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## Duct Tape Party and Night Art Market at West Coast Viaduct

by Cheryl Lim



SLA collaborated with The Local People to organise the first-ever night Art Market on the State land under West Coast Viaduct on 21 January 2017. Visitors contributed to the duct tape public art installations and were entertained with live performances by local musicians and the screening of short films from the Singapore Heritage Short Film Competition.



Art Market with an array of locally produced arts, crafts, delectables and food from Kerbside Gourmet



Duct Tape Public Art



Visitors lounging on the inflatable beds and enjoying the live performances and movie screening

SLA CE Tan Boon Khai said, “We are constantly looking into ways to creatively adapt State land and properties for interim use. Through ideas generated from public engagement, the land under West Coast viaduct has been fitted out with electricity as well as modular structures to facilitate the piloting of new concepts by social groups and entrepreneurs. We are pleased to launch this space with a night art market for the community.”

In an interview with CNA, SLA Deputy Director, Business Planning & Development, Yap Eai-Sy said, “We saw many successful examples, like in UK (where) viaduct spaces have been used for social entrepreneur groups, skate parks in Switzerland, and the flea market in Taiwan’s Shilin market, so we thought, why don’t we do it in Singapore for the benefit of the community.”

The land under West Coast Viaduct and modular office spaces are now available for short term lease from SLA. If you have a creative concept or a community project and would like to rent a space at this site or any of the available State land and properties managed by SLA, write in to SLA\_Pty\_Enquiry@sla.gov.sg for leasing details.

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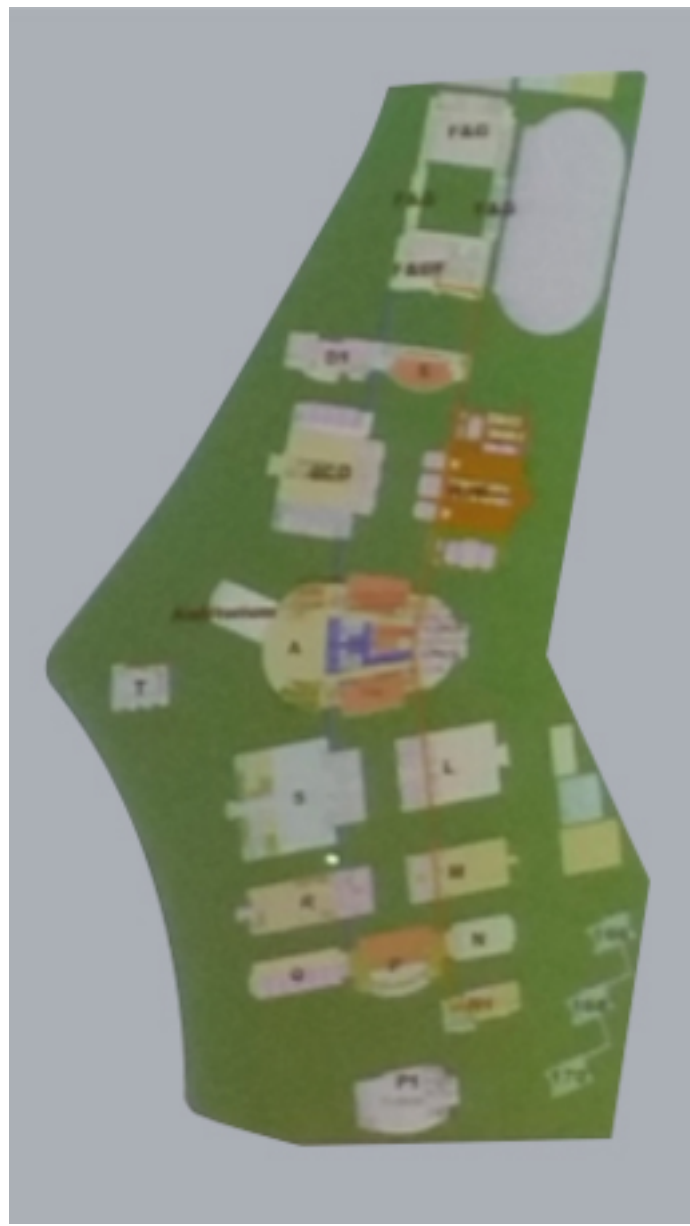
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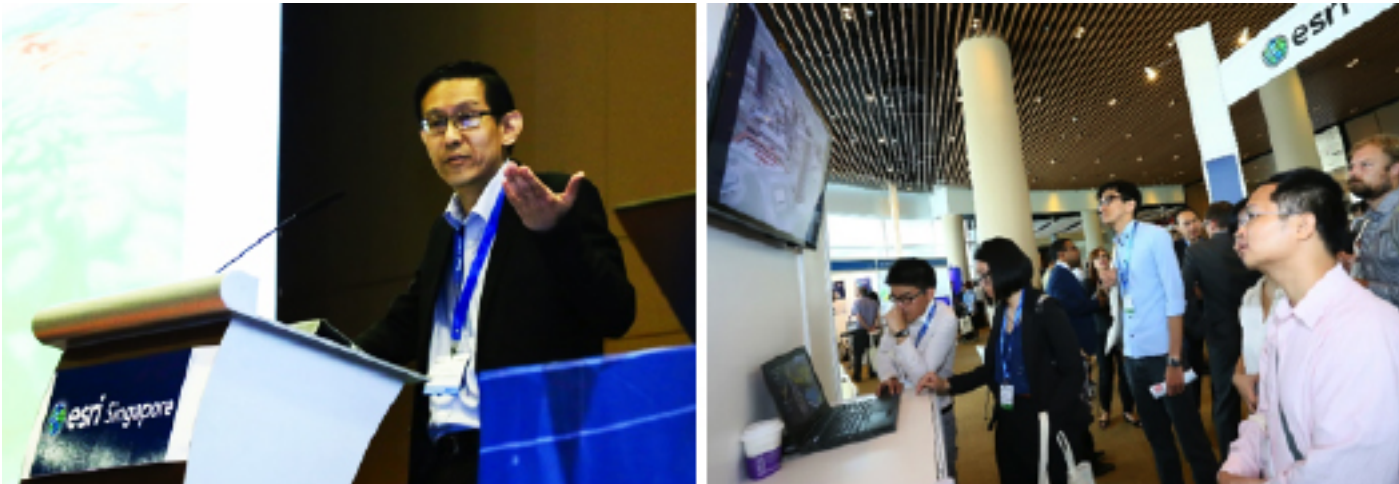
by Aw Tong Wee and Florence Khoo



