

# Home Team Connects

Connecting You with the Home Team

An initiative by the Home Team Volunteer Network



## EDITOR'S PICK

### HTVN LEARNING JOURNEY TO THE HOME TEAM GALLERY



On 24 June, our Home Team volunteers had a tour of the Home Team Gallery! They had the chance to learn about the Home Team concept and how the Home team Departments work hand-in-hand to keep Singapore safe and secure. They also learned more about Singapore's history and the challenges faced in the past, which contributed to shaping Singapore into the strong and resilient country it is today. Most importantly, the volunteers were more aware of their roles in helping to keep Singapore safe and secure. 😊

Keen to volunteer with us and help keep Singapore safe and secure? Check out the link in our bio to learn more and register with one of our schemes now! 🙌

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>> [Check out HTVN's FB page](#)

## HIGHLIGHTS

### TOP 5 TRENDING SCAMS



#### Job Scam

You receive a job offer promising high salary with little effort.

CHECK with official sources, such as the company's official website, to verify the job offer.



#### Fake Friend Call Scam

You receive a phone call from supposedly your "friend". You are asked to guess the caller's name and when you do so, the caller will assume this name. You are then asked to save the friend's new number. A few days later, this so-called friend will call you to ask for money to help him or her for an emergency, mother is in hospital etc.

CHECK with your friend through other means or call the original number to verify if indeed your friend had called you earlier.



#### Investment Scam

You are offered an investment with very high returns.

CHECK with official sources, such as the company's official website, to verify the deal. Do not be enticed by the initial positive gains. Do your own due diligence before you invest large sums of money.



#### Banking-related phishing scam

You receive a SMS claiming that your bank account has been suspended or that payment has been made from a new device. You are asked to click on a link to a fake banking login page that prompts you to provide your iBanking credentials, OTPs, or digital token approvals. Subsequently, unauthorised bank transactions would be made on your bank accounts.

CHECK for scam signs with official sources or websites and contact the banks only using the official contact numbers listed on the banks' official websites or numbers listed at the back of your debit/credit cards. Banks do not send out clickable links in SMSes and emails!



#### Phishing Scam through Malware\*

You come across a deal for a product or service online. To facilitate payment, you are asked to click on a link and download an application from an unknown source.

ADD ScamShield app on mobile phone to detect scam messages and block scam calls. Do not click on links sent via any messaging and/or social media platforms by unknown sources. Only download and install applications from official application stores (i.e., Apple Store or Google Play Store).

### RECOGNISING POLICE'S CONTRIBUTIONS



Police Day is commemorated annually on 3 June since 1971. This year, SPF held the **Police Day Parade 2023** on 3 June at the Home Team Academy to mark the day.

Guest-of-Honour, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Mr Lawrence Wong, said, **“Police Day is a day of special significance as we come together to honour the invaluable contributions of all police**

**officers, past and present, in keeping Singapore safe and secure... I thank all police officers for their unwavering courage, dedication and professionalism.”**

He presented the Best Land Division award to Clementi Police Division and the Best NS Operationally Ready Unit to joint winners Airport Police Division and Jurong Police Division.



>> [Learn more about Police Day 2023](#)

### PROTECTING RACIAL HARMONY

Singapore's success today is only possible because of a combination of **stability, rule of law, an educated and skilled workforce, and most importantly, the unity** that we have been able to achieve in Singapore, said Minister K Shanmugam on 12 June at the Institute of Policy Studies' 35th anniversary conference.

MIN elaborated on racial pluralism, and how Singapore has firmly held to the principle that all races should be treated equally. Despite significant racial and religious differences, the Government has put in place **laws and policies that protect minorities and promote racial harmony. To better protect racial harmony, and signal its importance in Singapore, MHA will be introducing the Maintenance of Racial Harmony Act.**



**“Racism is innate in human beings, and racism, therefore, is present in Singapore – like in any society. But we need to work hard, to make sure that it is not institutionalised.”**

– MIN K Shanmugam

MIN said that while there is casual racism in Singapore, the Government will take a **race-sensitive approach by ensuring racial minorities are not disadvantaged**. Pointing out that laws and policies have limitations, MIN noted that **getting people to develop strong bonds across their differences is key**.

>> [Read MIN's speech](#)

### PARTNERS AGAINST SCAMS

SPF partnered DCIS (International Security Cooperation Directorate) of the French Embassy in Singapore to organise the inaugural Regional Anti-Scam Conference from 13 to 15 June.



In her opening address, MOS Sun Xueling highlighted the importance of forging strong partnerships with international counterparts. **“Given the organised and transnational nature of scams, and their massive scale, it is imperative that every Government's effort must be complemented with strong partnerships and collaboration with international counterparts, to achieve maximum impact,”** said MOS Sun. She shared with the representatives from 15 countries on three areas to step up efforts:

1. Strengthen operational processes to enforce against scammers and recover scam proceeds;
2. Establish international norms for protective measures against scams; and
3. Share with other countries information such as new methods and tactics employed by scammers, and effective strategies against given scam types.

