

CLIMATE ACTION IN SG

An e-newsletter on Singapore's sustainable development and climate action efforts

15th Brunei Darussalam – Singapore Annual Exchange of Visits



Minister Fu (centre-right), Minister of Development of Brunei Darussalam, Honourable Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Muhammad Juanda bin Haji Abdul Rashid (centre-left), delegation from Brunei Darussalam, and officers from the Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment at the 15th Brunei Darussalam-Singapore Annual Exchange of Visits.

On 4 August 2022, Ms Grace Fu, Singapore's Minister for Sustainability and the Environment, hosted the Minister of Development of Brunei Darussalam, Honourable Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Muhammad Juanda bin Haji Abdul Rashid and his delegation during the 15th Brunei Darussalam-Singapore Annual Exchange of Visits. During the meeting, the Ministers reaffirmed the strong bilateral relations between Singapore and Brunei Darussalam, and reiterated their commitment to foster continual progress and deepen cooperation on environmental protection and climate change. Both Ministers agreed to enhance collaboration in water resources management such as integrated water quality management and alert system. This entails the water quality policy framework as well as flood control management, including drainage policy and enforcement strategy for climate change adaptation.

Read Minister Fu's Facebook post [here](#).

Meeting with the Netherlands Special Envoy for International Water Affairs and UN Sherpa for the UN 2023 Water Conference

On 1 August, Minister Fu met with the Netherlands Special Envoy for International Water Affairs and UN Sherpa for the UN 2023 Water Conference, Hendrik Ovink, when he was in Singapore for the World Cities Summit. Minister Fu and Mr Ovink exchanged views on the upcoming UN 2023 Water Conference, the importance of international cooperation in enhancing global water security, and actions needed to support the UN's Sustainable Development Goal 6 to ensure sustainable management of water and sanitation.

The Netherlands is a leader in global water issues and continues to be an important partner to Singapore in many areas such as sustainable water management and coastal protection.

Read Minister Fu's Facebook post [here](#).



Minister Fu with Mr Hendrik Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs of the Netherlands and UN Sherpa for the UN 2023 Water Conference

Launch of Arup's Centre for Climate Action in Cities in Singapore

On 3 August, Minister Fu attended the launch of Arup's new Centre for Climate Action in Cities (CCAC) in Singapore. Supported by the Singapore Economic Development Board, the CCAC aims to help companies and governments deliver sustainable outcomes in energy waste, circularity, climate adaptation, and water. This initiative will help Singapore develop its own sustainability talents through upskilling opportunities in advisory, design, and engineering capabilities. As demand for green solutions continues to grow in this region, Singapore looks forward to partnering and collaborating with more like-minded partners to strengthen the region's offerings in this sector.

Read Minister Fu's Facebook post [here](#).



From left: Ms Kerryn Coker, Co-Chair, Australasia Region Board, Arup; Minister Fu; Ms Jacqueline Poh, Managing Director, Economic Development Board; and Mr Tan Yoong Heng, Singapore Country Leader, Arup

Fireside chat by the New Zealand Chamber of Commerce

On 16 August, Minister Fu participated in a fireside chat organised by the New Zealand Chamber of Commerce. Minister Fu highlighted the critical role that banks play in matching companies with sustainability solution providers, and had a lively exchange with New Zealand High Commissioner Jo Tyndall on exciting areas in the Green Economy that both countries could collaborate on.

Singapore and New Zealand have a longstanding friendship with cooperation across many fields. During New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern's visit in April, the two countries agreed to work on a new pillar on climate change and economy. Singapore will continue to cooperate closely with New Zealand in critical areas such as climate action, de-carbonisation, and agri-technology.

Read Minister Fu's Facebook post [here](#).



Minister Fu with New Zealand High Commissioner Jo Tyndall at a fireside chat organised by the New Zealand Chamber of Commerce

Actions for Earth: Global Leaders Summit

On 23 August, Singapore's Senior Minister of State for Sustainability and the Environment Dr Amy Khor participated in the Actions for Earth: Global Leaders Summit. The event brought together global community leaders to discuss sustainability issues and environmental challenges. SMS Khor shared on the importance of collaboration and upskilling to create a larger impact globally.

As the world ramps up efforts to tackle climate change, equipping stakeholders with green skills is essential to achieve a green economy, and lead change in the respective communities. These include areas such as carbon footprint management, sustainability management, and green process design.

Read SMS Khor's speech [here](#).



SMS Khor (first row, centre) with community leaders from 14 different countries at the Actions for Earth: Global Leaders Summit

Meeting with Perth's Nedlands City Mayor

On 5 August, Singapore's Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and the Environment Mr Baey Yam Keng met with Perth's Nedlands City (Western Australia) Mayor Fiona Argyle to exchange views on sustainability. During the meeting, Mayor Argyle shared her positive experience attending the World Cities Summit (WCS) organised by Singapore this year, and meeting like-minded mayors to share ideas and best practices.

Mayor Argyle was interested in learning about Singapore's Park Connector Network which is part of the city-state's goal to build 1,300km of cycling paths by 2030. The city of Nedlands is looking to develop something similar in the form of the Nedlands Nature Network.

SPS Baey and Mayor Argyle also exchanged views on land use and planning as well as the incorporation of greenery in cityscapes.

Read SPS Baey's Facebook post [here](#).



SPS Baey and Perth's Nedlands City Mayor Fiona Argyle

