
Total	2086	140	



Vertical geo drain: About half a million of vertical straw-like strips are inserted deep into the ground **to drain water** out from the marine clay.







# 1. Land Infrastructure

Reclamations and land improvements such as in the world's first master planning of Jurong Island to amalgamate seven islands by JTC.

Physical land reclamation began in 1995, and Jurong Island was officially opened in October 2000. From the 991-Ha land area of the original seven islets, Jurong Island currently has a total land area of 3,200 Ha.











**Sustainable** Jurong Island: Transforming into a Sustainable Energy and Chemicals Park

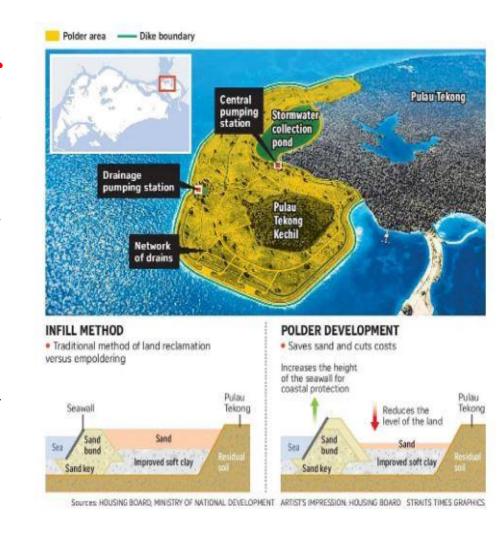


# 1. Land infrastructure

In 2016 by HDB, Pulau Tekong island first-of its kind in Spore/Asia using innovative polder technology instead of land filling.

Empoldering, substantially **reduces** the amount of **sand fill up** needed for the new land, reaping **savings** on upfront construction costs.

Significant parts of Singapore are 4m or less above mean sea level and are at risk when sea levels rise due to climate change.









# 2. Land Transportation

**Expressways** with interconnections of 6 to 8 lanes started with PIE expanding to MCE, KPE etc and SEA longest road tunnel.

ERP system in road usage. In 2022, approximately 1.1 thousand lane-km of roads were paved as expressways. Total road network connects all corners of the island with more than 9,500 lane-km of roads and expressways occupying

12 per cent of our total land area







# 2. Land Transportation

Kallang-Paya Lebar Expressway (KPE) Tunnel 12km long and is the longest in Southeast Asia

Central Expressway (CTE) Tunnel

Marina Coastal Expressway (MCE) Tunnel

Fort Canning Tunnel (FCT)

Woodsville Tunnel (WVT)

Sentosa Gateway Tunnel (SGT)









# 2. Land Transportation

Mass Rapid Transit started in 1987 with NSL to EWL, NEL, CCL, DTL, TEL adding new ones and stations such as CRL& JRL total 8 lines with Spore-Johor RTS by 2026. As of 2022, it now has six lines in operation with a total combined route length of 231 km and 134 operational stations











# 3. Container Port & Harbours

From Tanjong Pagar, Pasir Panjang etc container ports to **Tuas Mega port**. Innovative constructions using large precast caissons alleviate piling. Development of Tuas Mega Port is held over **four phases** to handle **65 m TEUs**.

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) commenced **reclamation** works for Tuas Port Phase 1 **in February 2015** and completed it in **November 2021**. The reclamation works involved a total of **34 million man-hours**, with the support of over 450 companies.







# 3. Container Port & Harbours

The key feature of the new mega port is the **caissons**. These large watertight chambers keep the water out by air pressure, allowing construction work to be carried out with ease. These concrete retaining structures are designed as the foundation of the Tuas Terminal Phase 1 and are one of the **largest in the world**. Each caisson weighs up to **15,000 tonnes** and measures up to **28 m tall X 28 m wide X40 m long** (equal to 10 storey HDB block).

Using caissons is faster harbour structure construction. A total of **222 caissons** for the mega-terminal for Phase 1 development.







# 3. Container Port & Harbours

Soil improvement works for 414 Ha of land, including 294 Ha

Fabrication and installation of caissons (structures used to line the walls of the quay) to form **8.6** km of seawall in Phase 1.

