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## OneMap IdeaWorks! Award Ceremony and Exhibition

by Sheikh Su'ud Jarhom

A 'Smart Kampong' mobile app connecting residents with happenings in the neighbourhood. A map app for job seekers to search for opportunities near their homes. These were some of the solutions from the winning teams who received their awards from the Guest-of-Honour, Mr K Shanmugam, the Minister for Home Affairs and the Minister for Law at the OneMap IdeaWorks! Award Ceremony and Exhibition on 12 October 2017 at HDB Hub Atrium, Toa Payoh.

The Singapore Land Authority (SLA) launched OneMap IdeaWorks! in July this year to bring together technologists, data scientists and community organisations to co-develop geospatial solutions to overcome daily challenges faced by communities through the use of the new OneMap and open geospatial data.



The campaign, in support of the Smart Nation initiative, attracted challenge statements from over 30 community and public agency partners. These challenges spanned from social services, the environment, health, transport to heritage. The participants included technologists, data scientists, and students and professionals from universities, polytechnics, Institutes of Technical Education (ITE) and start-ups.



Following three months of ideation, prototyping and technical sessions, the finalists pitched their solutions to a judging panel helmed by SLA's board members - Dr Chong Yoke Sin, Mr Loh Lik Peng and Ms Margaret Goh.



LDR Technology clinched the first prize for the Open Category with their 'My Smart Kampong' mobile app that aims to digitally enrich community living by allowing residents to collaborate and receive updates on the latest happenings in the neighbourhood. For the school category, the first prize went to Team Sole Survivor from the Singapore Institute of Technology with a map-based job listing web app titled WhereMyJob. They each received \$3,000 cash, along with \$5,000 worth of AWS (Amazon Web Services) credits.



Beyond the solutions by participating teams, the exhibition also showcased apps and services by adopters of the new OneMap, as part of efforts to create a nascent home-grown geospatial community.



Guest of Honour, Mr K Shanmugam announced at the event that SLA was working on GeoWorks, a collaborative platform to help local start-ups with a geospatial focus to grow and bring them together with potential partners. Mr K Shanmugam also emphasized the importance of geospatial as one of the important technologies to underpin Smart Nation initiatives.

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## “Discovering Singapore’s Best Kept Secrets”

by Cheryl Lim

From September to November 2017, Jerome Lim of The Long and Winding Road led a series of visits to the Old Changi Hospital, Old Admiralty House, Former Beach Road Police Station, Former View Road Hospital and Adam Park Estate as part of “Discovering Singapore’s Best Kept Secrets”, a collaboration with the Singapore Land Authority to heritage State properties.

Participants were given rare and exclusive access to these State properties and gained a deeper understanding of their historical and architectural significance. The guided visits received overwhelming response and very positive feedback from the participants, who were keen to discover the history and stories behind many of these State properties.

Follow #SlaSecretSpaces on Facebook and Instagram to learn more about the programme.



Visit to Old Changi Hospital on 9 September 2017



Visit to Old Admiralty House on 16 September 2017. Current tenant, Furen International School kindly supported the visit.



Visit to the Former Beach Road Police Station on 7 October 2017



Visit to Adam Park Estate on 4 November 2017

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## Championing Global Geospatial Collaboration

by Lee Mou Jian and Sheikh Su'ud Jarhom

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### United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

The United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) held its 7th session in New York from 2 - 4 August this year. Almost 400 delegates from about 90 countries discussed emerging and critical issues related to geospatial information management globally.

SLA was a Task Group leader in the Working Group on National Institutional Arrangements. Along with its Mexican and Spanish counterparts, SLA presented a framework for identifying guidelines for national geospatial organisational structures and management approaches. A compendium of 61 global good practices was showcased as part of the framework.

Several watershed events took place during the session. These included the signing of an UN-World Bank MOU to assist developing countries in preparing action plans for geospatial implementation, and the formation of a Working Group for Marine Geospatial Information. Singapore's participation in the New York-based Underground Infrastructure Concept Development Study was highlighted as a global milestone in geospatial standards adoption. SLA's participation in the UN-GGIM session this year would be key to advancing geospatial initiatives both locally and internationally.

### GeoSmart Asia 2017 – Commercialisation and Commoditisation of Geospatial Information



GeoSmart Asia 2017 was held at Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC), Malaysia from 22 – 24 August 2017. This year's theme of "Commercialisation and Commoditisation of Geospatial Information" focused on enriching the geospatial ecosystem with market intelligence, technology trends, success stories, capacity building and exploring newer geospatial applications for governments, business and citizens.

More than 1,100 experts and delegates from over 30 countries attended the conference and shared their knowledge, experience and thoughts in defining and enabling the growth of geospatial information in the marketplace.



Mr Lim Liyang, Senior Manager, GeoSpatial Planning and Development presented at the Smart Cities session, titled "Digital Cities Enabling Urban Innovation – Geospatial Collaborative Perspective." He shared SLA's initiatives to facilitate collaboration across diverse industries, academia, public and the government to work towards Singapore's Smart Nation model of urban innovation. Mr Lim further expounded on three key enablers underpinning this collaborative effort; open data and infrastructure, driving innovation and building capabilities.

