

# CLIMATE ACTION IN SG

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

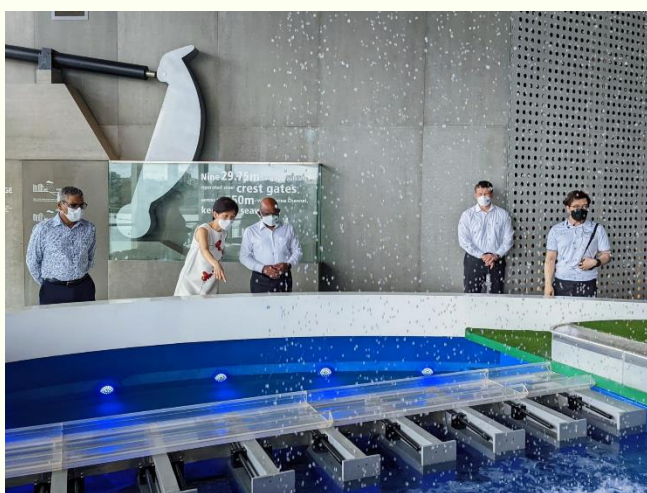
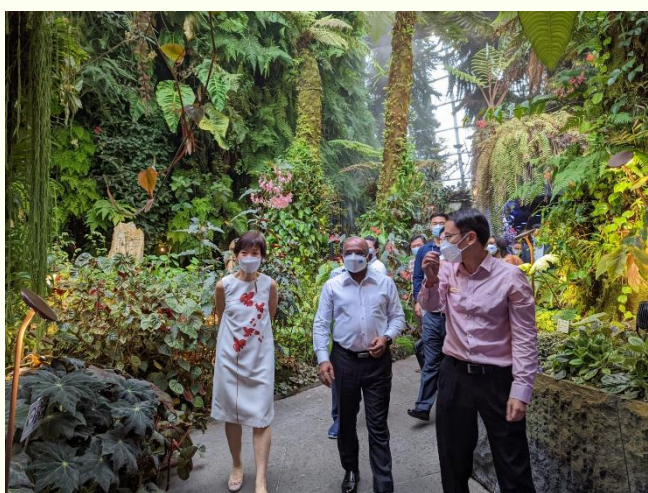
## Singapore raises climate ambition, revises carbon tax trajectory

At Budget 2022, Finance Minister Lawrence Wong announced that Singapore will raise its climate ambition to achieve net zero emissions by or around mid-century. To enable the transition to a low-carbon future, the carbon tax will be progressively raised to \$25/tCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2024 and 2025, and \$45/tCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2026 and 2027, with a view to reaching \$50-80/tCO<sub>2</sub>e by 2030.

The revised carbon tax will provide a strong price signal and impetus for businesses and individuals to reduce their carbon footprint. The revenue collected will be used to support businesses in their decarbonisation journeys and cushion the impact on households.



Read the National Climate Change Secretariat's press release [here](#).



Minister Grace Fu with H.E. Abdulla Shahid, President of the United Nations General Assembly and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Maldives

## Visit by President of the United Nations General Assembly

On 6 February 2022, Minister for Sustainability and the Environment Ms Grace Fu hosted the President of the United Nations General Assembly and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Maldives, H.E. Abdulla Shahid, at the Gardens by the Bay and the Marina Barrage. At Gardens by the Bay, H.E. Shahid was briefed on the sustainability innovations built into the conservatories' design, such as energy-efficient cooling solutions and photovoltaic cells on the Supertrees. At the Marina Barrage, H.E. Shahid was briefed on Singapore's approach to water management and strategies in coastal protection. National Youth Council leaders Melissa Low and Nor Lastrina Hamid also shared with H.E. Shahid on how youths in Singapore are driving their own initiatives to fight against climate change.



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



US Ambassador to Singapore Jonathan Kaplan and Minister Fu

## Call by US Ambassador to Singapore

On 25 February 2022, Minister Fu met the United States' Ambassador to Singapore Jonathan Kaplan to discuss the importance of collaborating on recycling and waste reduction, and advancing innovation and technology to tackle sustainability challenges. They also acknowledged the potential for the US and Singapore to partner on developing carbon markets and reducing carbon emissions.



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

## UN SDG Education Programme to empower youths

On 19 February 2022, Minister Fu witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS) and the Singapore Scout Association (SSA) to develop a United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Educational Programme. Through courses, workshops as well as community projects, the programme aims to empower and equip youths with the skills and knowledge to champion sustainable development in their spheres of influence.



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



Minister Fu witnessing the MOU signing by Prof Ang Hak Seng (left) and Mr Andrew Ang (right)



SMS Khor (top row-centre) with the finalists and organisers of the Sustainable Design Hack 2022

## Applying design thinking to sustainability

On 27 February 2022, Senior Minister of State for Sustainability and the Environment Dr Amy Khor attended the Sustainable Design Hack Grand Finals organised by the Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD). The inaugural hackathon had rallied students to apply design thinking to sustainability challenges over two months. The winning teams put forward proposals to generate renewable hydroelectric power through sewage water and to reduce the use of disposables via a 'dapao'-ware (takeaway container) campaign.



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