Phase 2 reclamation works commenced in March 2018. MPA had completed all caisson fabrications in April 2022. 227 10-storey tall caissons had been used to form 9.1 km of seawall for Phase 2.

MPA has also commenced the planning for Tuas Port Phase 3.







# 3. Container Port & Harbours

Paving the way in Digitalisation and Sustainability

Tuas Mega Port will be an automated, intelligent, and sustainable port.

Deploying AI and Automation in Port Operations

5G-enabled Automated guided vehicles (AGVs) and Automated

Cranes Reducing Emissions. AGVs which reduces carbon emission by about

**50%.** PSA aims for Tuas Port to achieve **net zero emissions** by 2050.

# Tuas Port – A Smarter and Greener Port PM LEE HL: Tuas Port will be world's largest fully automated port when completed in 20 years





# 4. Air Port

Changi International Airport from T1-T3, Jewel and now T4 in operation with T5 towing behind in construction.



Operationalising a Three-Runway System (End 2015 – 2020s)







# 4. Air Port

Terminal	Opened	Floor area	Handling capacity	Parking bays
Terminal One	1 July 1981; 41 years ago (operational) 29 December 1981; 41 years ago (official)	308,000 m <sup>2</sup>	24 million passengers	29 (aerobridge) 16 (remote)
Terminal <b>Two</b>	22 November 1990; 32 years ago (operational) 1 June 1991; 31 years ago (official)	358,000 m <sup>2</sup>	28 million passengers (by 2024)	35 (aerobridge) 11 (remote)
JetQuay (CIP Terminal)	15 August 2006; 16 years ago (operational) 29 September 2006; 16 years ago (official)	2,000 m <sup>2</sup>	N/A	0
Terminal Three	9 January 2008; 15 years ago (operational) 25 July 2008; 14 years ago (official)	380,000 m <sup>2</sup>	22 million passengers	28 (aerobridge) 15 (remote)
Terminal Four	31 October 2017; 5 years ago (operational) 3 August 2018; 4 years ago (official)	225,000 m <sup>2</sup>	16 million passengers	25 (aerobridge)
Terminal Five	Mid-2030s (planned)	TBC	50 million passengers	ТВС
Jewel Changi Airport	17 April 2019; 4 years ago (operational) 18 October 2019; 3 years ago (official)	35,000 m <sup>2</sup>	3 million passengers	
Total		1,308,000 m <sup>2</sup>	90 million passengers (by 2024)	117 (aerobridge) 42 (remote)







# 5. Facilities

Underground caverns for storage of petroleum.

Jurong Rock Caverns (JRC) is the first commercial underground rock caverns facility for the storage of liquid hydrocarbons in South-east Asia.

Located at a depth of 150m below the ground, and 130m beneath the Banyan Basin on Jurong Island, JRC can store up to 1.47 million m3 of liquid

hydrocarbons such as crude oil and condensate.









# 5. Facilities

By utilising **subterranean** spaces for storage, JRC enhances the **security** of the products in storage, **saving** of approximately **60 Ha of land** above ground, used for **higher value-added** activities such as petrochemicals manufacturing. JRC complements and enhances the existing network of **integrated** infrastructure developed by JTC on the Island, making Singapore's position as a **leading global energy** and **chemicals hub**.

In 2007, Southeast Asia's first commercial underground storage facility began beneath the seabed of Banyan Basin on Jurong Island. Five caverns measured 27 m high X 20 m wide X 340 m long. Officially opened on 2 September 2014 by Prime Minister Lee.