By developing a global vision of the cyber-scam phenomenon, countries can **effectively prevent, detect, and prosecute scam syndicates through coordination between law enforcement agencies and regulatory bodies**. As scams still predominantly originate from overseas, SPF will continue working closely with foreign law enforcement counterparts to enhance cooperation in detecting and tackling emerging crime trends.

>> [Read MOS' speech](#)

## POLICE COMMUNITY ROADSHOW



The Police Community Roadshow was held at One Punggol on 17-18 June to **reinforce the importance of community support and partnership in keeping Singapore safe and secure**. The roadshow will next be held at Toa Payoh HDB Hub on 24-25 June.

Senior Minister & Coordinating Minister for National Security, Mr Teo Chee Hean, launched the **Coffee with a Cop initiative at the Roadshow**. He shared that SPF's Community Policing Officers will engage the public through informal chats over a beverage, sharing the latest crime trends and crime prevention advice. Residents who wish to play a part in keeping their neighbourhood safe can also find out more about SPF volunteer schemes. **'Coffee with a Cop' sessions will be held monthly, island-wide.**



Details of upcoming sessions will be shared on the social media platforms of Neighbourhood Police Centres.

During the Roadshow, the **"MATA-verse" Roblox game** was

also launched. It lets players experience the work of a police officer through the game's missions.

>> [Read SM Teo's speech](#)

>> [Find out more about SPF's roadshow](#)

## ENGAGING THE SECURITY INDUSTRY



The State of the Industry Convention, organised by the Security Association Singapore (SAS), was held on 23 June at Temasek Polytechnic. It brought together various **security industry stakeholders to discuss key issues and priorities in the industry**. Guest-of-Honour, Minister of State Ms Sun Xueling, participated in a dialogue session with various security agencies, security technology companies and security training organisations. She also witnessed the signing of a MOU between SAS and the

Association of Company Emergency Response Teams (Singapore) ("A-CERTS"), as well as the launch of a fire safety guide by SAS and A-CERTS for the security industry.

MHA will continue to **work with our tripartite partners and engage the industry to implement the Security ITM 2025 and next bound of the Progressive Wage Model, as well as look out for the welfare of our Security Officers, including against abuse.**



>> [Check out SAS' Facebook post](#)

## NATIONAL DAY PARADE 2023

This year's National Day Parade (NDP), themed Onward as One, will be the first full-scale NDP at the Padang since 2019.

The theme for NDP 2023, "Onward as One", calls upon Singaporeans to look forward confidently and move onward together in building our shared future as one united people.

One of the highlights for this year's programme will be the Total Defence Parade, featuring the six pillars of Total Defence using floats and assets from the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF), Singapore Police Force and Singapore Civil Defence Force together for the first time.

The SAF's Digital and Intelligence Service will also make its inaugural NDP appearance, with its Guard of Honour marching contingent.

### NDP 2023 Logo

Lion head looking forward confidently and resolutely, showing Singapore's determination to come together to build a shared future.



The five stars represent the nation's ideals of democracy, peace, progress, justice and equality which firmly anchor Singaporeans as we move onward as one.

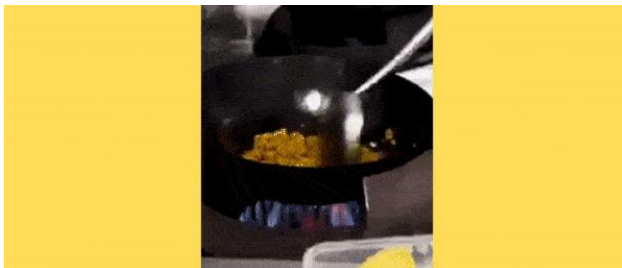
Number "58" embedded in the lion head, reminding us of how far we have come in the last 58 years.

Logo tilted upwards, showcasing Singaporeans' aspirations to take our nation to greater heights, amidst any challenges that may lie ahead.

Sources: NDP website, MINDEF, Pioneer, 25 May.

## HOME TEAM INSIGHTS

### CULINARY PASSION IGNITES!



Inmates turn up the heat in this plant-based protein cook-off. Vote for your favourite dish in the Yellow Ribbon Culinary Competition and win food hampers.

>> [go.gov.sg/yrcc2023](https://go.gov.sg/yrcc2023)

### THE FINAL ASSESSMENT



Wei Ting and her batchmates deal with difficult "travellers" in the second last episode of "Becoming an ICA Inspector".

>> [go.gov.sg/ica-050623-1](https://go.gov.sg/ica-050623-1)

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