The three-day conference highlighted the need for wider collaboration between the government, private sector and communities in order to foster greater commercialisation and commoditisation of geospatial information. With increased availability of open data driving adoption globally, it is envisioned that geospatial will offer greater opportunities for business, people and the government to address local and global challenges for sustainable development, commercialisation and a better quality of life.

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## International Exchange

by Cheryl Lim and Grace Chen

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The delegates had a fruitful discussion and exchange with our specialists in many subject areas, including:

- Land administration
- Interim land management
- Land titles management
- Land acquisition
- Land transfer and land sales
- Geospatial developments including SG-Space and OneMap
- Pro-Enterprise survey and best practices

### Visit by the Suzhou Industrial Park Delegation



Deputy Director/Land Titles Registry Ms Jade Koh (fourth from left) hosted the Suzhou Industrial Park Delegation on 11 October 2017

SLA Deputy Director/Land Titles Registry Ms Jade Koh hosted the Suzhou delegation who were on a study visit with the theme "Sustainable Development of the Garden City". SLA's Land Titles Management, SG-SPACE and OneMap were presented and discussed.

### Visit by the UK Government



(Left to right) High Commissioner Scott Wrightman, SLA Chief Executive Mr Tan Boon Khai, Lord Prior of Brampton, Marianthi Leontaridi (BEIS), Peter Hedlund (OSI), SLA Deputy Chief Executive Mr Simon Ong and James Crawford (OSI)

SLA hosted the delegates of the UK Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) on 17 October 2017. Led by Lord Prior of Brampton, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, the attendees of the visit included British High Commissioner to Singapore Scott Wrightman and Ordnance Survey International (OSI) managing director Peter Hedlund. The purpose of the visit was to learn more about the policy aspects of sharing geospatial information and its uses. The visit was hosted by SLA Chief Executive Mr Tan Boon Khai and the topics that were shared included an overview of SG-SPACE, GeoSpace, OneMap and Virtual Singapore.

### Visit by the Lao PDR Government



The delegates from Lao PDR Government were hosted by SLA Deputy Chief Executive Mr Simon Ong on 19 October 2017

SLA Deputy Chief Executive Mr Simon Ong hosted over 20 delegates from the Lao PDR government, headed by Lao Vice-Minister of Justice, Dr Sermsouk Simphavong. The delegates were keen to understand SLA's best practices in improving regulation and business environments.

### Visit by the Vietnam Government



SLA Deputy Chief Executive Mr Simon Ong hosted the delegates from Vietnam on 25 October 2017

SLA Deputy Chief Executive Mr Simon Ong hosted over 20 senior government officials from Vietnam, led by Mr Tran Trung Vinh, Vice Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Vietnam Farmer UNION and Deputy Chief of the Office of 165. Various topics were shared, including an overview of land administration, interim land management and land title management.

### Visit by the Suzhou Industrial Park Delegation



Senior Deputy Director/Geospatial Division Mr Lewis Wu hosted the Suzhou Industrial Park Delegation on 3 November 2017

SLA Senior Deputy Director/Geospatial Division Mr Lewis Wu hosted a 23-strong delegation from Suzhou Industrial Park (SIP) and the Suzhou municipal government. A briefing on OneMap was conducted to share how OneMap served as an enabler for the private sector and the community to provide value-added services. We also elaborated on the Whole-of-Government approach as well as engagement efforts through the recent OneMap IdeaWorks! in the development of a geospatial community.

### Visit by China Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Qinghai)



SLA Assistant Chief Executive/ Land Operations Ms Thong Wai Lin hosted the delegates from the China Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 16 November 2017

The 20-member delegation from the China Ministry of Foreign Affairs visited SLA on 16 November 2017 and were hosted by Ms Thong Wai Lin, SLA Assistant Chief Executive/ Land Operations, together with Ms Tan Hwee Ching, Deputy Director/Compulsory Acquisition and Ms Tan Puay Joo, Deputy Director/Land Transfer and Land Sale. The sharing session included an overview of the core functions of SLA, State land and building management as well as land acquisition and lease management.

