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## New Beginnings

New year, new beginnings.

After a decade of being at the helm of the largest housing developer and master planner in Singapore, Dr Cheong Koon Hean relinquished her role as HDB's Chief Executive Officer at the end of 2020, marking the end of a long and fulfilling career in the public service. In this issue of *Dwellings*, we chronicle her remarkable journey with HDB, and share her parting words.

Under Dr Cheong's leadership, the last decade has been one defined by innovation and transformation for HDB. This spirit of innovation will continue to see us into the future. Building on the existing 'Roadmap to Better Living in HDB Towns', we unveiled a refreshed roadmap that places the holistic well-being of residents at the centre of our planning efforts, to provide for their needs beyond the four walls of their homes. The new 'Designing for Life Roadmap' will shape the way HDB plans, designs, develops, and maintains its towns and estates over the next decade, paving the way for future HDB living.

Even as we embark on shaping our future homes, we will strive to make them endearing for Singaporeans. In celebration of HDB's 60th anniversary last year, we asked Singaporeans to share their stories of home and what home means to them, told through vivid photos of heartland life and distinctive places around HDB towns. For long-time Woodlands resident and carpenter Mr Tan Koon Tat, home is bringing happiness to his neighbours.

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## About *Dwellings*

*Dwellings* is published by the Housing & Development Board (HDB), Singapore's public housing authority and a statutory board under the Ministry of National Development. For over 60 years, HDB has provided quality and affordable public housing for generations of Singaporeans. Currently, more than 8 in 10 resident households in Singapore call an HDB flat their home. Through *Dwellings*, we want to share how we create the kind of public housing that is uniquely different, and also uniquely Singapore.



(Above) A bird's eye view of MyWaterway@Punggol and Waterway Terraces



# Steering a Vision

Having steered HDB towards creating a new generation of public housing in Singapore in the last decade, Dr Cheong Koon Hean concludes a remarkable career after 40 years of public service, much of which has been devoted to shaping Singapore's urbscape.

**I**n the last decade, a wave of change has spread across Singapore's heartlands. Amidst the slab and point blocks, new building typologies have emerged. Threads of greenery weave through our towns, as roof gardens and other green spaces became integral parts of the landscape. Solar panels on the roofs of our blocks power whole estates, and new shared spaces, such as community living rooms and town plazas, bring communities to life.

These are just some of the ways in which HDB has transformed public housing in the last 10 years. And at the helm of this transformation was Dr Cheong Koon Hean, whose leadership and values provided a steady anchor as HDB navigated this pivotal decade of change.

## Charting A New Path Forward

Dr Cheong joined HDB at a time when public housing faced surging demand, changing aspirations, and rising expectations. The immediate task was to deliver more and better flats to people — but the urban planner in Dr Cheong knew she had to look further than that.

“Urban planners constantly look at things with one eye on the future, almost obsessively,” says Dr Cheong. “Are the homes we build today ready for an ageing population, climate change, and other looming trends? Have we anticipated the future well enough, so that our residents can continue to live in homes that are relevant, resilient and liveable, even decades later?”

As HDB embarked on a massive building programme, Dr Cheong saw an opportunity to build a whole new generation of public housing that has the future in mind. Barely a year into her role at HDB, she launched the ‘Roadmap to Better Living in HDB Towns’ in 2011, to guide HDB in developing homes and neighbourhoods that are well-designed, smart and sustainable, and community-centric.



- 01 Dr Cheong has led HDB through an era of transformation, with a vision of better homes for all Singaporeans
- 02 New generation public housing like Tampines GreenRidges are built with the Pneumatic Waste Conveyance System (PWCS)



## Driving Innovation

With the Roadmap, Dr Cheong consciously created opportunities for her colleagues to challenge the status quo and spark their innovative spirit. She recalls one of the first questions she had when she joined HDB: could there be fewer driveways surrounding blocks, in order to create a safer environment and introduce more greenery for residents instead?

As the driveways allowed rubbish trucks to reach bin centres or centralised refuse chambers in estates, HDB had to seek out new technology that would reduce the number of driveways. This led to the creation of the Pneumatic Waste Conveyance System

(PWCS), an underground network of pipes that uses vacuum-suction technology to transport waste to one central location for collection. The PWCS also prepares HDB towns for the day when Singapore faces manpower constraints in collecting rubbish in the traditional way, since the PWCS is far more efficient in managing waste collection. “Challenges and constraints push us to do new things and to be visionary in our planning,” says Dr Cheong.

