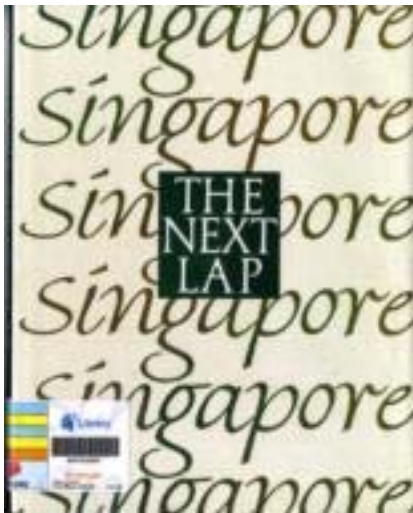


“Our Singapore Conversation”



Not our first conversation... But different

The Next Lap, 1991



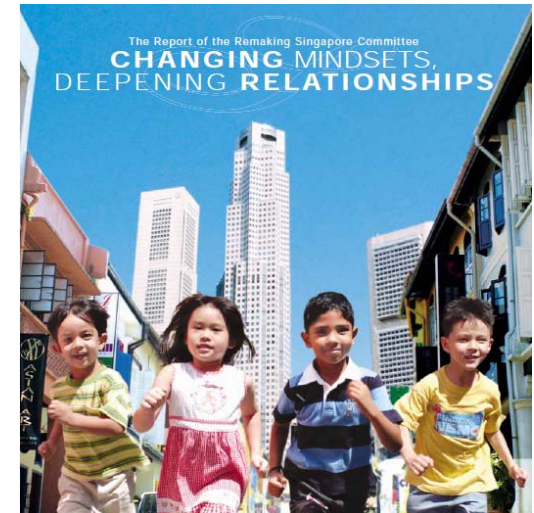
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“Our Singapore” Conversation

A national conversation amongst
Singaporeans about the kind of
future that we
want to see in 2030

Understanding
different perspectives



Figuring out as one people,
how to get to the future
that we want

Singaporeans learnt to appreciate differences

"I didn't realize that the elderly in Singapore felt such a sense of dispossession and rejection until one elderly gentleman from my group said his piece." – Petunia Lee, Blogger

"..even with a small group, we had **diverging opinions on the vision of the future** and even where we agreed, we had diverging opinions on the prioritisation. This is not negative feedback but just reflects the reality that **building a consensus is difficult** and may take some time."

" I valued the **opportunity to connect with Singaporeans from all walks of life**; Singaporeans who care and want to be part of constructive dialogue. I know some are skeptical of this whole conversation process. I don't know if our views will be acted upon. But I do **know I want to be part of Singapore's soul-searching journey...**"

The awkwardness comes when citizens define happiness differently. Guaranteed jobs for Singaporeans clash with ideals and values of meritocracy. Redefining success might make some lose out while broadening its definitions might make some wary of the death of failure. - The Online Citizen journalist

".... The small group size meant that everybody had the chance to articulate his or her perspectives, and correspondingly allowed the participants to comprehend the trade-offs involved when making policy decisions. - Guanyinmiao, Blogger

Our Singapore Conversation

IN NUMBERS

All that you need to know about the national conversation at a glance

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DIALOGUES

(as of 15 July 2013)

~660



Organised by:

- OSC Secretariat
- Community group
- Government agencies

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

(as of 15 July 2013)

~47,000
+ 4,000 surveyed

TOTAL NUMBER OF LOCATIONS



NUMBER OF LANGUAGES USED



English, Mandarin, Malay, Tamil,
Cantonese, Hokkien, Teochew

NUMBER OF ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED

not including government agencies
(as of 15 July 2013)



ESTIMATED TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS OF CONVERSATIONS

1,645 hrs



Watching all 8 Harry Potter movies

82 times

Timeline

2012

2013

Oct

Nov

Dec

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sep

Open & Divergent

OSC Survey

Thematic “How Might We” OSC
conversation tracks around Hope,
Heart, Home

Selected Ministry led targeted
FGDs / public engagements

e.g. Housing, Education, Healthcare

Release of “OSC
reflections”

PM’s response at
NDR 2013

Emerging Citizens' Perspectives from OSC

"Conversation snapshot"