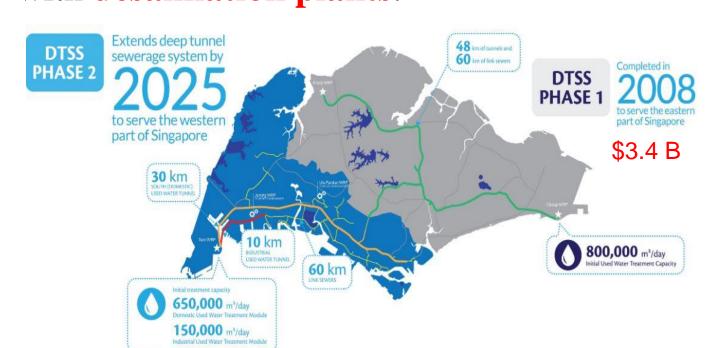






# 5. Facilities

Construction of many land alleviating projects such as **DTSS**, **NeWater** as well as integrating wastes disposal and management (land fill and incineration) with desalination plants.



A used water superhighway of the Deep Tunnel Sewerage System (DTSS) costefficient and sustainable solution for long-term (2060) needs for used water collection, treatment, reclamation and disposal to meet Republic's water demand of 430 million gallons per day by:

- 5 NeWater Plants
- **5** Desalination Plants







# 5. Facilities

# Theatre on the Bay, Gardens by the Bay with many park connectors network









Sustainability of the Supertrees
De-humidifying the air before cooling
Cooling only the occupied zones
Minimising solar heat gain
Generating energy/ harnessing waste heat









# **ENVISIONING SUSTAINABILITY & DIGTALISATION**

New sustainable and digital construction developments tackling climate change, rising sea level and CO2 reduction are in the plans tapping on digitalisation technologies. Some are undertaken by the government while some are **private** initiatives/ innovative ideas:

# 1. Coastal Protection (Government)





About 70 per cent of Singapore's coastline is currently guarded by hard structures, including sea walls and stone embankments

Increasing and improving capacity of the drainage system -widening and deepening drains Republic's first computer modelling system Coastal - Inland Flood Model assess how sea level rise/heavier rain impact the nation.

Flood protection setting the minimum platform level at least 5m above sea levels

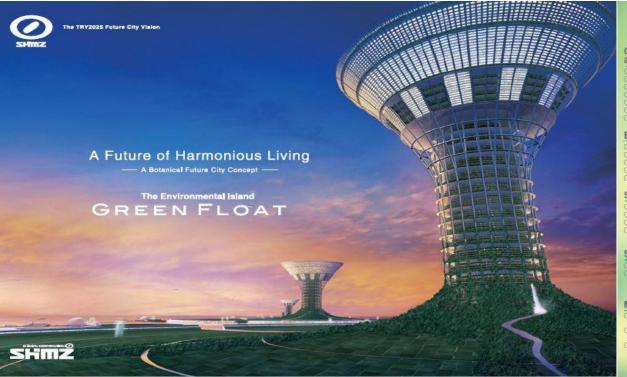






# 2. Floating Cities (Private)

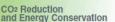
Proposed by Shimizu for Singapore



**Green Innovation Float Innovation** 

Food self sufficiency & zero waste

Beyond CO2 reduction towards CO2 -ve



- Carbon chain (Carbon cycle)
- CO: recovery and ocean sequestration
- Power generation from a space solar power satellite
- Power generation from ocean thermal energy conversion
- City in the Sky cooling system ) Wave power generation

### **Ecosystem and Planting**

- Formation of diverse ecosystems
- Creation of a shallow inland "sea" (lagoon)
- Planting on upper levels
- Growing of mangroves to create ecotones
- Maintenance of tropical forests and creation of estuaries

### Self-Sufficiency and Recycling

- Plant factory for food self-sufficiency
- Waste recycling system
- Grain, livestock and other farming in the plains portion
- Clean up and conversion of drifting "garbage Islands" Into energy resource

### Safety and Security

Otty disaster and business continuity planning (BCP) Structural planning/disaster and evacuation measures/ strong wind countermeasures/wave and tsunami

### Maritime Construction

- Magnesium alloy structural materials are refined
- Construction of an artificial offshore ground structure (Bonded honeycomb structure)
- Ultra-high-rise marine construction ("Smart" system

30 storeys high 10,000 units 200 m2 each 300,000 pax 200 Ha

Environmental Island

The Technology behind Green Float

Reducing CO2, conserving energy resources, reducing waste products, solving food problems preserving ecosystems, preventing pollution.

