

List of UNESCO Conferences, Meetings and Programmes from 2017 to 2019 that Singapore Participated in and/or Organised

Date	Event
Activities in 2019	
31 January - 1 February	Judge (ret.) Richard Magnus, Chairman of Singapore's Bioethics Advisory Committee (BAC), participated in an IBC Working Group meeting in Rome, Italy, to draft the IBC report on "The Principle of Individual Responsibility as Related to Health".
7 - 11 February	<p>Science Centre Singapore celebrated International Day of Women and Girls in Science by running DiscovHER, an educational trail.</p> <p>This is part of a global effort to support and promote women and girls in their participation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).</p>
18 - 19 February	Judge (ret.) Richard Magnus, Chairman of Singapore's Bioethics Advisory Committee (BAC), participated in an IBC Working Group meeting in Paris, France, to draft the IBC report on "Parenthood and ART".
19 February - 14 April	To prototype design solutions for safety and walkability in Detroit neighbourhoods, the Detroit Core District organised the inaugural edition of the Detroit City of Design Competition and opened it to all designers from the UNESCO Creative Cities of Design. Dr Erwin Viray, Head of Pillar for Architecture and Sustainable Design at the Singapore University of Technology and Design, represented Singapore as a juror in selecting the three winners from the 26 submissions. These were unveiled in downtown Detroit during the city's month of design in September before being moved to their respective neighbourhoods in April 2020.
4 – 17 March	<p>DesignSingapore Council (Dsg) invited the other 30 Creative Cities of Design (CODs) for a Visit Programme and to participate in the Creative Cities of Design Public Forum in Singapore. In total, Dsg hosted 33 delegates from 15 CODs. Dsg also presented the UNESCO Creative Cities of Design Showcase at the International Furniture Fair Singapore (IFFS) 2019, which showcased various CODs efforts in developing systems for Urban Living.</p> <p>Following the event, Dsg produced a publication and post-event video to document the Visit Programme and Public Forum to raise awareness of Singapore as a UNESCO Creative City of Design, promote fellow member Cities of Design and showcase the visit programme as a platform hosted by Singapore for the delegates to network with design and design-related organisations and talents. The publication and video were shared with other cities in June at the Annual Meeting in Fabriano, as well as local stakeholders.</p>
25 - 28 March 2019	National Heritage Board attended the International Conference on Management and Protection of World Cultural and National Heritage towards Sustainable Development organised by the Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning in Bangkok and Ayutthaya, Thailand.

27 March	Singapore officially submitted its nomination to inscribe Hawker Culture in Singapore on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. The nomination documents were jointly submitted by the three organisations co-driving the UNESCO nomination bid. Namely the National Heritage Board, National Environment Agency, and The Federation of Merchants' Associations, Singapore.
2 - 3 May	For Connecti:City Conference — International Conference on Creative Economy organised by Bandung Creative City Forum, DesignSingapore Council's Deputy Executive Director, Emily Ong, was one of 11 speakers invited from around the world to share her experiences in managing creative hubs and design eco-systems. She was part of a three-member Singapore delegation led by Executive Director Mark Wee. The conference was an opportunity to meet with key industry stakeholders in Bandung and West Java, including design associations, creative hubs, and design festival organisers to get a better understanding of the Indonesian design eco-system.
11 May – 9 June	As part of the Design Month Graz, Singapore design label Supermama showed its One Singapore 2019 ceramic blue plate alongside some 120 products from seven UNESCO Creative Cities of Design at the World Wide Things Collection exhibition. This was the second edition of a project developed by Cities of Design Montréal and Graz which seeks to facilitate the exchange of ideas, designs and best practices among the UNESCO Creative Cities Network.
16 – 18 May	An MOE delegation led by Mr Aaron Loh, Divisional Director, Educational Technology, attended the UNESCO International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Beijing.
18 May	Temasek Polytechnic accepted as a member of the UNEVOC Network The UNEVOC (UNESCO and VOCational education) Centre aims to contribute to the improvement in the standards and quality of technical and vocational education and training (TVET) in their respective countries. Together with national TVET institutions from other countries, and with support from the UNEVOC Network, the UNEVOC Centre provides a platform for an exchange of best practices among TVET officials, teachers, and stakeholders in the country.
6 - 7 June	Mr Charles Lim (BAC member and Rapporteur to the IGBC for 2018-2019) led a delegation to attend the 11 th Session of the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC) in Paris, France. The main agenda of the session was to examine the IBC's draft reports on "The Principle of Individual Responsibility as Related to Health" and "Assisted Reproductive Technologies and Parenthood", and to update the IGBC on COMEST's Preliminary Study on the "Ethics of Artificial Intelligence". The session also discussed the Preliminary Work Programme of the IBC for 2020-2021 and follow-ups to the Recommendations of the open-ended working group on governance, procedures and working methods of the governing bodies of UNESCO as related to the IGBC.