## Who inspires a leader?



Dr Cheong shares more about Punggol's development with the late Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew, during a visit to the eco-town in 2012

Dr Cheong has been credited with transforming much of Singapore's physical landscape, gaining wide acclaim and inspiring many in her career. But who inspires a leader like her?

"Even though he was not trained as an urban planner, Mr Lee Kuan Yew was an urban visionary who inspired me greatly. His Garden City vision transformed Singapore into a city with abundant lush greenery to make life more pleasant for the people, and his belief in water sustainability drove many infrastructure initiatives, such as the transformation of the Singapore River and the creation of the Marina Bay reservoir," she says.

Dr Cheong recalls when the late Mr Lee visited Punggol in 2012. Punggol, imbued with green and blue elements to enhance the living environment for residents, captures the essence of what Mr Lee had envisioned. "It was an honour to show him how his vision came to life in an HDB town," she says.



Such visionary planning is key to ensuring Singapore's high-density environment can still continue to be a good living environment, and our residents can continue to live comfortably. As a strong proponent of good urban design, Dr Cheong placed great emphasis on achieving liveable density through the innovative juxtaposition of building heights, public spaces, greenery, and water bodies. She is also a keen driver of sustainability initiatives — under her leadership, HDB sought to achieve the larger national goals of sustainable urban planning and development.

As HDB's work transforms, Dr Cheong recognised that the organisation had to transform in step. She particularly pushed to strengthen HDB's digital capabilities in its service delivery. "If we want to build future-ready homes, we have to create an HDB that is ready for the future," she says. Today, more than 200 electronic services are available on the HDB InfoWEB and the Mobile@HDB app, bringing greater convenience for residents.



(Above) Punggol Town illustrates several key ideas of a well-designed town, such as inclusion of green spaces, focus on quality urban design, and creating synergies between integrated developments



Dr Cheong helps to put the finishing touches of the Adventure Playground@Canberra, Singapore's first community-built playground under HDB's Build-a-Playground initiative

## Building stronger communities

Dr Cheong has always championed the creation and activation of public spaces, as she strongly believes these spaces are what gives a place greater identity and vibrancy. "We want our communities to play an active part in place-making, since this is their home," she says.

She has been heartened to see more and more residents coming forward to take greater ownership in caring for their homes and to strengthen community ties. "In this way, our HDB towns can become endearing homes for all."

## For the People

As Dr Cheong steered HDB towards greater heights, she kept herself grounded to what truly mattered: the people. Her personal ethos, like many built environment professionals, is to make a better world and help improve lives.

This, she believes, is especially important in an organisation with a social mission like HDB. She strove to build a strong organisational culture where people are driven by a sense of common purpose and mission to do their best to make a real difference. “We must always remind ourselves, ‘what is the meaning behind the work that we do?’” says Dr Cheong.

With great emphasis on keeping public housing affordable and attainable to as many Singaporeans as possible, she enhanced housing grants for a diverse group of first-time home owners, such as young couples and singles, as well as led initiatives to support the housing

needs and aspirations of low-income and vulnerable families. She also believes the ‘heartware’ — the people and their community — is what makes a town and place endearing to its residents.

“HDB towns will continue to be at the heart of Singapore living, but they are not only about the physical buildings and infrastructure,” Dr Cheong says. “What is a home without its people? So, we must never forget that it is about planning for the people.”

For Dr Cheong, her decade with HDB caps a long and fulfilling career in the public service. And even to the end, her resolve to drive innovation remained strong, as she launched the new ‘Designing for Life’ roadmap, a refreshed roadmap that will pave the way for future HDB living.

“It has been a great privilege to work alongside my colleagues at HDB, and to witness their dedication to bring excellence to all aspects of their work,” says Dr Cheong. “I will continue to cheer HDB on, as it moves forward into the future.”



## One HDB

A strong sense of unity becomes all the more crucial in an organisation of more than 5,000 people. That is why Dr Cheong sought to cultivate a culture of ‘One HDB’, where open communication, mutual respect and care can thrive. “It is by working as ‘One HDB’ that we can continue on the same path and ride out any wave of change together,” she says.