The question is how to deal with these issues comprehensively

We are gathering leading global technologies to do so based on a botanical approach.



100% renewable energy Fight sea level rise Earthquake & tsunami proof Free from typhoons & hurricanes

CONSULTANTS

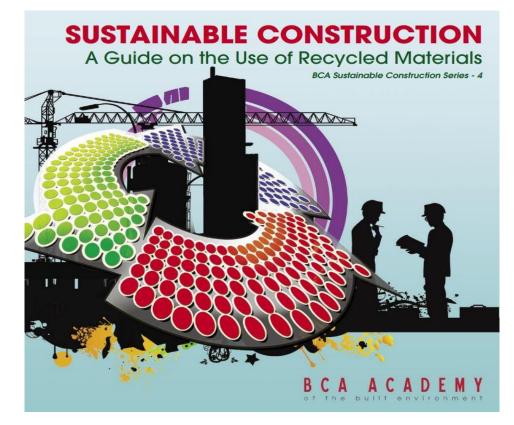




# 5. Green Building materials for sustainable construction (Govt)

Through Sustainable Construction to optimise the use of natural resources and greater use of recycled materials

- Eco-concrete is defined as concrete with at least 50% of recycled by mass of total aggregate content non-structural applications.
- Recycled Aggregate (RA). Aggregate resulting from the processing of inorganic material previously used in construction
- Recycled Concrete Aggregate (RCA). Recycled aggregate comprising principally of crushed concrete
- Manufactured Aggregate. Aggregate of mineral origin resulting from an industrial process involving thermal or other modification
- Structural Works. Works in relation to those parts or elements of a building which resist forces and moments and includes load-bearing walls elements designed to resist forces and moments







5. Green Building materials for sustainable construction (Private)

World's first eco-friendly alternative to steel rebars using waste plastic bottles GFRP KEco rebar = Eco-friendliness and safety

Re-uses wasted plastic with productivity and usability of recycled PET chips from plastic bottles

Removing styrene monomer for more eco-friendliness CO2 reduced by 43% compared to steel rebar and energy reduced by 45%.

100 years of lifespan, two times stronger and 75 percent lighter than steel bars

lightweight by only 1/4 compared to steel excellent thermal barrier properties for non-magnetic, non-conductive, non-corrosion Easy handling and reduce transport costs















6. Green Energy Solar to Sodium Ion Energy on Digitalisation (Govt)

Singapore is also putting in place plans to reach **one GWp** solar deployment after **2020** 

In **2018**, PUB and EDB for **large-scale solar** photovoltaic (PV) systems deploying **floating solar** of **50 MWp** on Tengeh Reservoir. Potential for **100MWp** system

One of the world's largest sea-based offshore floating solar testbeds of 5 megawatt-peak north of Woodlands 4 GW of lowcarbon electricity imports into Singapore by 2035

"Energy Storage: Energy storage is poised to play a central and burgeoning role in the clean energy industry"

Southeast Asia's largest energy storage system officially opens on 2 Feb 2023 with maximum storage capacity of 285 MWh using 800 large-scale lithium iron phosphate batteries.









Lithium-ion battery has a slow charge

rate and smaller lifecycle compared to

sodium-based batteries.

# 6. Green Energy Solar to Sodium Ion Energy on Digitalisation (Pte)

### LITHIUM-ION VS SODIUM-ION BATTERY

· Sodium is more than 500 times more Lithium availability is limited to a few abundant than lithium. It can also be countries, which is why prices have extracted from seawater at a low cost. risen more than seven-fold since 2021. Sodium is more environmentally Lithium is less environmentally friendly and can be transported at friendly than sodium and must be always stored with a minimum zero volt, making it safer. charge, increasing fire risks. A Sodium-ion battery uses aluminum Lithium-ion battery uses copper, which is cheaper than copper. which is three or four times more expensive than aluminum used on sodium batteries Sodium-ion battery has a higher Lithium-ion battery has lower operating temperature range. This operating temperature range and can means these can be used in more cause fire if operated in higher extreme temperatures without the temperatures. risk of thermal runaway.

