Staycation of the East
CSC@Changi
Changi: Singapore’s Oasis of Tranquil Revelry

Changi brims with understated, nostalgic charm. The Chengai tree, which used to abound in the estate, lends inspiration to the name. Once a land teeming with coconut plantations — and even tigers — Changi has evolved and become a sanctuary of rural sensibilities, a place for vacationers to escape the busy cadence of life.

Today, it is home to a belt of popular landmarks. Singapore’s glittering airport is here, along with popular foodie destinations such as The Coastal Settlement and Chock Full of Beans. Changi Village Food Centre is where the dogged hunt for timeless hawker fare such as nasi lemak ends.

Changi Beach Park, with its towering trees, white shores and gentle waves, also beckons all. An orange glow suffuses the sky at sunrise and sunset. For island hoppers, Changi is the starting point of their getaways. Bumboat rides at the Changi Point Ferry Terminal quickly whisk them away to exotic places like Pulau Ubin and Pengerang, Malaysia.

And now, CSC@Changi joins these spots in regaling Singaporeans with a good time.
The old site of CSC@Changi has a history that dates back to 1927. Nestled within the main building was a conservation bungalow built by Sir Manasseh Meyer, a businessman and philanthropist. Circa 1933, the bungalow was sold and used as a school for children of British soldiers.

Six decades later in 1994, CSC took over the reins of management. A nine-million-dollar revamp transformed the premise. Whitewashed walls, new coats of paint and pristine facilities quickly invigorated the look and breathed new life into the building, which spanned over 43,600 square feet.

1996 marked the year the old CSC@Changi opened to great fanfare. Multitudes of civil servants and members converged at the Clubhouse and took part in the myriad of activities it organised. Family ties were strengthened here. Lasting friendships were struck up. Eternal memories were formed.
Since its founding in 1971, CSC has consistently provided members and public officers with a host of facilities, activities, and services to enjoy. From the humble beginnings of a single building in Dempsey Road, the Club expanded in 1976 to include another Clubhouse at Portsdown Road where it remained until 1982. CSC@Tessensohn was opened in 1990 by then President Wee Kim Wee, followed by CSC@Changi’s soft launch in 1994 by then Club President Mr Lee Ek Tieng. CSC@Bukit Batok was opened by then President SR Nathan in 2006. CSC today serves over 53,000 members and their families.

Almost 20 years after CSC@Changi was first opened, we were once again honoured with having the President of Singapore Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam grace the reopening of CSC@Changi on 4 May 2015. That CSC has been fortunate to have the President of Singapore – no less – grace each of the Clubhouse openings is a mark of what CSC means to the public service sector and the value that is placed on the facilities provided for our public officers.

The renovation of this Clubhouse has been long in the making. Redevelopment plans of this Clubhouse were initiated by the CSC Management Team and guided by the Executive Committee in 2011. This was very much aligned with the intent to refresh the infrastructure across the three Clubhouses to ensure that the facilities we provide for our members and public officers are updated to meet their changing needs. Given the size and diversity of our members and the public sector, these Clubhouses are important nodes and spaces for them and their families to interact in an informal setting outside of work.

In particular for CSC@Changi, this redevelopment was most timely as it also supports the government’s intention to significantly redevelop the Changi area, as announced in the Urban Redevelopment Authority’s Master Plan 2013. With developments such as Changi Airport’s Project Jewel and the improved public transport infrastructure serving this region, just to name a few, redeveloping CSC@Changi is not only a way to pre-emptively provide for the likely increased footfall in the area, but is also a way of staying relevant amidst the new offerings that will be coming up in the next few years.

After two years of extensive redevelopment and refurbishment, the Clubhouse is today three times its original size and boasts a host of quality recreational facilities. The newly-built 25 chalet suites and villas provide multigenerational families with a home away from home. They are well-furnished, elderly friendly and offer great views. The onsite five-storey sports complex houses a vibrant 20-lane bowling centre, fully-equipped gym and bicycle gym, family-themed karaoke centre with tastefully-furnished private rooms as well as two rooftop tennis courts. The renovated swimming pool, children’s pool, a new children’s outdoor playground and the extended infinity spa pool, all of which overlook Changi Creek and Straits of Johore, provide a priceless view for swimmers, be it day or night. To complete the experience, the sheltered barbecue pits and F&B outlets around the Clubhouse offer the perfect setting for relaxed gatherings.

CSC@Changi is an ideal waterfront retreat, one that is away from the bustle of the city. From its vantage point, members can see Changi Creek, Straits of Johore and even Pulau Ubin. Sited minutes from the food haven of Changi Village and the sandy beaches of Changi Beach Park, it offers convenient access to a more rustic side of Singapore than what we typically see. The coastal boardwalk offers a scenic walk shaded by mangrove trees and one can even take bumboats to Pulau Ubin and Pengerang, a popular seafood haunt in southern Johore!

