

FACT SHEET

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TUAS SOUTH RECREATION CENTRE

Minister's Visit and Friday Prayers

Meeting the Socio-Religious Needs of Foreign Workers

1. Minister for Communications and Information, Minister-in-charge of Cyber Security and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim was accompanied by Chief Executive of Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura (Muis), Hj Abdul Razak Maricar to a visit to Tuas South Recreation Centre (TSRC) for Friday prayers.

Use of Multi-Purpose Hall for Friday Prayers

2. The use of the Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) at TSRC for Friday prayers was an initiative by an inter-agency committee, looking into the welfare of foreign workers, to meet the religious needs of those staying in the Tuas area. It was piloted in Q4 2016 in partnership with Mini Environment Services (MES), Masjid Assyakirin and Masjid Maarof. Since then, operations for the weekly Friday prayers have stabilised.

3. MES, as the key organiser, would apply for a permit for the temporary use of TSRC's MPH, for Friday prayers and arrange for setting up and cleaning up after prayers. Muis supports the identification and approval of potential imams¹ within the pool of foreign workers who would lead the prayers, using Muis' sermon texts and delivering them either in English or Bengali. Masjid Assyakirin and Masjid Maarof also support in providing imams, from time to time.

¹ One who leads the prayer

Active Congregants

4. TSRC has seen about 500 congregants weekly, with about 10% comprising local workers in Tuas. During Friday prayers that fall on public holidays (e.g. Good Friday and Hari Raya Haji), the number of congregants has increased to more than 4,000. A second MPH will be opened to accommodate the turnout.

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ANNEX A: Information on TSRC

Address	12 Tuas South St 13 S(636937)
Land Area	2.8ha
Facilities	<p>a. Multi-Purpose Hall x 2 (1,500 sqm and 1,700 sqm)</p> <p>b. Sports Facilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Badminton - Basketball - Volleyball - Cricket/soccer field - Outdoor Fitness Corner <p>c. Food Court (10 stalls and sitting space)</p> <p>d. Support Facilities (guardhouse, toilets, car park lots)</p>
Foreign Worker Catchment	CDPL and Tuas South Dorm Capacity 22,000. Currently occupancy is about 12,000.
Commercial	<p>a. 2 commercial blocks consisting of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 14 x 26 sqm units - 8 x 100 sqm units <p>b. Canteen block consisting of 10 F&B stalls including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 Drink stalls - 1 Fruit Juice and snack stall - 7 Food stalls

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