



Dear \$[FNAME]\$,

We now have two Urban Farms in our Town! Approximately 10-15 such farms can meet 30% of the needs of Sembawang constituency. Let's all continue to do our part to #MakeSembawangGreen!

Speaking of new developments, Sembawang West can look forward to a new cycle path along Woodlands Ave 9. In addition, the Woodlands Sports Pavilion will officially open on 11 March 2023.

Our Town has also seen many events the past few weeks such as Sembawang West's Pongal celebration and Appreciation Lunches for our conservancy workers. Scroll down to find out more!

Just a heads up! Vista Point will be closed for renovations from now to 31 March 2023.

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Urban Farms in Sembawang GRC

四组屋停车场顶层农场开始蔬菜生产

另两个即将投入运作 六农场料年产300吨菜

目前尚有半数农场未竣工，食品局预计这些农场能在今年底前取得证书，并投入生产。食品局会先与其他相关部门评估首次招标的结果，再决定接下来的计划。

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本地16个组屋多层停车场的顶层空间早前进行招标，计划转变为新型农场。至今有四个顶层农场已经开始蔬菜生产。另两个即将投入运作。业者估计，六个农场共可年产近300吨蔬菜。

新加坡食品局在2020年为九个组屋多层停车场的顶层空间招标，网罗又推出七个新地点。

食品局在《联合早报》网站同时透露上述计划的发展进度。其中三个得标地点已陆续建竣发展局，六个地点在2022年8月至今年2月，获得法定完工证书，业者目前还在调整农场设置。

至于其余七个顶层空间，食品局说：“与在其他疫情病毒期间暂停的建筑工程一样，一些农场的早期准备工作也受到影响。还未获取完工证书的农场，预计在年底取得证书，并投入生产。”

获得建筑业颁发的完工证书，意味着这个发展项目，符合建筑法规法令的所有要求，并通过技术部门，如新加坡消防队和公用事业局等的审查。此外，业者须向食品局申请农场执照，才能开始售卖蔬菜。

记者向个别业者查询，六个取得完工证书的农场中，四个已经开始售卖产品，两个待领农场执照。这些农场种植的蔬菜种类包括小白菜、香滑菜心、莴菜、羽衣甘蓝和罗勒等。

疫情中建农场挑战重重 业者：投资额比预期高两倍

在疫情期间建设农场对业者来说是次挑战。

新城集团（SG Veg Farms）是首先得标的其中一家业者，两

个设在三巴旺的农场分别在去年初和年底落成。

新城集团联合创始人吴丽娟（49岁）受访时说，原本计划为两家农场投资80万元，三至五年内回本，但受疫情影响期间物料和运输成本等飙升，最终投入240万元。“我们的租约最长可达九年，如今要多久才能回本？我不敢去算，但既然已经开始，就要坚持下去。”

两家农场年产量约100吨，除了供应巴刹和网路超市外，每周六也会在社区摊让居民直接购买新鲜蔬菜。

从事神经科学研究的吴丽娟说，会决定开农场，其中一个原因是她研究发现某些营养成分有显著大益处，因此想测试高营养价值的营养价值。

比起传统农地，他认为停车场顶层空间更理想。这里靠近社区，而且停车场格局大同小异，所以他们设计的迁移移动栽培系统就能在不同的农场复制。为了达到经济效益，他希望食品局可以推出更多停车场空间。

第二批竞标的业者Tomato Town经营三个顶层农场，位于裕廊西的农场在等当局颁发农场执照，另外两个地点预计在年中完工。

公司联合创始人廖光胜（32岁）透露，他们投入约150至200万元，原先计划让一家农场先开始运作，赚取收入后再发展另两个农场，不过筹备过程比预料中漫长。

廖光胜经营补习中心，虽然没有务农的经验，但他和伙伴之前在社区农场租了一块地，成功测试了由日本引进的直立水耕种植。他说，最大的挑战是建立顾客群，他们正在与一些超市洽



设在海军部道第354座多层停车场顶层的农场，去年初开始运作，公众每周六可到农场附近设置的农市购买新鲜蔬菜。（阮庆拍摄）



从事神经科学研究的吴丽娟发现某些营养成分对大脑功能有益，想提高蔬菜的营养价值，这是她开农场的原因之一。



经营补习中心的廖光胜与两名合伙人投入三个停车场顶层的农耕空间。

运营成本高疫中动工难 两业者退还三个顶层农场

发展和运作成本太高，以及在疫情期间无法在短时间内动工建设，两名业者把得标的三个顶层停车场顶层农场空间交还给发展局。

为开拓新商机，园艺公司一鸣园艺与工程在2020年以总价11万4000元的年租，标下位于裕廊西和蔡厝港的三个停车场顶层空间，是看准竞标活动中标数量多顶层空间的业者。

设在裕廊西第276座多层停车场的农场在去年10月开始生产蔬菜，但公司今年初决定把其余两个地点交还给发展局。

一鸣园艺蔬菜农场经理蔡谈，但上架的程序颇为繁琐，有很多细节要处理。对于目前尚有半数的农场尚

未竣工，南洋理工大学食品科学与技术中心主任陈维宁教授认为，新冠疫情是非常特殊的情

况，说：“我们其实已铺好水管电线，不过设立第一家农场后，认为成绩不是理想，没有足够资源同时经营三个农场，所以决定不再扩大。”