With idyllic views that speak for themselves, a great location and the rustic charm of Changi Point, CSC@Changi is where members and their families can soak in the ambience and enjoy a relaxing weekend.

I am looking forward to having many of our members and public officers visit us!

Charlie Ng
General Manager, CSC
CSC is the preferred club of choice for over 53,000 members. The membership base is growing decidedly younger, with fresh-faced executives and new parents joining the fold. When the time to revamp the old Changi Clubhouse came, CSC designed a blueprint that would appeal to the discerning, 21st-century guest. A Clubhouse that would be an ideal gathering place for multigenerational families. Hence the concept of a beach resort in an idyllic setting was birthed.

Those who prefer a laid-back itinerary can unwind with a suite of in-house activities. Vocal powerhouses can flaunt those pipes at 8 Degree KTV Lounge. Aficionados can pull an all-nighter at the comfortable Mahjong Room. Offering a breathtaking view of the azure sea, the Infinity Pool is an ideal spot for a quiet read. Top off the experience with a margarita.

Those with an adventurous spirit can venture out and embrace the gifts of nature. With its soft sand and calm waters, Changi Beach Park stirs the hearts of all sea sports lovers. Water-Venture is tucked away in a corner of the beach and offers adrenaline-pumping high jinks such as sea rafting, abseiling, windsurfing and power boating. Changi Point Ferry Terminal is just a stone’s throw away, so guests can embark on pan-island trips to Chek Jawa and explore wildlife.

Indeed, a staycation at CSC@Changi is replete with activities that will please everyone in the family.
The reopening of CSC@Changi is a milestone event etched in CSC’s history. Held on Monday, 4 May 2015, the launch was officiated by President Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, who was accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister Mr Teo Chee Hean. Architects, developers, tenants as well as representatives from government agencies, all of whom were instrumental in making CSC@Changi a reality, were also in attendance.

“Institutions are ultimately made of people,” said Mr Peter Ong, Head of Civil Service and President of Civil Service Club, in his opening address. “If we want strong institutions, we need to develop and safeguard the well-being of our people.”

Spanning two years, the extensive redevelopment of the old Changi Clubhouse is anchored in this belief. Mr Ong quoted the late Finance Minister Mr Hon Sui Sen, who opined in 1980 that members in the public service require rest and recreation as “the pressures upon them have increased tremendously with Singapore’s rapid economic growth and the government’s greater involvement in the economy.”

And CSC@Changi, with its five-storey sports complex, well-furnished chalet suites and villas, is a home away from home for Singapore’s civil servants. The Clubhouse complements its vast space with an all-encompassing array of facilities and meaningful social activities.

“Beyond providing modern facilities for enjoyment, the Club plays a crucial role in fostering a One Public Service identity, having established itself as a ‘unique home’ for public officers to take respite.”

- Mr Peter Ong
Getting the Exclusive Look

After the speech, President Dr Tony Tan and Deputy Prime Minister Mr Teo Chee Hean embarked on a VIP tour. Flanked by media personnel and photographers, the two VIPs made their way around the Clubhouse. They were given a thorough introduction of the suites, villas and recreational facilities. Their ready smiles reflected their approval for the contemporary décor and cosy ambience.

The 200 guests present at the event also had the opportunity to preview the facilities and accommodation rooms. Many began making plans to celebrate special occasions and organise corporate events at the Clubhouse. In particular, one of the villas, which opens out to a balcony with a sea view, was the talk of the town.

After the tour, the guests were invited to a scrumptious buffet. Musicians took centre stage and performed crowd-pleasing renditions of popular songs. The gaiety continued well into the evening, and many went home with a greater impression of the experience at the Clubhouse.

CSC@Changi is now officially open. Flip the pages and discover the myriad of activities available here.
Where Living Begins

CSC@Changi anticipates the needs of the modern vacationer. Its rooms are WIFI-enabled, allowing guests to always stay connected. With Internet Protocol (IP) television available, there is a multitude of entertainment options for the whole family. A baby in the posse? Not a problem – baby cots are provided so the little ones can get a good rest. The accommodation rooms are also elderly friendly to ensure the safety of all. Discover the true meaning of living – right here at the Clubhouse.

Chalet Rooms: A Second Home

Palatial, contemporary and indulgent are three words that encapsulate the accommodation rooms. Wood tiles, ambient lighting and stylish furniture all lend a distinctive flavour that rivals five-star hotels. Whether it is an escapade for two or a family gathering to celebrate a monumental occasion, CSC@Changi is the place for merrymaking.