The Esri Singapore User Conference 2016 was held on 27 September 2016 at Max Atria @ Singapore Expo. More than 350 thought leaders and participants from both the public and private sectors got together to explore the theme of “Working Smarter Together”.



Director, Geospatial and Data Division, Ng Siau Yong delivered the opening keynote address, expounding on how geospatial, by virtue of its collaborative nature, could help build smarter governments and communities. Noting DPM Teo Chee Hean’s earlier announcement in April on the Government’s plans to build a number of Excellence for key engineering knowledge clusters, including geospatial, Mr Ng reinforced the Public Service’s commitment to deepen its capabilities to make full use of technology to improve business efficiency and public services.



Deputy Director, Land Survey Division, Victor Khoo shared SLA’s 3D national mapping project to capture and create fundamental 3D datasets to meet agencies’ requirements in planning, operation and risk management in his presentation, “Bringing Singapore to life in 3D”.

SLA also showcased our 3D mapping project at the exhibition area. Our booth was divided into three different sections. The first section showed the overview of the data collection process, from the start when the flight paths were planned till the end where the models are imported into an Esri 3D platform for analysis to be carried out. The second section showed a 3D city model setup to enable the visitors to view 3D in depth wearing a pair of 3D glasses. The last section showed the 3D data placed into Esri’s storymap which gave a much clearer presentation of the 3D mapping process and the various analysis they could be used for.

The plenary sessions that followed explored how geospatial could be used to gain insights and improve enterprise management. An interesting example was Nanyang Polytechnic’s (NYP) Campus Navigation System, a project supported by SG-SPACE’s GeoFund. In addition to helping students navigate around the campus, NYP also used geospatial to provide a more secure environment in the campus. The system enabled real-time management and monitoring of security patrols and events.

As Thomas Pramotedham, CEO of Esri Singapore, aptly put it in his closing speech, “the advancement of science and technology, real time data and data analytical tools are becoming more powerful. However, that is only useful if it can be effectively combined with users of these [geospatial] software and tools. It is only then, that we can create a smarter environment, together.”

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Media briefing panel comprising (from left) LTA DCE, LTA CE and SLA CE

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by Esther Chew



SLA CE's interview with media

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During the Leaders' Retreat on 13 Dec 2016 between the Prime Ministers of Singapore and Malaysia, it was announced that the HSR would cross the Straits of Johor via a 25m high bridge near the Tuas Second Link. The RCC site was the most suitable location to run the at-grade HSR tracks immediately after the bridge crossing, and to place the tunnel portal leading to the underground tunnels that would take the HSR to the Jurong East terminus. The site will also be used for required HSR crossover tracks and a HSR siding facility to stop a train near the border for safety and security reasons, as well as the CRL's western depot for stabling and maintenance facilities, and other transport related needs, which may include train testing facilities.