9 - 13 June	<p>DesignSingapore Council, represented by DyED/Emily Ong, DD/TD Jenny Chua and SAD/TD Joanne Teh, attended the 13th Annual Meeting of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network hosted by Fabriano (Italy), a Creative City of Crafts and Folk Arts.</p> <p>For the meeting, Fabriano planned cultural events, discussions, seminars, meetings as well as opportunities to share opinions and ideas inside the Pavilions of Creativity. Set in the heart of the city centre, representatives shared their knowledge, experiences and visions, highlighting the important role design plays as a catalyst in to transform cities towards creative and sustainable living spaces for their citizens.</p>
20 - 28 June	<p>MOE sent two representatives from the Curriculum Planning and Development Division to attend the 19th Asia-Pacific Training Workshop on Education for International Understanding (EIU) in Seoul and Inje, Republic of Korea.</p> <p>The workshop's overarching goal was to strengthen understanding of the concrete concepts and issues of EIU and Global Citizenship Education (GCED). its purpose was to enhance the participants' training expertise.</p>
20 - 21 June	<p>Executive Director Prof Lee Wing On from the Institute of Adult Learning (IAL) under the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS) was invited to give a lecture on "From 21st Century Competences to Global Citizenship and Global Competences" by the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding in the Republic of Korea.</p> <p>Prof Lee also had 2 consultation meetings with the Centre and done 2 video interviews on the topics related to concepts of global citizenship and its pedagogies.</p>
1 - 2 July	<p>IAL co-organised the symposium and the International Expert Roundtable on Lifelong Learning with the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL) at the Lifelong Learning Institute, Singapore.</p> <p>IAL's Executive Director, Prof Lee Wing On, delivered the opening address and acted as a panel speaker at the symposium, while Principal Researcher of IAL, Mr Sheng Yee Zher, was a speaker at the roundtable session on "Current Initiatives to Evaluate and Monitor Lifelong Learning".</p>
2 - 3 July	<p>UNESCO 2019 Forum on Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship at the Ministry of Education and Training of Vietnam, Hanoi.</p> <p>IAL's Executive Director, Prof Lee Wing On, participated in the Forum as an Expert Evaluator/Reviewer.</p>
2 - 7 July	<p>Judge (ret.) Richard Magnus, Chairman of Singapore's Bioethics Advisory Committee (BAC), participated as a member and Vice-Chair of the International Bioethics Committee (IBC) in the 26th session of the IBC held in Bangkok, Thailand.</p>

