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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS ADVANCE A 'WE FIRST' SOCIETY WITH THE LAUNCH OF JOBS NEARBY @ CDC

- ***Initiative brings jobs closer to residents through personalised support that bridges the last mile gap in connecting jobseekers to opportunities closer to their homes***

Following Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Mr Lawrence Wong's National Day Rally announcement that the Community Development Councils (CDCs) will spearhead a new job matching initiative, the CDCs officially launched Jobs Nearby @ CDC on 23rd October 2025 at Taman Jurong CC.

2 Prime Minister Wong attended the event as the Guest-of-Honour. Also in attendance were Ms Low Yen Ling, Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry & Culture, Community and Youth, Chairman of the Mayors' Committee, and Mayor of South West District; Mr Baey Yam Keng, Mayor of North East District; Mr Dinesh Vasu Dash, Mayor of South East District; Ms Denise Phua, Mayor of Central Singapore District and Mr Alex Yam, Mayor of North West District.

3 Jobs Nearby @ CDC is a localised job matching initiative that will bolster employment support for residents by connecting them with job opportunities within their communities. Recognising the importance of accessible employment options, the initiative leverages on the CDCs' deep understanding of local needs and networks. Jobs Nearby @ CDC has three key components:

- i) **Job Ambassadors** – ambassadors will be deployed progressively across the five districts and will serve as the first touchpoint, offering residents personalised support and career advice tailored to their needs and aspirations. This hands-on approach goes beyond traditional job boards by providing customised support, end-to-end guidance throughout the job matching and placement process between jobseekers and potential employers.
- ii) **District Job Banks** – each district will maintain a Job Bank consolidating opportunities from local employers, providing a one-stop platform for residents to access openings within their community while strengthening ties with businesses keen to hire locally.
- iii) **Community Job Clinics** – currently held at 42 locations, the clinics in the neighbourhood will make job searching more accessible, giving resident jobseekers interview opportunities with potential employers and equipping residents with the tools and confidence to secure meaningful employment closer to their homes. The job clinics, as listed in **Annex B**, will be operational from 23 October 2025 and more will be progressively rolled out in every district.

4 Jobs Nearby @ CDC was soft launched in the South West District on 31 August 2025 and has received encouraging results.

5 One successful jobseeker was Ms Jariis Tan, 36, who had been a stay-home-mum caring for her young children. Ready to return to full-time work, she needed a job close to her home in Boon Lay, with flexibility for family responsibilities. Through the support and guidance from Job Ambassador, Ms Cheryl, interviews from prospective employers who could accommodate her circumstances were arranged, and Ms Tan successfully secured a suitable customer service position within two weeks.

A “We First” Commitment

6 For over two decades, CDCs have been trusted community partners, demonstrating proven capability through their extensive networks and last-mile delivery of national schemes such as SME Centres @ CDC (since 2013), SkillsFuture @ CDC (since 2017), and the CDC Vouchers Scheme (since 2020).

7 Building on this strong foundation, new initiatives such as Jobs Nearby @ CDC will further strengthen the CDCs’ role in aggregating partners and resources to build cohesive communities and meet residents’ evolving needs—embodying the “We First” spirit that will guide Singapore’s continued development.

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About the Community Development Councils (CDCs)

Since 1997, the CDCs have been bridging communities by strengthening social infrastructure, building social resilience and social capital, and promoting a culture of giving back, through the following ways:

(c) Aggregator of Needs and Resources
(c) Builder of Capability / Capacity in Partners and Networks
(c) Connector of Communities

There are five CDCs, namely, Central Singapore, North East, North West, South East and South West CDCs. Mayors of the Districts are Chairman of the respective CDCs. The Office of the Mayors comprises:

(e) Ms Low Yen Ling	Chairman of Mayors' Committee & Mayor of South West District
(e) Mr Baey Yam Keng	Mayor of North East District
(e) Mr Dinesh Vasu Dash	Mayor of South East District
(e) Ms Denise Phua	Mayor of Central Singapore District
(e) Mr Alex Yam	Mayor of North West District

For more information, please visit www.cdc.gov.sg and www.pa.gov.sg.

Annex A

Quotes from Mayors of South West, North East, South East, Central Singapore and North West Districts

Ms Low Yen Ling (Chinese: 刘燕玲女士) Mayor of South West District

“Jobs Nearby @ CDC leverages the CDCs’ extensive networks and experience in serving local needs to match residents with jobs near their homes and support local employers.

