

# CLIMATE ACTION IN SG

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

## MSE celebrates 50 Years of Building a Green and Resilient Singapore



Around 100 participants, including Minister for Sustainability and the Environment Ms Grace Fu, Senior Ministers of State Dr Amy Khor and Dr Koh Poh Koon and Senior Parliamentary Secretary Mr Baey Yam Keng attended the tree-planting ceremony at Punggol Waterway Park on 15 September 2022

The Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment (MSE) commemorates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year with a series of meaningful activities to celebrate Singapore's sustainability and environmental journey. To mark this special occasion, 50 trees were planted as part of our OneMillionTrees movement to transform Singapore into a City in Nature, a key pillar under our Singapore Green Plan 2030. On this anniversary, MSE renews our commitment to make Singapore a green and climate-resilient nation.

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

## Partners for the Environment Forum

The Partners for the Environment Forum on 19 September 2022 marked the start of MSE's annual Climate Action Week (CAW). As part of CAW, over 80 partners from corporates, community groups and schools organised 140 sustainability-related activities to take collective action against climate change.

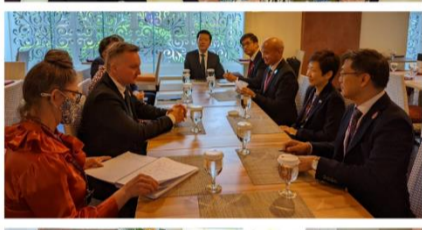
The Forum also saw the launch of our public engagements for Environmental Sustainability under the Forward Singapore Steward Pillar. In her speech, Minister Fu shared that the Forward Singapore exercise aims to engage all segments of society to discuss the challenges and trade-offs that Singapore has to balance as we tackle climate change, and how we can each contribute to realise our vision for the future. Members of the public are invited to share their views on sustainability and come forward with a pledge via the Forward SG website.

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



Top: Minister Fu delivering the opening address  
Middle: Speaker of Parliament Mr Tan Chuan-Jin speaking at the panel discussion  
Bottom: SMS Koh discussing food security with fellow attendees

## G20 Joint Environment and Climate Ministers meeting



Minister Fu with Indonesia's Minister of Environment and Forestry Dr Siti Nurbaya (top), Australia's Minister for Climate Change and Energy Mr Christopher Bowen (middle), and Australia's Minister for the Environment and Water Ms Tanya Plibersek (bottom).

Minister Fu represented Singapore at the G20 Joint Environment and Climate Ministers' Meeting (JECMM) in Bali, Indonesia from 30 August to 2 September 2022. This was the first time the G20 convened a ministerial-level meeting to discuss both the environment and climate sectors, and their interlinkages.

On the sidelines of the meeting, Minister Fu met her counterparts from Indonesia and Australia. They discussed ways that Singapore could work with Indonesia and Australia to address common sustainability challenges and advance climate goals through R&D and partnerships.

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

## Visit by the Regent of Pahang, His Royal Highness Tengku Hassan Ibrahim Alam Shah

Minister Fu hosted the Regent of Pahang, His Royal Highness Tengku Hassan Ibrahim Alam Shah to dinner on 21 September 2022. They had a fruitful conversation on how Singapore and Pahang can work together in various areas ranging from agriculture to climate change. Both Minister Fu and His Royal Highness attended COP-26 in Glasgow last year, and discussed their takeaways from the meetings.

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



His Royal Highness Tengku Hassan Ibrahim Alam Shah presented Minister Fu with a cookbook written by Her Majesty Raja Permaisuri Agong Tunjok Hajah Azidah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah with recipes for traditional Pahang dishes, including some from the indigenous tribes.

## International Solid Waste Association World Congress

From 21 to 23 September 2022, Singapore hosted the International Solid Waste Association (ISWA) World Congress. Organised by the Waste Management & Recycling Association of Singapore, the congress was attended by over 1,000 participants.

In her speech on 22 September, Minister Fu highlighted how the waste and resource management sector plays a key role in unlocking solutions to decarbonise and transform trash into treasure. SMS Khor also joined a panel of experts and business leaders to discuss how Environmental, Social and Governance, or ESG, can be an instrument for positive change for our environment and communities.

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



Top photo: Minister Fu with some of the exhibitors at ISWA; Bottom photo: (from left to right) SMS Khor speaking at the panel discussion with Dr Noni Purnomo, President Commissioner, PT Blue Bird Tbk, Indonesia; Mr Christof Delatter, Head of Strategy and Policy and Interim Administrator General, OVAM, Belgium; Mr Carlos Silva Filho, President of ISWA; and Mr Steve Peters, Senior Energy Specialist, Asian Development Bank.

## Global Women's Trade Summit

At the Global Women's Trade Summit organised by the International Women's Federation of Commerce and Industry (IWFCI) on 13 September 2022, SMS Khor shared her views on how businesses can build climate resilience. SMS Khor noted that businesses need to adapt to the growing preference among consumers for greener, more sustainable products and services, as well as the increased possibility of supply chain disruptions.

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



SMS Khor delivering her address at the Global Women's Trade Summit.

## G20 Agriculture Minister's Meeting

SMS Koh visited Bali, Indonesia, for the G20 Agriculture Minister's Meeting (AMM) from 27 to 29 September 2022. This year, AMM's theme focused on "Balancing Food Production and Trade to Fulfill Food for All". At the meeting, SMS Koh shared Singapore's views on building resilient and sustainable agriculture and food systems.

Read SMS Koh's Facebook post [here](#).



SMS Koh with the team from the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) and MSE in Bali.

## Meeting with the US-Asia Institute (USAI) Congressional Delegation

On 1 September 2022, SMS Khor met with the US-Asia Institute (USAI) Congressional Delegation (CODEL) to Singapore. SMS Khor and the CODEL delegation exchanged insights and considerations related to the US and Singapore's sustainability policies, including the US' latest Inflation Reduction Act. SMS Khor also shared Singapore's journey to build water resilience, manage waste, and pursue greener and more efficient use of energy.

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



SMS Khor with Members of Congress (from left to right) Mr Ron Estes, Ms Carol Miller, Ms Beth Van Duyne, Mr Steve Cohen and USAI Chairman Mr Glenn Lau-Kee.

## HASH Innovation Asia Summit

On 1 September 2022, SPS Baey attended the 3rd Annual HASH Innovation Asia Summit where talks focused on the latest technologies, innovation, and sustainability strategies for building a sustainable economy. SPS Baey spoke on the opportunities for growth that will come with our green transition, as Singapore develops into a regional financial and carbon services hub.

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



SPS Baey delivering his keynote address at the HASH Innovation Asia Summit.