	<p>The session was held in conjunction with a conference on the Ethics of Science & Technology and Sustainable Development organised by Thailand's Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation.</p> <p>The session discussed the IBC's draft reports on "The Principle of Individual Responsibility as Related to Health" and "Parenthood and ART", and also deliberated on the future work programme of the IBC for 2020-2021.</p>
4 July	<p>International Conference on Strategic Planning in Education Development organised by UNESCO in association with Vietnam National Commission for UNESCO, Hanoi.</p> <p>IAL's Executive Director, Prof Lee Wing On was invited to give a speech on "Educational Strategic Development".</p>
8 July – 6 August	<p>By invitation of the Seoul Design Foundation, ED/Dsg Mark Wee, represented Singapore in the steering committee for the inaugural Human City Design Award. The award recognised projects that contributed to a more harmonious and sustainable relationship between people, society, and the environment. ED/Dsg shared Dsg's experience with awards and learnt about sustainability and impact in design.</p> <p>The winner was announced in September 2019 during the Seoul Design Week. Amongst the 10 finalists for the award was also a project from Singapore, Wellness Kampung. An initiative by the Alexandra Health Systems to address healthcare issues by creating a network of three wellness and care centers where residents inspire one another to adopt healthier lifestyles.</p> <p>As a member of the steering committee, Mark made a presentation during the award ceremony on Singapore's vision of a loveable city by design.</p>
22 July	<p>Huamin Primary School participated in UNESCO's survey on intangible cultural heritage.</p>
23 - 26 July	<p>International Consultative Meeting on Lifelong Learning Policies in Chengdu, China</p> <p>Principal Researcher of IAL, Mr Sheng Yee Zher, was a participant at the meeting.</p>
31 August – 30 September	<p>For the Detroit Design 139 Exhibition, Singapore submitted six projects in response to Detroit's call for submissions from the UNESCO Cities of Design. The exhibition, which was presented in downtown Detroit as well as several satellite locations in suburban areas, explored the design of inclusive neighbourhoods, housing, public spaces, economy and city systems. Three projects from Singapore were selected for the exhibition by a jury — Kampung Admiralty by WOHA Architects, Who Cares? Transforming the Caregiving Experience in Singapore by The Care Lab and the National Council for Social Services and The Caterpillar's Cove Child Development and Study Centre by Lekker Architects.</p>

17 - 20 September	<p>Ms Yeo Piah Choo, Director (International Relations & Corporate Relations) and Ms Flora Toh, Assistant Manager (International Relations) represented DesignSingapore Council at the UNESCO Creative Cities of Design Sub-Network meeting in Detroit, which was organised alongside Detroit's Month of Design.</p> <p>Ms Yeo was also invited to present as part of the panel during Detroit Homecoming on 20th September. She shared with the audience of returning Detroit expats on how Singapore has benefited from its membership from the UNESCO Creative Cities Network. She elaborated about how Singapore's relationship with other cities have created opportunities for Singapore designers to profile and showcase their work, and also for Singapore to learn from the experiences of fellow cities invested in design. Detroit Homecoming is an event that aims to reconnect Detroit expats with their hometown by providing news, events, and opportunities to live, work, or invest in Detroit.</p>
19 – 20 September	MOE sent a representative from the Higher Education Policy Division to attend the 2 nd Tokyo Convention Committee Meeting and Regional Workshop on Launching the Asia-Pacific in Bangkok.
1 - 3 October	<p>4th International Conference on Learning Cities at Medellin Columbia</p> <p>IAL's Executive Director, Prof Lee Wing On gave a plenary speech on "Monitoring Mechanism of Lifelong Learning in Singapore".</p>
9 - 10 October	Jeremy Sun, design director of design and innovation consultancy firm Orcadesign represented Singapore at an International Forum as part of Torino Design of the City 2019. He shared how our involvement in the UNESCO Creative Cities Network has given local designers an opportunity to be part of a global network. As a participant of DesignSingapore Council's Business of Design programme, he aims to help designers grow their brand internationally, Jeremy also met with businesses and the Chamber of Commerce in Torino.
9 - 11 October	Mr Neelesh J. Bhatia, Centre Director of the Entrepreneurship Centre from Singapore Polytechnic attended the 8 th UNESCO International Conference on Entrepreneurship Education held in Hangzhou, China.
21 October	Approval by UNESCO for NUS to set up a UNESCO Chair for Architectural Heritage Conservation and Management in Asia
21 - 23 October	MOE sent two representatives from the Character Citizenship and Education Branch and Humanities Branch to participate in the Regional Workshop on Global Citizenship Education in Southeast Asia organised by the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organisation (SEAMEO) Secretariat in collaboration with the Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding under the Auspices of UNESCO in Bangkok, Thailand.
23 - 26 October	The Adelaide Festival Centre brought together delegates and speakers representing Australia, the Asia-Pacific, and the UNESCO Creative Cities Network to discuss how to strengthen the exchange of best practices, deepen collaboration and highlight the cultural leadership of the region across the creative cities.