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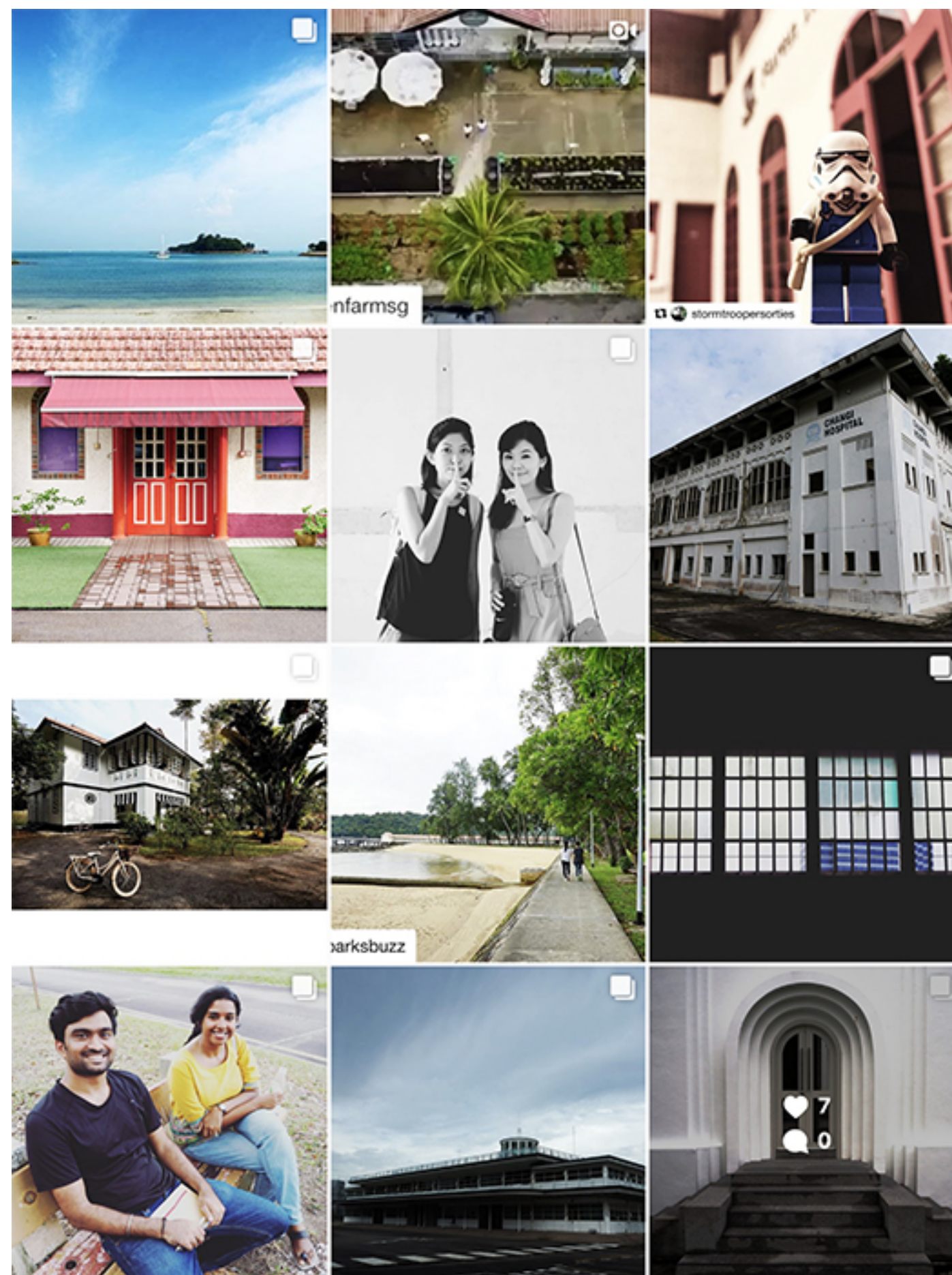


## SLA is now on Instagram!

by Adrian Tan

SLA launched our Instagram page in October to reach out to more Singaporeans and raise awareness of our projects to benefit the community. As a millennial platform, Instagram provided a useful channel to engage younger stakeholders who were keen to explore the rich history and heritage behind many State properties.

Follow @singaporelandauthority to find out more about these timeless buildings and landmarks which continue to fascinate so many, the young and the young at heart alike.



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## Going beyond the call of duty

by Adrian Tan



When Mr Tony Soh from Estate Management learnt that a private land owner was unable to clear the vegetation on State land adjoining his house as he had fallen and broken his arm, he assisted the owner to remove the vegetation and went beyond the call of duty by co-ordinating with the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) and Public Utilities Board (PUB) to help reduce the risk of mosquitoes and snakes breeding on the land. Tony further visited the owner a few times to check if he needed assistance in other areas.

For exemplary work in Public Service coordination and delivery, Tony was one of the SLA staff who were recognised at the Municipal Services Awards (MSA) 2017. Our staff received their awards from Minister for Culture, Community and Youth, Grace Fu at the MSA Awards Ceremony, held on 26 October, at the Flower Dome, Gardens by the Bay.



Mr Tony Soh from Estate Management at the Municipal Services Awards Ceremony 2017

When asked what drove him in providing such exemplary service, Tony explained, “It motivates me knowing that my work in the public service has a wider positive impact on the community. Being a citizen myself, I am able to relate to the issues faced. These reasons drove and motivated me to resolve the issue”.

SLA staff were also recognised for being part of a multi-agency taskforce who helped implemented a framework to improve the situation of abandoned items in Little India.

Mr Wilson Yow from Land Management explained the challenges faced by the multi-agency team.

He said, “As the issue straddles across the area of responsibilities of various agencies, and each had their own processes to handle the issue, it was a challenging task to coordinate a common front. Municipal Services Office (MSO) was able to bring the different agencies together to work towards resolution. It is definitely easier to work with other agencies’ colleagues in person than through emails”.

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