Premier Villa  Deluxe Villa  Superior Villa  Family Suite  Single Suite

16 Single Suites  4 Family Suites  2 Superior Villas  2 Deluxe Villas  1 Premier Villa
Fun and Joy, Right by the Coast

Every minute spent at CSC@Changi is a satisfying one. Upping the entertainment value is a slew of activities suited for everyone, from sports fanatics to merrymakers. Guests can let their hair down and make lifelong memories with their families and friends. And then it is rinse and repeat – for the fun never gets old at CSC@Changi!

Resort Bowl: A Glowing Good Time
Downcast lights glint off the lanes of Resort Bowl – all 20 of them. Want something different? Look out for their Cosmic Bowl, when the house lights are dimmed and a mesmerising glow-in-the-dark experience begins! Deejays are also invited to spin during the weekends.

Biking enthusiasts will go gaga over The Facility By Swim Bike Run. Using top-of-the-line equipment, the Tacx Studio gives bikers the chance to take on the Tour de France routes in a virtual environment. Other marquee offerings include an indoor spinning room, a maintenance shop as well as a retail boutique that carries international sportswear by TRX and CrossCore.

Tennis Courts: Swing, Serve, Sun
Make a beeline for the two tennis courts, which are located on the top floor of the Recreation Complex. Enthusiasts and amateurs alike can engage in friendly matches and ace their tennis games.

8 Degree KTV Lounge: Sing to Your Heart’s Content
Here is where guests can let their inner superstars shine. Fitted with a superb sound system, 8 Degree KTV Lounge offers a wide selection of chart-topping Mandopop songs and familiar Billboard hits. There are even songs in dialect for those who wish to turn back the hands of time!

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Gold’s Gym: Hitting Fitness Strides
Pencil in a workout session after all the feasting. This full-service gym is equipped with cardiovascular and resistance machines. Going for gold is possible as fitness instructors are on deck to whip patrons into shape. Different types of training, from personal to rehabilitative, group to sport-specific, are available here as well.

BIO Bowl Lab: Going Pro
Endorsed by the Singapore Bowling Federation, BIO Bowl Lab is a paradise for serious bowlers. Not only can bowlers get direct access to maintenance services, they can also sign up for the training and educational programmes to further hone their techniques.
Be Greeted by Indulgence

With its modern and comprehensive facilities, CSC@Changi now has even more surprises to discover! Embark on a food odyssey at the Clubhouse to enjoy the best of what the Eastern and Western worlds have to offer. Dim sum, Western fare and fusion cuisine promise an unforgettable dining experience for all.

Infinity Pool: A Relaxing Time
Bliss is infinite at this spacious pool where guests can take a dip and rejuvenate their senses. The pool’s edge stretches into the horizon, bringing one closer to Changi Creek’s serenity. The picturesque view makes this the spot where troubles simply melt away.

Hornbill Café: Recharge to Go Again
With its congenial vibe, this café offers light bites and refreshing drinks for those who want to relax by the poolside. The name of the café is inspired by the tropical bird, which has a brightly-coloured, down-curved bill and is a common sight in the Changi vicinity.

Bistro Bowl Café: Be Bowled Over
Located within the bowling centre is Bistro Bowl Café, which serves mainstays such as laksa as well as sweet treats like cheesecakes and brownies.

Dragon Phoenix Restaurant: Where Cantonese Delicacies Tantalise
Dragon Phoenix Restaurant boasts famous dishes such as Chilli Crab, Hong Kong Spring Chicken and Yam Pot. The restaurant doles out authentic Cantonese cuisine including heavenly morsels of dim sum. Every mouthful attests to the chef’s finesse and dedication.

Meyer House Restaurant & Bar: Revisiting Erstwhile Grandeur
Immerse yourself in the old-world romance of the colonial Meyer House. Enjoy all-day alfresco dining right here – the delicious Western cuisine on offer is bound to delight even the most discerning palate.
Free Shuttle Bus

Getting to CSC@Changi is now more convenient!

The staff of CSC@Changi welcome you!

ROUTE 1

CLUB
(Blk B - Reception Office)
Departure Time:
9.30am and 1.30pm

PASIR RIS MRT
(Exit to B)
Pick-up Time:
10am and 2pm
(Pick-up point at bus stop)

CLUB
(Blk B - Reception Office)
Departure Time:
11.30am and 3.30pm

TAMPINES MRT
(Exit to B)
Pick-up Time:
12pm and 4pm
(Pick-up point near bicycle park)

For more details, please contact (+65) 6709 4709.

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