We are strategically placing our Job Ambassadors, District Job Banks and Community Job Clinics in the hearts of neighbourhoods to strengthen our critical last-mile connection and make it easy for job seekers to access the personalised assistance we provide.

We hope this programme will bring fresh and meaningful opportunities for residents to benefit from working near their homes, whether it be a better work-life balance for family care, improved job satisfaction, or shorter commutes. In addition to employment assistance, we will also support local employers in job redesign to meet their manpower needs.

These efforts are part of our commitment to building a ‘We First’ Singapore – uplifting individuals, families and local communities together, and leaving no one behind.”

Mr Baey Yam Keng (Chinese: 马炎庆先生) Mayor of North East District

“Jobs support has always been close to the heart of North East CDC. For over a decade, our Job Placement Centres have been supporting residents through personalised job matching and coaching, helping them find suitable employment opportunities. With the launch of Jobs Nearby @ CDC across all districts, we reaffirm our commitment to helping residents in their job search. Building on the strong foundation in the North East District, we will work with local partners and job ambassadors, expand the job clinics to connect residents with jobs closer to home and help them overcome barriers to employment.”

Mr Dinesh Vasu Dash (Chinese: 迪内希先生)
Mayor of South East District

“Jobs Nearby @ CDC brings job opportunities closer to our South East District residents while supporting local businesses with their hiring needs. Through our Job Ambassadors across the district, we hope to connect our residents to suitable positions close to home that meet their unique needs and aspirations through a seamless, personalised experience.”

Ms Denise Phua (Chinese: 潘丽萍女士)
Mayor of Central Singapore District

“Jobs Nearby @ CDC builds on and scales up our existing Jobs Near Me @ Central model. This is a hybrid online and on-site service model that brings job opportunities even closer to residents by working closely with local employers. With a larger network of Job Ambassadors, Job Clinics, and an expanded job bank, we aim to connect more residents to meaningful work opportunities near their preferred workplaces in a more personalised way.

Upstream, we will also introduce upskilling and training support to help residents prepare for sustainable employment — further strengthening the bridge between jobseekers and employers.”

Mr Alex Yam (Chinese: 任梓銘先生)
Mayor of North West District

“Finding the right job isn’t just about matching skills; its about fitting work into residents’ lives. Building on our ongoing efforts such as our Jobs Anywhere portal, regular job fairs, skills advisory and Job Clinics across the North West, the launch of Jobs Nearby @ CDC brings opportunities even closer to home. With dedicated Job Ambassadors offering high-touch, customised support and flexible options near where people live, we’re not just connecting residents to jobs; we’re building pathways to meaningful careers right within their own districts.”

Annex B

List of Community Job Clinics Operational from 23 October 2025

S/N	Community Job Clinic Location	Address	Opening Hours
South West CDC			
1	Boon Lay CC	10, Boon Lay Place, Boon Lay Community Club, #02-08, Singapore 649882	Mon to Fri, 2pm - 6pm
2	Hillview CC	1, Hillview Rise, #01-01, Singapore 667970	Mon to Fri, 2pm - 6pm (Tue: Guilin RC Wed: Sunshine RC Thu: Goodview Garden RC Fri: Hillgrove RC)
3	Jurong Spring CC	8, Jurong West Street 52, Jurong Spring Community Club, #02- 03, Singapore 649296	Mon to Fri, 2pm - 6pm
4	Keat Hong CC	2, Choa Chu Kang Loop, #01-01, Singapore 689687	Mon to Fri, 2pm - 6pm
5	Taman Jurong CC	1, Yung Sheng Road, Singapore 618495	Mon to Fri, 2pm - 6pm
Central Singapore CDC			
1	Ci Yuan CC	51 Hougang Ave 9 #01- 01, Singapore 538776	First Mon of the Month, 10am - 6pm
2	Cheng San CC	6 Ang Mo Kio St 53 Singapore 569205	First Tue of the Month, 10am - 6pm
3	Teck Ghee CC	861 Ang Mo Kio Ave 10, Singapore 569734	Second Tue of the Month, 10am - 6pm
4	Fernvale CC (Serving both Jalan Kayu SMC and	21 Sengkang West Ave #01-01, Singapore 797650	Third Mon of the Month, 10am - 6pm