他说，经营农场要达到收支平衡是一项挑战，主要是因人力、租金和水电等运作成本很高。农场每天需要五六名员工来播种、收割和包装等。

2020年以3万2000元年租得标的Red Green Collective，在隔年把大巴窰金吉道的停车场顶层空间退还给当局。

本地农场运作成本高昂业者吁政府提供津贴

农场后来入驻加冷峇鲁一家工业大楼的顶层。李健说，业主为了满足公司的环境、社会与治理（ESG）目标，完全免收租金，允许农场以蔬菜来缴租，这仅相当于停车场顶层空间年租的十分之一。业主把蔬菜分发给员工和慈善团体。

运营成本高是本地农场普遍面对的问题，这导致他们在售价上难以与从外国进口的蔬菜竞争。李健和新城集团联合创始人吴丽娟都建议政府补贴产量为蔬菜提供津贴。

两大食品科学与技术项目主任陈维宁教授认为这项建议不错，他说，除了帮助业者分担起步成本，也可以考虑帮助他们提升产品的竞争力，毕竟许多消费者愿意支付溢价。

“政府的补贴让消费者至少有机会尝试本土蔬菜，吸引他们购买。买的人多，成本自然降低，到时政府就可以减少津贴，达到双赢的局面。”

食品局会先与其他相关部门评估首次招标的结果，再决定接下来的计划。

Photo Source: SG Veg Farms' Facebook page

Did you know that there are now two Urban Farms in Sembawang GRC? Check out SG Veg Farms page to find out where to purchase fresh veggies produced by our Town's first semi-automated hydroponics HDB rooftop farms, every Saturday between 10am to 1pm!

Find out more

New cycling path along Woodlands Ave 9



Photo Source: Ms Poh Li San's Facebook page

Active commuters of Sembawang West can look forward to a new bicycle path along Woodlands Ave 9. This is in aims to improve safety for pedestrians and add space for cyclists commuting to work.

Even though 5 trees had to be removed to make way for the bicycle path, Sembawang West planted 5 new trees in the estate to not compromise our greenery.

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Woodlands Sports Pavilion's Opening Launch

WOODLANDS SPORTS PAVILION
(SPORT - IN - PRECINCT)
OPENING LAUNCH

Saturday, 11 March 2023
4.30pm to 6.30pm
Woodlands Sports Pavilion
(Behind Woodlands Galaxy CC)

FREE! **FEATURING** 3 on 3 Mini Basketball Tournament
SPORTS BOOTHS
Dodgeball | Teqball | Handball | HIIT | Netball | Sepak Takraw
FOOD BOOTHS
Sandwiches | Candy Floss | Ice Cream | Fruits and many more!

Joining Us
Ms Mariam Jaafar
Adviser to
Woodlands Grassroots Organisations

SCAN ME
Scan the QR code to register for:
Opening Launch and
Basketball Tournament
or visit go.gov.sg/wsp/launch

Woodlands Sports Pavilion is officially opening on 11 March 2023, Saturday, 4:30pm-6:30pm. Try out different sports with the Woodlands CSC, such as Dodgeball, Netball, Sepak Takraw. There will also be food booths for you to replenish your energy too!

Register for the event [here](#).

For enquiries, please call Woodlands CC at 6362 8832

Photo Source: Ms Mariam Jaafar's Facebook page

Vista Point Closed for Renovations in March 2023



Photo Source: Our Admiralty's Facebook page

Vista Point Wet Market will be closed from 1 - 31st March 2023 for renovations. The next nearest wet market will be at Admiralty Place (just next to Admiralty MRT station).

Cantine by Kopitiam at Admiralty Place now OPEN!



Photo Source: Ms Mariam Jaafar's Facebook page

Cantine by Kopitiam at Admiralty Place is now OPEN! Check out the photos in the link below for some of the stalls you can find at the new eatery. If you have already visited, let us know what are some of the must-try dishes!

[f Find out more](#)

Appreciation Lunch for our Conservancy Workers



Photo Source: Sembawang Town Council

Rain or shine, these conservancy workers ensures that our estates are well maintained and kept clean at all times. Sembawang Town Council took the opportunity to thank our Conservancy Workers across the divisions with a sumptuous lunch respectively.

We thank them for their efforts in keeping our Town a clean place for all to live in comfortably.

Sembawang West and Canberra Edusave Awards



Photo Source: Ms Poh Li San's and Dr Lim Wee Kiak's Facebook page

Congratulations to our Sembawang West and Canberra students who have received their Edusave Merit Bursary Award respectively in their divisions. We are happy to see our students being recognised for their hardwork, character and leadership.

Check out Sembawang West's Edusave Awards Ceremony photos here:

[f Find out more](#)

Check out Canberra's Edusave Awards Ceremony photos here:

[f Find out more](#)

Sembawang West's Pongal Celebration



Photo Source: Ms Poh Li San's Facebook page

On 12 February 2023, Sembawang West held its Pongal Festival Celebration at Woodlands Galaxy CC. Adviser Ms Poh Li San, together with residents, went through traditional customs such as boiling milk in earthen pots and breaking of suspended earthen pot filled with treats. Seems like everyone who attended had a fun time!

[f Find out more](#)

Blossom Seeds celebrates 10th Anniversary.



Photo Source: Ms Mariam Jaafar's Facebook page

Blossom Seeds just celebrated their 10th Anniversary with a celebratory luncheon on 19 February 2023. Our Advisers Mr Ong Ye Kung, Ms Mariam Jaafar, and Dr Lim Wee Kiak, along with our senior residents.

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