Dr Cheong cheers on her colleagues as they compete in the 2019 MNDRC Dragon Boat Race



## Final Words with Dr Cheong Koon Hean

### If you could say something to your younger self from 10 years ago, what would you say to her?

There is always opportunity in adversity. Take it one step at a time when faced with many challenges, as there is always a way. Build teamwork and work together towards a common purpose and goal. Faith, positive thinking, and humour helps!

### What takeaways do you hope your colleagues will gain from your time with HDB?

I believe I should always leave an organisation in a better position than when I first joined it. Looking back, HDB faced a lot of challenges when I joined in 2010.

Together with many dedicated colleagues, we developed a clear vision on where HDB should be heading. More importantly, we formulated clear paths on how to achieve the vision — from the 'Roadmap to Better Living' in 2011 to the 'Designing for Life Roadmap' in 2020.

We have also strengthened our pipeline of talent and built competencies, harnessing strong research and technology to drive an innovative culture. The organisation has also placed 'people' at the centre of our policies and programmes. With this firm foundation, I am optimistic that HDB will be 'future ready' to meet upcoming challenges.

### What are you looking forward to most in retirement?

In life, we move from one season to another. I am ready to move to another season, where I will continue to contribute to the built environment and to cities in a different way.

At the same time, I do hope to have more time for my personal pursuits as well — to spend more time with my family, brush up my rusty skills on music and art, exercise more regularly, carry out my HIP (my personal 'home improvement programme'), and travel (when we can again). There are so many things to look forward to!





# Designing for Life

Placing the holistic well-being of residents at the centre of its planning efforts, HDB's new roadmap will guide HDB through its plans, policies, and programmes as it continues to improve and enrich the lives of residents over the next decade.

(Left) Parking decks at multi-storey car parks will be elevated to allow for more car-free community spaces where residents can interact and bond



**i** magine being able to control lights and home appliances in your flat with a simple tap or swipe from your smartphone. Or having a sprawling sports park on the roof of your estate's multi-storey car park, where you can enjoy a wide range of outdoor exercise facilities and circuit training opportunities. How about spending a fulfilling day with your family at the neighbourhood Social and Wellness Hub, with a myriad of shops and eateries offering healthy options, as well as facilities for you to exercise and relax amid lush greenery?

This vision is set to soon become a reality — in writing the next chapter of public housing, HDB has unveiled a new blueprint that will inspire and guide bold ideas in planning, design, policies, and programmes over the decade. The new 'Designing for Life' roadmap takes a more resident-centred approach and marks a shift in focus towards holistic well-being.



(Left) Community spaces, such as roof gardens atop multi-storey car parks, will be designed to encourage physical activity and social interaction

four walls of the flat. In both mature and non-mature estates, sleek new-generation housing projects have been designed with sustainability in mind, supported by a variety of green spaces and communal facilities for all to enjoy.

Designing the best possible homes for Singaporeans is an ongoing, iterative process. As society evolves and new challenges emerge, the roadmap has been refreshed to keep pace with new needs. Launched in October 2020, the new 'Designing for Life' roadmap will centre on the overall health and well-being of residents, to provide them with a better living environment at all stages of their lives.

"Through careful planning backed by science and data, we will advance the sustainability of our towns, and leverage technology to help residents live more comfortably and with greater convenience," says HDB Chief Executive Officer, Dr Cheong Koon Hean. "We will also find more ways for people to connect with each other, and empower them to play a bigger role in designing and activating their shared spaces."

The roadmap will be supported by 3 pillars that can help Singaporeans 'Live Well', 'Live Smart', and 'Live Connected'.

## Mapping the Future of HDB Living

HDB has always strived to be anticipatory in its plans to create better homes for Singaporeans. In 2011, it launched the 'Roadmap for Better Living in HDB Towns', which focused on developing well-designed, sustainable, and community-centric towns. Since then, HDB has stepped up efforts to deliver a quality environment beyond the



## 'Live Well' – Opportunities for Better Health and Well-being

The 'Live Well' thrust aims to holistically enhance residents' physical, mental, and social well-being through the built environment, and create healthy towns for people of all ages. Ongoing and new initiatives to bring nature closer to residents, improve safety in the home and outdoors, and renew towns through upgrading programmes will be scaled up.