This ALL-NEW 4.0 Sodium-ion Battery Technology Will ...

■ YouTube - Tech Life - 6 Apr 2023



"Equally as exciting is the continued progress of sodium-ion batteries towards commercialization as evidenced by recent activities of major global battery producers, including CATL, BYD, and Reliance Industries. Sparc is well positioned as one of the only ASX listed companies actively targeting sodium-ion batteries."

Stephen Hunt





Sodium-ion battery charges faster

three times higher lifecycle.

than lithium-ion variants and have a



# 6. Green Energy From Wastes and Algae (Private)

Reusing/Valorising of farm & poultry wastes and tapping on Nature's Wonders of Algae



### **BENEFITS**

- 1. Waste = Resource/Energy
  - Minimised waste stream
  - Biogas plant: Pollutants/GHGs producing electricity
- Waste heat reused

**NEUTRAL!** 

- 2. Self-sufficient and sustainable farm
- 3. Zero waste policy, multi-faceted approach
  - Water 100% reused and recycled
- 4. Higher revenues and cost savings
  - Increasing food security, fighting food scarcity, and promoting safe food
- 5. Reduces the negative impacts on the environment



# The Nature's Wonder of Algae LICE ENZYMICS

Currently, the Recirculating Aquaculture System (RAS

### **HOW IT WORKS**



### **BIOGAS POWER PLANT**





**Dr Liew Kian Heng** 



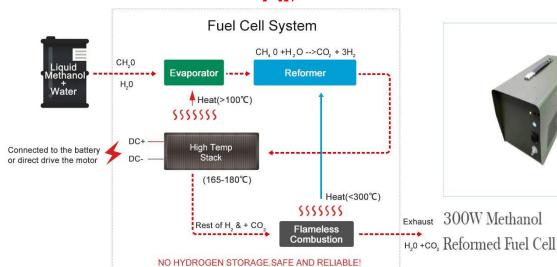


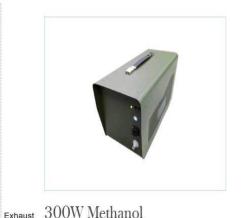






# 7. Green Energy Methanol Fuel Cell Technology (Private)







5KW Methanol Reformed Fuel Cell

### Waste-to-methanol: Process and economics assessment

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### Abstract

The waste-to-methanol (WtM) process and related economics are assessed to evidence that WtM is a valuable solution both from economic, strategic and environmental perspectives. Bio-methanol from Refuse-derived-fuels (RdF) has an estimated cost of production of about 110€/t for a new WtM 300t/d plant. With respect to waste-to-energy (WtE) approach, this solution allows various advantages. In considering the average market cost of methanol and the premium as biofuel, the WtM approach results in a ROI (Return of Investment) of about 29%, e.g. a payback time of about 4 years. In a hybrid scheme of integration with an existing methanol plant from natural gas, the cost of production becomes a profit even without considering the cap for bio-methanol production. The WtM process allows to produce methanol with about 40% and 30–35% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions with respect to methanol production from fossil fuels and bio-resources, respectively.



Applications— Transportation —Truck





Multifunctional Mobile Charging Car



 $CO_2$  (367 t/d) + inert materials







The **reflections** of past construction achievements could help to spearhead **Singapore** into more **sustainable and digital centric concerns** enabling **innovative** enhancements and **constructions**.

Moving into 21st century of Asian prowess has been **mind boggling** and the last two decades for Singapore to continue to make more improvements could contribute to the region while **holding hands** with all our **ASEAN friends** in growing more with **Asia and globally**.







# 1. Trans-ASEAN Gas Pipeline (TAGP)

**Securing Long Term Energy Supply for the Region** 

Achieved through interconnection of the gas pipeline infrastructure of ASEAN Member States, as well as connectivity through LNG regasification terminals to enable gas to be transported across the borders. Flexibility of gas movement by 4,500 km of pipeline (mainly undersea) about US\$7 billion.