	<p>Presenting as part of the opening panel, DesignSingapore Council's Executive Director Mark Wee exchanged insights with fellow panellists on promoting cultural and creative sector development, employment, trade and investment within the region. Mark also co-chaired a networking session with Good Design Australia to discuss how to measure the value of design and explore the possibility of a standardised design measurement index. The session was attended by representatives from fellow Cities of Design – Beijing, Seoul, Shenzhen, Bandung and Geelong, as well as representatives from other Creative Cities in the Asia Pacific.</p>
30 - 31 October	<p>National Heritage Board organized its second Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) symposium "ICH in Cities: Multiculturalism, Social Cohesion and Sustainability" at the Asian Civilisations Museum in Singapore.</p> <p>The two-day symposium brought together International ICH experts, NGOs, ICH associations and practitioners, heritage groups and enthusiasts, academics, researchers and students. The objectives of the ICH symposium are to promote the sharing of international best practices in safeguarding and promoting ICH in cities, to facilitate networking and relationship building among ICH experts from different parts of the world, and to contribute to capacity building in the field of ICH in Singapore and the wider region.</p>
1 November	<p>Submission of two nominations from the National Institute of Education for the 2019 UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize on the theme "The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to innovate education, learning and teaching".</p>
12- 27 November	<p>40th UNESCO General Conference, Paris, France</p> <p><i>MCCY/NHB will be sending representatives to attend these events/meetings.</i></p>
6 December	<p>Mr Raul Valdes-Cotera, Programme Coordinator from the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning will be the keynote speaker for IAL's Lifelong Learning Conference 2019 which will be held at SUSS Campus.</p>
8 – 14 December	<p>14th session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, Bogota, Colombia</p> <p><i>MCCY/NHB will be sending representatives to attend this events/meetings.</i></p>
Activities in 2018	
12 – 13 March	<p>Four United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Creative Cities collaborated for the Singapore Design Week (SDW) 2018, namely:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sydney City of Film (Create NSW) 2. Melbourne City of Literature (City of Literature Office) 3. Adelaide City of Music (Adelaide Festival Centre) 4. Singapore City of Design (DesignSingapore Council) <p>This inaugural cross-disciplinary collaboration saw creatives from the four UNESCO cities co-creating design projects inspired by music,</p>

	<p>literature and film, under the theme of “In My Neighbourhood”. Three Australian creatives, selected through an open call, participated in a workshop and public sharing forum during the SDW 2018. They networked and met with the Singapore designers and creatives and collaborated on design projects that will debut at the SDW 2019.</p>
15 March	<p>National Institute of Education, Singapore, Professor Lee Ngan Hoe spoke on “The Teaching of Mathematics in Singapore: Problem Solving and Conceptual Understanding” at the “Success Stories” seminar organized by the Argentinians at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France.</p> <p>The session was well-received, and was attended by Argentinian Minister of Education Alejandro Finocchiaro, among others. Reports by Argentinian media outlets also profiled Professor Lee and Singapore’s education system in a positive light.</p>
22 – 25 March	<p>National Arts Council supported the inaugural True Colours Festival presented by UNESCO and The Nippon Foundation, and produced by Very Special Arts Singapore, in Singapore.</p> <p>The festival presented some of the most talented performing artistes with disabilities in the Asia Pacific region. Apart from the indoor and outdoor activities, True Colours Festival includes a special event and the Arts and Disabilities International Conference 2018. It also featured a slate of talks, workshops and discussions with speakers from UK, Australia, Canada, Cambodia and more.</p>
28 March	<p>Mr Michael Fung Jin Lung, Group Director (Training Partners Group)/SkillsFuture Singapore, was one of the panellists for the plenary session on “Mapping and anticipating changing skill needs” at the UNESCO Mobile Learning Week 2018 at UNESCO Headquarters. Mr Adrian Lim, Director (Digital Participation and Foresight)/IMDA, was also a speaker at a policy forum session on “Addressing digital skills gaps and expanding learning opportunities” at the same event.</p>
15 – 20 May	<p>Science Centre Singapore held an exhibition title Show Us Your Science as part of UNESCO’s International Day of Light.</p> <p>The DIY Lab of the exhibition was available to scientists, specialists, students of various levels, and the public to showcase their science and/or technology projects, or just to show and tell the visitors about their scientific research and interests. The aim was to provide the opportunity and a platform for passionate people to showcase their work and interact with the visitors.</p>
June	<p>Ministry of Education officer Ms Lee Mun Yee who was seconded in June 2016 to the UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education in Bangkok, Thailand officially completed her stint.</p>
4 – 6 June	<p>Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources, National Heritage Board and The National Environment Agency attended the 7th session of the UNESCO General Assembly of the States Parties to the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in Paris, France.</p>