SLA CE said, "The Government does not take acquisition lightly and considers all options including the technical and suitability details before making the acquisition. Under the Land Acquisition Act, the club will be compensated full market value, and SLA will work closely with the club's management and assist the club throughout the acquisition process."

RCC is a 2 x 18-hole golf club which occupies a site area of around 143 ha. The club is required to hand over the land to SLA by 31 July 2018.

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## 6th Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) 2016

by Ng Yong Xiang



SLA Director, Geospatial and Data Division, Ng Siau Yong, at the UN-GGIM 2016

The 6th Session of the UN-GGIM was held from 1– 5 August 2016 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The UN-GGIM plays a leading role in setting the agenda for the development of global geospatial information, and promotes its use among member states to address key global challenges. It also addresses legal and policy issues concerning geospatial information and technology. In total, more than 300 participants from 95 countries, and 49 international organisations, including UN bodies, NGOs, private sector and academia, attended the meeting.

The Singapore delegation was led by SLA Director, Geospatial and Data Division, Ng Siau Yong. Singapore actively contributed to the session as a Task Group lead within the Working Group on Trends in National Institutional Arrangements in GGIM. The working group sought to identify good practices, set of institutional models and legal frameworks for national geospatial information management.

Overall, the 6th Session of the UN Committee of Experts on GGIM generated greater recognition of the importance of geospatial information management, and stressed the continued need to strengthen collaborations and joint initiatives. Together, these efforts would drive greater development and use of geospatial data and tools, to better address local and global challenges and agendas.

### SLA's visit to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Singapore- United Nations



SLA also visited the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Singapore-United Nations on 2 August 2016. The objective of the visit was to share SLA's work at UN-GGIM, as well as efforts to advance Singapore's geospatial development. The visit was hosted by Mr Joseph Teo, Deputy Permanent Representative.

Mr Teo introduced the Mission's work at the various UN committees. He shared that one of the UN's focus was on data issues, where geospatial developments could contribute meaningfully. Having been briefed on Singapore's geospatial efforts, the Mission would help to raise awareness and mindshare of Singapore's experience in geospatial planning and management. This would benefit SLA's ongoing efforts to explore opportunities with interested parties for geospatial collaborations.

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## Christmas at Tanjong Pagar Railway Station (TPRS)

by Cheryl Lim



Live performances included an a capella performance by NUS Resonance

The final TPRS Open House – themed Celebrate Christmas at TRPS was a festive occasion where 36,819 visitors enjoyed jazz performances held under the stars along the rail platform. It is now closed for construction of the Circle Line Cantonment MRT station



Christmas tree and balloon sculptor in the main hall



CSR efforts include collection of toys and books and proceeds from Choo Choo Train rides go to the Community Chest



Christmas photo booth and free photo printouts



Bouncy castle for children



Christmas market and photo-taking enthusiasts along the rail platform



Live performances included an a capella performance by NUS Resonance

The night ended with a live jazz performance by Richard Jackson and his quartet

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SLA DCE hosted Ms Lindiwe Lasindwa and the South African delegates on 10 Jan 2017

## Visits by delegations from South Africa and Geneva

by Cho Chui Wai

SLA hosted visits by the South African Gauteng Provincial Legislature's Portfolio Committee on Infrastructure Development and the Geneva University's High School of Landscape, Engineering and Architecture on 10 January and 7 February 2017 respectively. The delegations were led by the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Infrastructure Development, Ms Lindiwe Lasindwa, and Dr Bernd Domer, Professor of G-Struct, Analysis and Design of Structures.

The South African delegation was responsible for land procurement, building and maintenance of all government land and property in Gauteng, including offices, hospitals and schools. In this regard, they were keen to learn about SLA's property management processes as well as acquisition of private property for public infrastructure.



Senior Deputy Director, Geospatial & Data Division, Lewis Wu and Deputy Director, Land Survey Division, Dr Victor Khoo co-hosted Dr Bernd Domer from Geneva on 7 Feb 2017 together with GovTech colleagues

The Geneva delegation shared that Geneva faced similar challenges as Singapore in optimising land. Geneva was interested to learn how to keep all territorialrelated information up to date and accessible online. This was the delegation's first visit to Singapore and they were also keen to learn about 3D mapping of Singapore from the Land Survey Division as well as Virtual Singapore from GovTech colleagues who were present to brief the visitors.

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