	Buangkok-Fernvale South Division)		
5	Hwi Yoh CC	Blk 535 Serangoon North Ave 4 #01-179, Singapore 550535	Second Mon of the Month, 10am - 6pm
6	Kebun Baru CC	216 Ang Mo Kio Ave 4, Singapore 569897	Third Tue of the Month, 10am - 6pm
7	Yio Chu Kang CC	50 Ang Mo Kio St 61, Singapore 569163	Fourth Mon of the Month, 10am - 6pm
8	Bishan CC	51 Bishan St 13, Singapore 579799	First Wed of the Month, 10am - 6pm
9	Toa Payoh Central CC	93 Toa Payoh Central, Singapore 319194	Third Wed of the Month, 10am - 6pm
10	Toa Payoh East CC	160 Lorong 6 Toa Payoh, Singapore 319380	Second Wed of the Month, 10am - 6pm
11	Toa Payoh West CC	200 Lorong 2 Toa Payoh, Singapore 319642	Fourth Tue of the Month, 10am - 6pm
12	Marymount CC	191 Sin Ming Ave #01- 01 Singapore 575738	Fourth Wed of the Month, 10am - 6pm
13	Kampong Glam CC	385 Beach Road, Singapore 199581	First Mon of the Month, 10am - 6pm
14	Kolam Ayer CC	1 Geylang Bahru Lane #01-01, Singapore 339631	First Tue of the Month, 10am - 6pm
15	Kreta Ayer CC	28A Kreta Ayer Road, Singapore 088995	Second Mon of the Month, 10am - 6pm
16	Whampoa CC	300 Whampoa Drive, Singapore 327737	Third Mon of the Month, 10am - 6pm
17	Potong Pasir CC	6 Potong Pasir Ave 2, Singapore 358361	Fourth Mon of the Month, 10am - 6pm

18	Buona Vista CC	Blk 36 Holland Drive #01-01, Singapore 270036	First Wed of the Month, 10am - 6pm
19	Henderson CC	500 Bukit Merah View, Singapore 159682	Second Tue of the Month, 10am - 6pm
20	Pek Kio CC	21 Gloucester Road, Singapore 219458	Third Wed of the Month, 10am - 6pm
21	Queenstown CC	365 Commonwealth Ave, Singapore 149732	Second Wed of the Month, 10am - 6pm
22	Tanjong Pagar CC	101 Cantonment Road, Singapore 089774	Third Tue of the Month, 10am - 6pm
23	Radin Mas CC	51 Telok Blangah Crescent, Singapore 098917	Fourth Tue of the Month, 10am - 6pm
24	Telok Blangah CC	450 Telok Blangah St 31, Singapore 108943	Fourth Wed of the Month, 10am - 6pm
North East CDC			
1	Pasir Ris Elias CC	93 Pasir Ris Dr 3, #02- 02 Singapore 519498	Mon to Fri, 10am to 5pm
2	Sengkang CC	2 Sengkang Square, #04-03, Singapore 545025	Mon & Fri only, 10am to 1 5pm
3	Punggol 21 CC	80 Punggol Field, Basement 1, Singapore 828815	Tue only, 10am to 5pm
4	Tampines Central CC	Our Tampines Hub, 1 Tampines Walk, #04-04, Singapore 528523	Mon to Fri, 10am to 5pm
5	Tampines West CC	5 Tampines Ave 3, #01- 05, Singapore 529705	Tue only, 10am to 5pm

North West CDC

1	Nee Soon Central CC	1 Northpoint Drive, #01-201 Singapore 768019	Mon to Friday, 11am to 4pm
2	ACE The Place CC	120 Woodlands Ave 1 Singapore 739069	Mon to Friday, 11am to 4pm
3	Woodlands Galaxy CC	31 Woodlands Ave 6, #01-01 Singapore 738991	Mon to Friday, 11am to 4pm
4	Cashew CC	101 Bukit Panjang #01-01 Singapore 679910	Mon to Friday, 11am to 4pm
5	Yew Tee CC	20 Choa Chu Kang St 51, #01-01 Singapore 689286	Mon to Friday, 11am to 4pm

South East CDC

1	Heartbeat@Bedok	11 Bedok North Street 1, Singapore 469662	Every Thursday, 10am to 4pm
2	Braddell Heights Community Hub	264 Serangoon Central, Singapore 550264	Every Tuesday, 10am to 4pm
3	Kaki Bukit CC	Job Hub @ Kaki Bukit 670 Bedok North Street 3, #01-07 Singapore 469627	Monday to Friday, 10am to 6pm