	<p>The General Assembly of the States Parties to the Convention is the sovereign body of the Convention and meets in ordinary session every two years at the UNESCO Headquarters.</p>
10 – 14 June	<p>DesignSingapore Council attended the 12th Annual Meeting of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network and presented on Singapore's Design 2025 Masterplan in Krakow and Katowice, Poland.</p> <p>The Annual Meeting provided city representatives and cultural professionals with a new opportunity to exchange and share ideas, experiences and practices on how to advance culture and creative industries for better cities. This year, innovative and interactive formats include thematic workshops and interdisciplinary sessions where members were able to pool their creative thinking to reflect on common future initiatives.</p>
18 – 22 June	<p>Ministry of Education participated in the East Asia Workshop on Monitoring SDG 4 in Bangkok, Thailand. It trained representatives to gain holistic understanding of global, regional and national monitoring processes, such as employing National Strategies for the Development of Education Statistics (NSDES) for monitoring SDG 4.</p>
24 June – 4 July	<p>National Heritage Board attended the 42nd session of the World Heritage Committee in Manama, Bahrain.</p> <p>The World Heritage Committee meets once a year for an ordinary session to discuss the management of existing World Heritage Sites, and accept nominations by countries.</p>
8 – 12 July	<p>The 8th Singapore International Water Week (SIWW) was held in conjunction with the 5th World Cities Summit and the 3rd CleanEnviro Summit Singapore at the Sands Expo and Convention Centre, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore.</p> <p>It is a global platform to share and co-create innovative water solutions. The biennial event gathers stakeholders from global water industry to share best practices, showcase the latest technologies and tap on business opportunities. SIWW is part of the strategic programme of the Singapore Government to grow the water industry and develop water technologies.</p>
17 July	<p>Dr Paramesh Banerjee, President of the Asian Seismological Commission (ASC) and Technical Director of the Earth Observatory of Singapore, presented at the 5th ASPAC Plenary meeting to establish an Asian centre in Singapore as a regional centre for seismological and earthquake-related data, technological transfer, capacity building and joint projects.</p>
20 – 28 July	<p>Ministry of Education participated in the 18th Asia-Pacific Training Workshop on Education for International Understanding (EIU) in Seoul and Inje, Republic of Korea.</p> <p>The workshop's overarching goal was to strengthen the understanding of the concrete concepts and issues of EIU and Global Citizenship Education (GCED). Its purpose was to enhance the participants' training expertise.</p>

10 – 14 September	<p>Judge (ret.) Richard Magnus and Attorney-General's Chambers Parliamentary Counsel (Special Projects) Mr Charles Lim represented Singapore at the Joint Session of the International Bioethics Committee (IBC) and the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC) in Paris, France.</p> <p>The first part of the meeting was devoted to agenda items common to the IBC, the IGBC and COMEST, namely the progress report on the UNESCO Bioethics and Ethics of Science Programme, and the proposals to strengthen cooperation between IGBC, IBC and COMEST.</p> <p>These were followed by discussion of one of the main work topics of the IBC for 2018-2019: the principle of individual responsibility as related to health.</p> <p>The Joint Session examined one of the main work topics of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST), namely water ethics, followed by the discussion of the other main work topic of the IBC, modern parenthood.</p>
16 - 19 September	<p>Seoul Design Foundation organised <i>Seoul Design Cloud 2018: Human Cities Forum and Exhibition</i>, a forum and exhibition to explore issues and ideas around urban design and planning, architecture, and participatory design. Singapore was represented at the forum by Larry Yeung, assistant director of Participate in Design, a Singapore non-profit design, planning and educational organisation. He shared insights PID has gained from working with people to create community-owned spaces and solutions.</p>
9 – 11 October	<p>Mr Neelesh J. Bhatia, Director, SPINOFF Centre from Singapore Polytechnic participated in the 7th UNESCO-APEID Entrepreneurship Education Meeting in Trincomalee, Sri Lanka.</p> <p>The objectives of the meeting were to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify various models of multi-stakeholder engagement in entrepreneurship education • Share good practices of stakeholder engagement in entrepreneurship education in primary, secondary, tertiary and non-formal education with special reference to women entrepreneurship • Showcase selected student enterprises • Discuss potential areas of joint activities to enhance multi-stakeholder engagement in entrepreneurship education
15 - 18 October	<p>Ms Yeo Piah Choo, Director (International Relations & Corporate Services) and Ms Juliet Lim, Deputy Director (Communications and International Relations) represented DesignSingapore Council at the UNESCO Creative Cities of Design Sub-Network meeting in Dundee.</p> <p>Participating in the Design & Education Sub-group discussion, they presented an overview of Dsg's Industry Manpower Plan elaborating on Embedding Design Thinking in General Education through the Design Think@Schools pilot project.</p>

