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To News Editors

SAFRA CHOA CHU KANG TO BE READY IN 2022 WITH MORE UNIQUE FITNESS FACILITIES FOR SAF NATIONAL SERVICEMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES

Over 90,000 Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) national servicemen residing within the north-west part of the island will have more convenient access to a unique range of fitness and wellness facilities when SAFRA builds its seventh club within Choa Chu Kang Park, slated to be ready in 2022.

Senior Minister of State for Defence and President of SAFRA Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman graced the unveiling of the latest plans for SAFRA Choa Chu Kang held at Lot One Shoppers' Mall this afternoon. He was joined by Minister of State for National Development and Manpower, and Grassroots Advisor to Chua Chu Kang GRC GROs (Keat Hong) Mr Zaqy Mohamad.

Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman commented, "SAFRA clubs, including the new SAFRA Choa Chu Kang, is a way we show our appreciation for NSmen's contributions to national defence. Our clubs provide convenient venues where NSmen can meet up for activities and pursue common interests, encouraging them to stay connected and build on the close bonds forged during National Service. Many fresh ideas on facilities have been generated through close consultation with the NSman community in the planning of SAFRA Choa Chu Kang, and once the club is ready in 2022, NSmen and their families living in the north-west region will have many more facilities closer to home to help them keep fit and bond."

Unique fitness and wellness facilities

Themed as a 'Fitness Oasis' and conveniently located within a 5-minute walk from Choa Chu Kang MRT station, the new five-storey club will house a sheltered swimming pool, aquagym, sky running track and futsal court, which can be utilised by national servicemen and their families, rain or shine.

It will also feature a Fitness and Wellness Hub spanning over 50,000 square feet, where an EnergyOne gym, mixed martial arts (MMA) rings and fitness studio will be integrated within a single level of the club.

Most of these facilities will be firsts among SAFRA clubs, such as the sheltered swimming pool, aquagym, sky running track and sheltered futsal court. All these will expand the range of unique fitness and wellness facilities that SAFRA has to offer nationwide to national servicemen and their families to enjoy.

Seamless integration with Choa Chu Kang Park

The club will also be seamlessly integrated with the surrounding parkland to leverage on its greenery and amenities to provide more wide open spaces for outdoor

activities to be organised, as well as for national servicemen and their families to exercise, recreate and relax.

An outdoor amphitheatre, which will extend from the club onto Choa Chu Kang Park, is expected to host events and activities such as mass workouts and live entertainment. Visitors to SAFRA Choa Chu Kang can also enjoy other amenities within the park such as fitness stations, playgrounds and nature trails.

Other recreation and play facilities

To provide a wider range of facilities for national servicemen and their families to meet up, unwind and bond, the new club will also have a bowling centre, sports bar, café, spa and a variety of F&B outlets.

It will also house a preschool and indoor playground to provide fun-filled learning, play and family bonding experiences for Operationally Ready National Servicemen (NSmen) with young children.

Feedback sought from NSmen and their families

The artist impressions and 3-dimensional model of the new SAFRA Choa Chu Kang will be on display at Lot One Shoppers' Mall till 16 November 2018. SAF national servicemen and their families are invited to give their feedback via an online survey accessible via the SAFRA website at www.safra.sg/cck till 30 November 2018.

Chairman of the SAFRA Choa Chu Kang Development Committee MAJ (NS) Andy Tan Heok, PBM, commented, 'We want the new club to be able to meet the core needs of NSmen living in the region, while also offering something unique to all NSmen and their families islandwide. We consulted over 1,600 NSmen through surveys and focus group discussions to better understand their lifestyle needs and preferences as we put together the range of facilities and amenities for SAFRA Choa Chu Kang. And we continue to welcome more feedback from the NSman community to help us further fine-tune our plans to make this truly a club for NSmen, by NSmen.'

Kindly refer to fact sheet at Annex A for more information and the latest artist's impressions of SAFRA Choa Chu Kang.

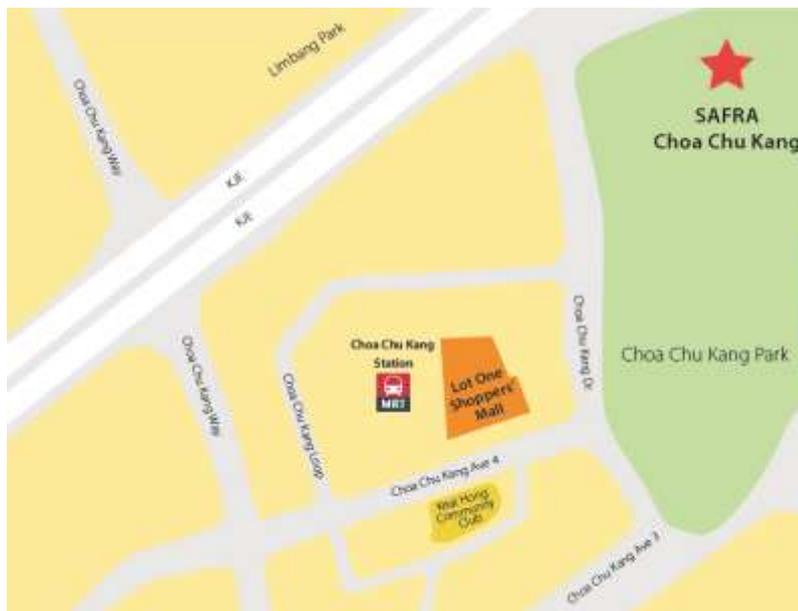
About SAFRA National Service Association

SAFRA was formed in 1972 to provide for the social and recreational needs of NSmen and their families through quality sports, social, educational and cultural programmes to recognise NSmen for their contributions to National Defence. SAFRA currently has a network of six clubs conveniently located in Jurong, Mount Faber, Punggol, Tampines, Toa Payoh and Yishun. Complementing the modern facilities at SAFRA clubs are a host of quality membership benefits and activities specially packaged for over 600,000 members (as of 31 March 2018) and their families.

FACT SHEET

About SAFRA Choa Chu Kang

1. Location: Choa Chu Kang Park (along Choa Chu Kang drive)
5-minute walk from Choa Chu Kang MRT station



2. Size of Land: 1.4 ha / 14,000 m²
3. Gross Floor Area: 18,000 m²
4. Number of storeys: 5 storeys
5. Project Consultant: DP Architects
6. Flagship Theme: Fitness Oasis
7. Unique Facilities: Aquagym
Mixed martial arts rings
Sheltered futsal court
Sheltered swimming pool
Sky running track
8. Key Timelines: Groundbreaking in late 2019 and completed in 2022

Artist's Impressions of SAFRA Choa Chu Kang

Aerial View of Club with Outdoor Amphitheatre



Club Facade (Day View)



Club Facade (Day View)



Club Facade (Evening View)



Club Interior with View of Green Boulevard and Futsal Court



Futsal Court



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