In addition, HDB will implement evidence-based solutions, such as incorporating easy-to-understand pictograms in directional signage to aid wayfinding, and designing attractive pathways and stairways to encourage an active lifestyle. These will be introduced in new public housing developments, as well as existing HDB homes through upgrading programmes.

Within the precinct, residents can relax in tranquil pocket gardens and courtyards, and reconnect with nature through biophilic design that harnesses nature's intrinsic benefits. There will also be spaces that provide opportunities for horticultural

activities, such as the Plantation Farmway in Tengah, as these can enhance mental well-being and promote social ties among neighbours.

As residents of Punggol, HDB's first Eco-town developed to achieve a more green and sustainable living for its residents, Tan Siew Geok and Julie Poh know all too well about the benefits that living so close to nature can bring. These two active seniors often spend their time outdoors in their neighbourhood, whether it is out for a relaxing stroll or to exercise amid the lush greenery.

"The weather is hot and humid, but the greenery here keeps us cool. I also like that we have all these exercise facilities right at our doorstep. It makes it more convenient for us to take a quick stretch," says Julie.



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At the town level, new HDB neighbourhood centres will be conceptualised as Social and Wellness Hubs. Apart from their traditional commercial function, these enhanced facilities will offer a wider variety of wellness choices to encourage community interaction, and the adoption of an active and healthy lifestyle. These include healthy food options, communal spaces for socialisation, and exercise areas.

- 01 HDB's 'Designing for Life' roadmap is supported by 3 key pillars — 'Live Well, Live Smart, Live Connected' — under which efforts will encompass a broad spectrum of initiatives
- 02 Facilities, such as Social and Wellness Hubs, will be planned and designed to integrate elements of well-being and foster cohesive communities
- 03 HDB will place greater emphasis on the planning and design of the physical environment to encourage residents, especially seniors, to lead active lifestyles



## 'Live Smart' - Smart and Sustainable Heartland

As Singapore's largest developer, HDB plays a leading role in driving sustainable development and adoption of smart technologies in the built environment sector, in line with Singapore's vision of a Smart Nation. New precincts in Punggol Northshore will be the first housing projects developed with urban solutions and smart technologies from the outset to bring about greater comfort and convenience for residents, both in their estates and homes.

Residents stand to benefit from seamless and reliable estate services, with initiatives such as the Smart Pneumatic Waste Conveyance System, which automates waste collection and allows for remote monitoring of waste thresholds, and a network of sensors that will monitor and inform when estate maintenance is required.

New residents of Punggol Northshore, Daniel Chin and Quek Mang Ling, were especially excited to learn that their home

will be smart-enabled — their flat is fitted with smart sockets and a smart distribution board to support smart home solutions. "We started shopping for appliances months before we collected the keys to our flat!" Mang Ling laughs.

"I enjoy the convenience of smart homes. For example, I'm able to pre-schedule cleaning sessions with the automated vacuum cleaner, while the digital door locks allow me to unlock them regardless of my location and without fussing with the keys. I think homes equipped with the infrastructure to support smart features will bring greater convenience for residents in the future," Daniel adds.

04-05 Punggol Northshore residents enjoy the convenience of a smart-enabled home

## HDB Green Towns Programme Focus Areas



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To mitigate the impact of climate change, HDB is committed to making its towns more environmentally sustainable and liveable by 2030 through the HDB Green Towns Programme. The 10-year plan aims to reduce energy consumption, recycle rainwater, and cool HDB towns by scaling up successful pilots and trialling new solutions, such as the Urban Water Harvesting System, and cool coatings on building facades and pavements to reduce surface heat absorption.

HDB is also leading the push towards cleaner energy in Singapore. About 70% of HDB blocks will be fitted with or identified for solar installation by 2030. A solar-ready roof design has been implemented since 2017 to prepare new blocks for easier and faster solar adoption.



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06 The HDB Green Towns Programme will focus on 3 areas: reducing energy consumption, recycling rainwater, and cooling HDB towns, making all HDB towns more sustainable and liveable

07 Solar panels on the roof of HDB blocks

## ‘Live Connected’ – Forging Stronger Community Bonds

Nurturing the *kampung* spirit in a digitally driven world may seem like an uphill task, but it can be possible with the help of smart apps and data. Through collaborations and research partnerships with government agencies and Institutes of Higher Learning, HDB will use data analytics and behavioural studies to gain insights that can aid the design of targeted initiatives and help foster cohesive communities.