	<p>Singapore also took the opportunity to invite the CODs to participate in Singapore Design Week (SDW) 2019, as part of a Visit Programme and Public Forum which Dsg will be curating for them.</p>
17 – 20 October	<p>Urban Redevelopment Authority participated in the Fostering Global Citizenship for Sustainable Heritage Conservation Workshop in Jeju, Republic of Korea.</p> <p>The workshop aimed to build capacity of participants from Asia-Pacific working in the areas of sustainable development, heritage conservation, global citizenship, community development and other related areas, whilst promoting awareness and recognition on the importance of promoting global citizenship.</p>
18 – 19 October	<p>Dr Koh Tat Suan, Director (Lifelong Learning) of Skillsfuture Singapore, participated in the International Consultative Meeting on Integrated Governance of Lifelong Learning in Shanghai, China.</p> <p>The meeting resulted in a policy brief addressing the purposes, functions and effectiveness of integrated governance in the field of lifelong learning. It provided directions for the development and implementation of lifelong learning policies in Member States.</p>
29 – 30 October	<p>National Heritage Board organised the inaugural Intangible Cultural Heritage Symposium – “Intangible Culture Heritage in Cities: Communities, Connections and Challenges” which was attended by international experts from all over the world including Southeast Asia, Europe, Africa, and South America; as well as local ICH experts, practitioners and academics in Singapore.</p> <p>Under the 2003 UNESCO Convention for Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage, intangible cultural heritage is defined as cultural practices and living traditions which reflect cultural diversity and creative expression, and provide communities with a sense of identity and belonging. Intangible culture heritage also provides a source of enjoyment and contribute to the sustainable living and well-being of communities.</p>
3 November	<p>Science Centre Singapore organised the Global Children’s Designathon.</p> <p>This workshop is for children to develop their own ideas and build prototypes using new technologies to solve real-world problems affecting environment and society.</p>
3 November – 7 December	<p>National Heritage Board, The National Environment Agency and The Federation of Merchants’ Associations, Singapore launched the “Our SG Hawker Culture Travelling Exhibition” to encourage Singaporeans to pledge their support to nominate Hawker Culture in Singapore for the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) of Humanity.</p>
12 - 13 November	<p>UNESCO Bangkok Office organised the Plastic Initiative Symposium in conjunction with World Science Day for Peace & Development.</p> <p>Tropical Marine Science Institute nominated plastic pollution researcher Ms Lynette Ying to share her research at the conference.</p>

