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HDB flats among 9,000 homes planned for Keppel Club site

Mega waterfront development to include private and public housing, office space and recreation options

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About 9,000 housing units – both public and private – will be built on the site of Keppel Club as part of the future Greater Southern Waterfront, said Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong yesterday.

There will be private and public housing elsewhere too, he added during his National Day Rally speech, confirming for the first time that the mega waterfront development will have HDB flats.

In sketching out what the Greater Southern Waterfront (GSW) will look like, PM Lee said the entire area will be double the size of Punggol town.

“Think of it as Punggol by the Bay,” he quipped.

First announced in 2013, the GSW comprises 30km of coastline

stretching from the Gardens by the Bay East area to Pasir Panjang. It contains 2,000ha of land – six times the size of Marina Bay and twice the size of Punggol.

PM Lee noted that prime land will be freed up for redevelopment after PSA moves its city terminals in Tanjong Pagar, Keppel and Pulau Brani to Tuas by 2027, as well as Pasir Panjang terminal by 2040. The moves will “be an opportunity to reshape the GSW into a new place to live, work and play”, he said.

As for housing, Keppel Club will become one of the first developments in the zone, he said, showing an artist’s impression of what the area would look like, though he added in jest that the homes would not pop up “quite so fast”.

The private golf club, whose lease expires in two years and which sits on a 44ha plot, is between two MRT



An artist’s impression of what the redeveloped Keppel Club site may look like. The lease of the private golf club, which sits on a 44ha plot, expires in two years. PHOTO: SCREENGRAAB FROM URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

stations and near Labrador Nature Reserve.

The waterfront will be a commercial node, said PM Lee, noting that several big companies have offices near Labrador Park, for example, Google, Cisco and Unilever.

“We will develop more office space in the GSW... which will bring in more jobs,” he said.

“People can work near where they live, and live near where they work. This will create life and activity during the day and at night.”

PM Lee also highlighted the recreation options that will come into the area, starting with the redevelopment of two old power stations in Pasir Panjang.

The authorities launched a competition earlier this year calling for ideas; winning proposals will be showcased at the end of the year.

After Brani Terminal moves out, the authorities will build new attractions on the island, including, possibly, a new labour movement-led resort.

Furthermore, Sentosa’s beach areas will be revitalised while its nature and heritage trails will be expanded.

The GSW will be linked up to surrounding green areas, such as from West Coast Park to East Coast Park, and connecting the Rail Corridor and Sentosa.

“With a new green heart in the centre, Singapore will be even more of a City in a Garden,” PM Lee said.

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An artist’s impression featuring a bird’s eye view of developments on Sentosa and Pulau Brani. Attractions will be built on Brani, while Sentosa’s beach areas will be revitalised, among other things. PHOTO: SENTOSA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

‘Downtown South’ resort likely to be built on Pulau Brani

A “Downtown South” resort is likely to be built on Pulau Brani in future, said Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong yesterday.

Recounting how these plans came about, he said that during a Cabinet meeting, labour chief Ng Chee Meng had asked: “NTUC is very grateful to the Government for Downtown East. How about a Downtown South?”

Mr Ng was referring to the labour movement-run lifestyle hub in Pasir Ris that hosts, among other things, a resort, amusement park, event spaces and shops.

“I said, OK, we will do that,” PM Lee said at the National Day Rally.

To that end, the authorities will set aside land for the National Trades Union Congress to build a resort,

“probably on Pulau Brani”, he said.

The island is between the main island of Singapore and Sentosa, near Keppel Harbour. A large part of the island makes up the current Brani Terminal, which is among the PSA city terminals that will move to the Tuas mega port by 2027.

“We will make this gesture, to thank our workers for all their contributions to the nation, because Singapore is for all of us,” said PM Lee.

In a Facebook post, Mr Ng said the new resort will allow workers to take their families to quality and affordable recreational amenities.

“It is indeed a strong signal of appreciation from the Government to our workers – Every Worker Matters!” he wrote.

In his speech, PM Lee said that af-

ter Brani Terminal moves out, the island can be developed together with Sentosa.

“We will build new attractions on Brani, just like we have Universal Studios on Sentosa,” he said.

Meanwhile, Sentosa’s beach areas will be revitalised, and its nature and heritage trails expanded, “to keep its island character”.

These additions are part of the future Greater Southern Waterfront, a mega waterfront development in the southern part of Singapore.

The new district, twice the size of Punggol, will boast public and private homes, offices and recreation options. Development of the area is expected to start in five to 10 years.

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The Greater Southern Waterfront is a mega waterfront development in Singapore’s south. PHOTO: PRIME MINISTERS OFFICE

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