For example, the New Urban Kampung Research Programme aims to better understand residents’ behaviours and needs, measure their quality of life, and uncover factors that contribute to their satisfaction in HDB towns. The cross-disciplinary study will help develop strategies and tools for residents to connect with like-minded neighbours and organise group activities on their own. This is part of HDB’s efforts to ramp up opportunities for the community to co-design proposals and activate spaces, as part of the nationwide Singapore Together movement.

For residents of Ang Mo Kio, Bukit Merah, Choa Chu Kang and Queenstown, there will be even more opportunities for the community to make places and memories together. These towns have been identified as the fourth batch of towns to be rejuvenated under the Remaking Our Heartland programme. In rejuvenating the towns, HDB will be engaging the residents

to hear their views and help shape the plans. From next year, HDB will also work with other agencies to set aside common spaces at selected new housing projects for residents to collectively design and build their neighbourhood spaces.



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08-09 HDB will provide more place-making opportunities for the community to nurture the *kampung* spirit and foster cohesive communities



(Above) The 'Designing for Life' roadmap will come to life at Parc Residences @ Tengah

The 'Designing for Life' roadmap and its 3 pillars will be brought to life at the upcoming Build-To-Order (BTO) development, Parc Residences @ Tengah. Tengah is the first HDB town to be sensitively integrated with its surrounding ecosystems and planned with smart technologies townwide from the outset, setting the perfect stage for the roadmap's features and initiatives to come together.

Future Parc Residences @ Tengah residents Jonathan Tan and Rae Ann are looking forward to moving into this evergreen forest town. "We are convinced that with the promising plans to develop this area — such as homes that are smart-enabled and close to nature, a well-planned town centre, an integrated community hub, and various other amenities — this new

town will be a great place to build our future together," the couple says. <sup>d</sup>

### Designing for Life exhibition

To learn more about the new roadmap and its 3 pillars — Live Well, Live Smart, Live Connected — visit the Designing for Life Virtual Exhibition at [designingforlife.gov.sg](https://designingforlife.gov.sg).



*All perspectives used in this article are artists' impressions only; actual developments may differ.*





# Our Shapes of Home

*Dwellings* invites you to rediscover a world of cherished sights and distinctive spaces captured in our heartlands. These are some of the photos submitted for the Shapes of Home photo contest held in September and October 2020, as part of a collaboration between HDB and SPH's Photonico platform.

(Left) Joyful playtime in the sun and water at the community water park beside Block 307 Yishun Central

Photo by Ong Yi Chao

**W**hat does home mean to you?  
This was a question we posed to the public last year, as we called on

Singaporeans to capture facets of everyday HDB living that showcase distinctive spaces within HDB estates as well as slice-of-life moments in our heartlands.

To mark 60 years of public housing in Singapore, HDB partnered with Singapore Press Holdings' (SPH) Photonico platform and The Straits Times on a special project to trace the evolution of HDB towns and flats through photo stories. A key highlight is a photo contest, which called on the public to share their 'shapes of home' through snapshots.

Despite a challenging year brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, Singaporeans responded to the call, with the contest receiving more than 6,200 submissions. The **#ShapesOfHome** Instagram hashtag, which was created for the photo contest, continues to attract photography enthusiasts to share their stories of HDB living.

See all 24 winning photos and a curated collection of visual stories at **[shapessofhome.photonico.asia](https://shapessofhome.photonico.asia)**.



(Right) Workers giving Block 68 at Circuit Road a fresh coat of paint, rejuvenating the estate with vibrant splashes of colourful geometry

Photo by Ng Wee Liang

(Below) A surprising appearance of a pineapple float in a void deck window

Photo by Joyce Lim





The monochromatic shot of Toa Payoh Central with wispy clouds was the top pick among the judges

Photo by Stefan Tan



Curved pathways cut through the green landscapes at Toa Payoh Crest precinct, with a single rainbow umbrella adding an unexpected pop of colour

Photo by Seow Swee Meng



A grandfather and his granddaughter share a moment on the slide of the iconic Dragon Playground at Ang Mo Kio