A Singapore that is Affordable to Live In



A Singapore with a Strong & Vibrant Economy that Provides Opportunities for Singaporeans



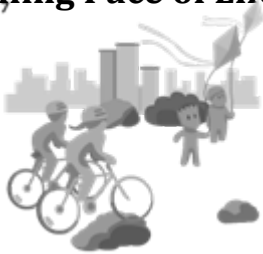
A Society where Everyone Can Age with Dignity



A Society That Takes Care of the Disadvantaged



A Singapore with a More Fulfilling Pace of Life



A Society with Diverse Definitions of Success



A Society Anchored on Values



A Society with a Greater Sense of Togetherness



A Society with Strong Families



A Singapore for Singaporeans



A Society where Government and the People Have a More Collaborative Relationship



A Singapore with a Competent and Trustworthy Government



OSC “Phase 2”

Key Objectives

- Deepen clarity around aspirations
 - Build shared understanding around broad directions we should take as country

Thematic Dialogues

- General discussion around: **directional shifts and underpinning values, what we gain/lose, and what can Govt do/what can I do**



Ministry-led public engagements (under OSC umbrella)

- Deeper dives around policy topics

Examples include:

- Housing
- Education
- Healthcare

Phase 2 OSC thematic dialogues

How might we....

HOPE

*(Society with diverse definitions of success;
Vibrant and Competitive Economy; more fulfilling pace of life)*

Create *hope and opportunity* for all
Singaporeans ?

HEART

*(Society that cares for disadvantaged, Ageing with dignity,
Sense of togetherness)*

Care for our fellow Singaporeans?

HOME

*(Affordable Singapore , Sense of Togetherness;
Singapore with a strong Singaporean core; etc)*

Build a *home* where all
Singaporeans feel a sense of
belonging?

Possible Discussion Questions

... broaden our definitions of success?
... make a good living while having a fulfilling life?
... give school-going Singaporeans hope for their future in Singapore?
... create more opportunities for all Singaporeans to succeed?

... age gracefully, as full members of our families and communities?
... care for the less fortunate?
... strengthen Singaporeans' sense of togetherness, and revive the
kampong spirit in Singapore?

... strengthen our sense of being Singaporean, and of Singapore as
home?
... support a comfortable standard of living for Singaporeans?
... support and nurture strong families?
... foster more collaboration between state and society?

Discussion around: **directional shifts and underpinning values, what we gain/lose, and roles**

Multi-modal engagement platforms

Design principles

Recognize individual contributions & build on Ideas

Ensure Diverse Perspectives by reaching out to Singaporeans from different walks of life

Build a movement that grows with momentum

Examples of different modalities

- ✓ Facilitated roundtable dialogues focused on envisioning the future
- ✓ Leveraging 3rd parties to reach different segments (vulnerable families, elderly, corporates, youth etc)
- ✓ Social Media (e.g. Facebook)
- ✓ OSC Survey
- ✓ Radio talk shows, TV

Partnership with community



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People's Association



BERITA HARIAN



华社自助理事會
CDAC

聯合早報
Lianhe Zaobao



Momentum through ground-up dialogues

100 youth attend Our Singapore Conversation dialogue at Singapore Scout Association

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By Melissa Pang



Our SG Conversations @ SMU

SMEs voice their fears in Singapore Conversation

Concerns include costs, labour woes and being edged out by big players

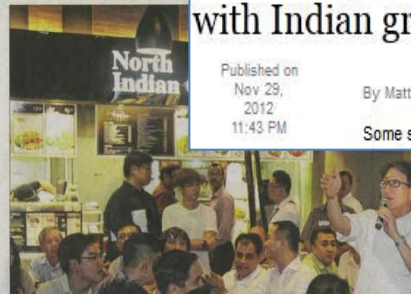
By Janice Heng, The Straits Times, 8 Dec 2012

职总全国对话会 呼吁尊重各行各业

职总助理秘书长詹惠凤受访时说：“我们的社会已经相当富裕，但我们对一些工作的尊重却还不足够。每份工作都有它的价值，而每个工作者都有他的尊严。”