As of the end of 2012, ASEAN had 7.5 trillion cubic metres (tcm) of gas reserves, representing 3.5% of the world total. Over the last two decades, gas production in ASEAN has more than doubled and will grow by 30% over the next 20 years.

It accounts for almost **one-quarter** of the world total **LNG liquefaction capacity** in mid-**2013** (ref SEA Energy Outlook/published by IEA).







# 2. ASEAN Power Grid (APG)

# **Enhancing Electricity Interconnectedness**

Interconnecting power grids in the region is a key strategy in strengthening Southeast Asia's energy security and transitioning to renewables through efficient resource sharing.

The Lao PDR-Thailand-Malaysia-Singapore Power Integration Project serves as ASEAN's pilot in addressing technical, legal and financial issues of multilateral electricity trade.

23 June 2022 project commenced for up to 100 MW of renewable hydropower will be traded from Lao PDR to Singapore.







# 3. Johor Bahru-Singapore Rapid Transit System (RTS) Link

Construction of JB-Singapore RTS Link on Singapore side has reached 50% mark: S Iswaran

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Malaysian counterpart Anthony Loke told reporters that work on Malaysia's side is 36 per cent complete.

Iswaran said: "Based on the progress that has been achieved on both sides, we expect to be ready and on time for commencing passenger services by the end of 2026

The RTS Link is a **4km-long** cross-border rail shuttle service, with **2.7km in Malaysia and 1.3km in Singapore**.

It will be able to carry 10,000 commuters per hour in each direction.

35% of Causeway traffic to be absorbed by JB-S'pore RTS Link by Jan 2027: M'sia's MRT Corp



The RTS Link is expected to cost around RM10 billion (S\$3.25 billion), with Singapore bearing 61 per cent of the cost.







# 4. Proposed P2P Link (Private)

# **Envisioning In Overcoming World's biggest Perennial Jams at Woodlands**

## & Tuas Links

- a. 300,000 av daily pedestrians traveling to and fro across the Causeway and Second Link and excludes those travelling on motorcycles, cars, vans, lorries and buses.
- b.130,000 vehicles daily, including 4,000 trucks and lorries entering Singapore,
- c. 1.0 km-long Causeway up to about 1.6 km point-to-point
- d. **100,000 motorcycles** registered auto-clearance crossing mainly the Causeway daily.
- e. 200,000 vehicles per day capacity for Second Link
- f. **500,000 or more** commuters movements during school and public holidays and long weekends.









# 4. Proposed P2P Link (Private)

# Floating People to People Link to overcome perennial jam at causeway

S'poreans coming back from JB stuck at Causeway for 8 hours overnight

Better start heading back soon.

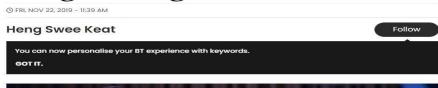
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7+ HOURS AND STILL IN MALAYSIA. HELP. WE ARE NOT EVEN NEAR

THE CUSTOMS.



World is building walls but Singapore must build bridges: Heng Swee Keat





Singapore family gets stuck for 7 hours in ridiculous traffic jam on Causeway













7-hour jam on M'sia side of second link on Sunday, April 2, vehicles struggle to return to S'pore







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4. Proposed P2P Link (private)

ORLD'S LONGEST GREENEST SEAMLESS
FLOATING PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE
BETWEEN
TWO NATIONS



With just between 1.0 to 1.6km or shorter MRT/Crooked-Friendship Bridges costing hundreds S\$m, At low-cost fully-aircon double-deck floating solely for pedestrians would relieve the existing crossings Solar Energy, E-smart Immigration, EV, PDA, Buggy Co-locate both Custom & Immigration of both countries.

1.0-1.6km is budgetary estimated at about RM120m (\$36m). With conservatively 100,000 daily traffic @ minimal footfall/ridership @ \$1/ pax /entry the revenue per year \$36 million a year Bonus advertisements and 60 million tourist visiting "Greenest and Busiest P2PLink in the World"





In the ASEAN SPIRIT of cooperations
We are united in diversity with solidarity forever
And help us divine in United Governance
Asean Spirit Soar above all frailties and Boundaries













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