Photo by Juan Chan



An arresting view of Bishan Town with the distinctive Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park in the foreground, captured just after sunset

Photo by Low CK



(Above) The oldest photo submitted for the contest was a snapshot from the 1960s, featuring a poignant moment between siblings in front of iconic slab blocks from Singapore's early years

Photo by Deborah Wong

(Right) Sunrise at MacPherson, with light shining between the blocks and interesting shadows along the corridors

Photo by Lily Yeo





(Top) Striking rays of sunlight piercing through The Pinnacle@Duxton, framed by older HDB blocks in Tanjong Pagar  
Photo by Kenneth Chiang

(Above) A lucky snapshot of children enjoying the swings at an HDB playground  
Photo by Daniel Tan



(Top) Home became a safe space during the pandemic, as most people stayed in during the circuit breaker period

Photo by Chong Weilun

(Above) A grandmother and her grandchild sharing a moment in the morning

Photo by Lee Aik Soon

(Left) Evening playtime for the residents at Hougang Capeview precinct

Photo by Ian Ho



(Above) A dramatic sunset creates the perfect backdrop for Block 34 Whampoa West, the longest HDB block in Singapore

Photo by Pat Law

(Left) A heron joins a pair of egrets in the tranquil waters of Sungei Tampines

Photo by Leonardus Depari



**Visit the online exhibition**

See all the winning works and curated collections of photos at **[shapeshofhome.photonico.asia](https://shapeshofhome.photonico.asia)**.





# Handmade Happiness

Behind the neat, ordered facades of HDB blocks is a living compendium of lives, people and stories; some more colourful than others, but all unique and interesting in their own special way. A carpenter hopes to bring happiness and cheer to his neighbours by handcrafting festive decorations for all to enjoy.

**S**omething magical happens at a corner of Woodlands Street 13 every festive season. Animal sculptures and brightly lit lanterns appear during Chinese New Year. A mosque façade and coconut trees can be seen for Hari Raya, and peacocks for Deepavali. During Christmas, residents are greeted by the sight of life-size reindeer and 'snow' made of foam.

For over a decade, fellow resident Tan Koon Tat has been setting up elaborate festive decorations that light up their home and their community.

## Lighting Up the Neighbourhood

Koon Tat first started putting up lights and streamers along the common corridor to welcome Chinese New Year, and soon found that his neighbours would stop to admire the decorations whenever they walked by his flat.



Over time, he became inspired to create something that the wider community could enjoy, and began setting up more elaborate decorations that extended to the bigger common spaces. And he did not just stop at Chinese New Year décor — he put up decorations for other major festive occasions, so that his neighbours of different ethnicities, faiths and walks of life can enjoy them equally.

A carpenter for more than 40 years, Koon Tat makes all the decorations from scratch and assembles them at his workshop, dedicating his own time, effort, and money to produce these artworks painstakingly.

## Bringing the Community Together

The last few days before a set-up can be tiring for Koon Tat, as he rushes to complete the decorations in time. "But it's all worth it when I see my neighbours gathering around the decorations, taking photos, and having a good time," he says with a smile.

Beyond spreading festive cheer, the decorations have also brought Koon Tat closer to his neighbours. He would often seek their opinions on the types of decorations they prefer and take their suggestions for improvement into consideration. From brainstorming for ideas to building the installations, his neighbours would also volunteer their help to set up the decorations. For Koon Tat, this is perhaps the best thing to come out of his creations.

- 01 Koon Tat and his display of decorations outside his flat
- 02 Koon Tat at his workshop
- 03 His neighbours also lend a helping hand in setting up the decorations



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“No matter where I live, I have always been close to my neighbours. I think it is important to reach out to the people around you,” he says. “The decorations are not only for my neighbours to enjoy — it is also a way for me to reach out to my community.”

Koon Tat’s decorations have been the pride of his neighbourhood for the last 10 years, as people from all over Singapore visit to see his stunning creations.

But for his neighbours, it is surely Koon Tat himself who brings them the most pride and joy, with his efforts in creating memorable moments of home for all. [d](#)

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Koon Tat’s decorations light up his neighbourhood

### What does home mean to you?

Home holds a different meaning for each of us. To some of our residents, home is where the best memories are made. Watch this video to find out more:



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