运出发，大部分课题都与工友息息相关。

另外一个职总关注的议题是未来新加坡要如何继续繁荣发展。这个议题由职总所有附属工会的领袖



Preserving Tamil language a hot topic at dialogue with Indian grassroots leaders

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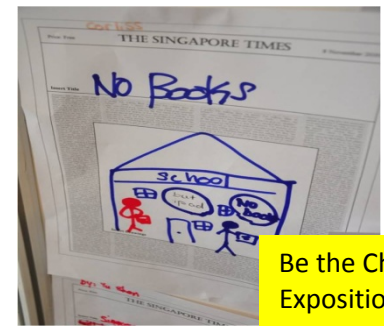
By Matthias Chew

Some suggested having more

Rental flat seniors share their thoughts on S'pore

Welfare group helps them take part in national conversation

By MATTHIAS CHEW



Be the Change
Exposition

Reflections

of Our Singapore Conversation

PLEASE
SHARE ME!

What future
do we want?
How do we
get there?

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Kuo Jian Hong on joining
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a supportive community
for autistic son
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trust: citizens urge
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Minister Heng
Swee Keat on
the five core
aspirations of
Singaporeans

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OPPORTUNITIES

- Good jobs in a resilient economy
- Different ways of fulfilling potential
- Respect for all, regardless of jobs and qualifications

PURPOSE

- Broader definitions of success
- Shared identity, embracing of diversity
- Passion to contribute

ASSURANCE

- Affordable and accessible basic needs
- Collective responsibility
- Early investment for life's uncertainties

SPIRIT

- Strong family and community values
- Care for the disadvantaged, respect for every Singaporean's dignity

TRUST

- Constructive and meaningful citizen engagement
- Trust and accountability
- Mutual understanding between Singaporeans



NDR 2013 – PM outlines strategic shift in approach to nation building



**TOGETHER,
OUR NEW WAY
FORWARD**

“The OSC has been a very meaningful exercise – we listened to one another, we created a firmer, shared basis to discuss and to plan our future.”

**Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong
National Day Rally 18 August 2013**

At the National Day Rally, PM Lee promised to keep Singapore a home where everyone shares in our progress, and no one is left behind. To do this in a time of rapid change and uncertainty, we must find a new way forward. The Government and Community must do more to support individuals, as they strive to do well – housing, healthcare and education will be key planks. We will invest in long-term infrastructural plans, such as those for Changi Airport, as acts of faith in our shared future as Singaporeans. Together, we can create a brighter tomorrow for our children.

**Hope Heart Home
TOGETHER**

our SG

PM Lee highlighted key changes to build a better Singapore and create a bright future for all Singaporeans:

HOUSING

- ③ Families earning \$1,000 monthly can afford a 2-room flat
- ③ Families earning \$2,000 monthly can afford a 3-room flat
- ③ Families earning \$4,000 monthly can afford a 4-room flat
- ③ Flats will be affordable so that families can pay off their mortgages in 25 instead of 30 years, and use mostly their CPF to pay off their loans.

HOUSING

The government will ensure that every Singaporean family who is working can afford their home.

EDUCATION

- ③ Every child between seven to 16 years old will receive Edusave contribution
- ③ Every school will reserve at least 40 places for children with no connection to the school in Phase 2C of Primary One Registration Exercise
- ③ PSLE scores will be calculated differently using wider bands for grades like in GCE "O" and "A" level exams to reduce excessive competition
- ③ Secondary 1 students can learn at their own pace and develop their strengths
- ③ Keep admissions to top schools open by expanding the Direct School Admission Scheme (DSA) and enhancing financial help for needy students.



HEALTHCARE

The government will improve the healthcare system financing so that every Singaporean has access to quality care when he is ill.

The education system will be kept open, so that every child is given the opportunity to reach his full potential, at his own pace.

HEALTHCARE

- ③ The age floor will be removed under the Community Health Assist Scheme (CHAS) so that younger Singaporeans can benefit from the scheme
- ③ Lower and middle-income patients seeing doctors at Specialist Outpatient Clinics will enjoy higher subsidies
- ③ MediShield will become MediShield Life. It will include all Singaporeans — those not currently covered, elderly and those with pre-existing conditions — and cover them for life
- ③ The Pioneer Generation Package will help members of the pioneer generation pay their MediShield Life premiums.



“ There is no power greater than a community discovering what it cares about”

-Margaret Wheatley, Turning to one another (2002)