26 November – 3 December	<p>Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Heritage Board and The National Environment Agency attended the 13th session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, in Port Louis, Mauritius.</p> <p>The session is to discuss a number of issues that are important for the safeguarding of living heritage around the world.</p>
27 –29 November	<p>Public Utilities Board spoke at the UNESCO Asian Regional Training Workshop on Emerging Pollutants in Water Resources in Jakarta, Indonesia.</p> <p>The main objective of the training workshop is to build capacity for effective water quality management for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) implementation, with focus on enhancing scientific and policy capacity for managing emerging pollutants, which include a wide range of pollutants found in our water resources such as pharmaceuticals, personal care products, agricultural pesticides, microplastics, and household and industrial chemicals.</p>
26 November – 1 December	<p>MCCY and NHB attended the 13th Session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of ICH in Mauritius.</p>
5 – 7 December	<p>National University of Singapore organized the International Conference on Plastics in the Marine Environment 2018 in line with the International Year of the Reef 2018 and Singapore’s Year for Climate Action. More than 100 experts and participants from over 16 countries attended the conference in Singapore.</p> <p>This conference seeks to address the issue of plastic debris in the marine environment, with a special focus on microplastics and the environmental issues facing tropical Southeast Asia.</p>
Activities in 2017	
22 - 23 March	<p>Minister/MSF attended the Ministers responsible for social development and related portfolios, or their representatives, gathered in Kuala Lumpur, for the 1st Forum of Ministers of Social Development for Asia-Pacific, organized in the framework of the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme of the UNESCOs</p>
22 – 25 March	<p>Meeting of the UNESCO International Bioethics Committee (IBC) Working Group on Refugees in La Rioja, Spain</p> <p>(Judge (ret.) Richard Magnus participated as a member of the Working Group drafting the IBC’s report on “The Bioethical Response to the Situation of Refugees”.)</p>
25 - 27 April	<p>Colin Seah, founder and design director of Ministry of Design, represented Singapore as a panellist at the ASEAN Creative Cities Forum 2017 held in Manila, co-organised by Design Center of the Philippines (Design Center) and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). Colin was part of a panel discussion on success stories from a range of creative industries.</p>

8 – 11 May	<p>Director of National Archives of Singapore, Mr Eric Chin, attended the Symposium Preservation and Access: Documentary Heritage of Southeast Asia in the Digital Age, 08 May 2017, and Consultation on Implementation of the UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Preservation of, and access to, Documentary Heritage including in Digital Form, 9 to 11 May 2017 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.</p> <p>He presented on the ASEAN Digital Library, a regional project to aggregate and connect the digitised resources of National Libraries in the ASEAN region so that these repositories can be accessed through a single search facility. Representative from NHB, Mr David Chew, also attend the sessions.)</p>
23 – 24 May	<p>Hosting of a closed-door meeting for the Editorial Board of the UNESCO-BAC Bioethics Casebook in Singapore</p> <p>(The Bioethics Casebook is an initiative by the UNESCO Bioethics Team, and will be jointly produced by the BAC and the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics at the University of Barcelona. The aim of the Casebook is to encourage reflection on the ethical and social aspects of problems posed in court rooms, in addition to the legal dimension. Court decisions from jurisdictions around the world will be analysed in the casebook, taking into account geographical balance, as well as respect for the social and cultural dimension of bioethics in different countries. Though the Casebook is targeted at judges, it will be a useful resource for legal professionals, ethicists and public policy-makers as well. This will be the first UNESCO publication under Singapore's banner, and its value will be in enhancing Singapore's reputation at UNESCO and entrenching our values on bioethics and rule-based governance.)</p>
7 – 8 June	<p>The Asian Film Archive (AFA) worked with the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau to conduct the UNESCO Memory of the World: Promoting SEA Audio-Visual Heritage Workshop on 7 and 8 June. This workshop provided training for film archive practitioners in Southeast Asia with the view to develop nominations to the UNESCO regional and international MoW registers.</p> <p>(UNESCO covered the trainers' travel, accommodation and remuneration while NLB covered venues, flight and accommodation for the participants.)</p>
19 – 20 June	<p>Participation in the 10th Session of the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC) in Paris, France. Mr Charles Lim, Singapore's Representative to the IGBC and Rapporteur for the IGBC for 2016 to 2017 participated in the session. The IGBC is examining IBC's draft reports on (i) the Bioethical Response to the Situation of Refugees and (ii) Big Data and Health.</p>
28 June – 1 July	<p>Representing Design Singapore Council, DyED Ms Emily Ong, SM/TD Mr Teo Yao Long, and AM/CIR Ms Shahilia Munnawar Bhagat represented Singapore at the UNESCO Creative Cities Network 11th Annual meeting and UNESCO Cities of Design Sub-Network meeting hosted in Enghien-Les Bains, City of Media Arts. During the meetings, member cities discussed the Network's strategy/operations and</p>

	important matters related to future developments, including the priorities of the Network for the coming year.
September	<p>Phang Lai Tee, Acting Deputy Director, Audio Visual Archives, NAS, sits on the UNESCO MoW Sub-committee on Technology (SCoT). Together with SCoT member Dr Dietrich Schüller, she conducted a workshop on the preservation of audio and video records at the International Council on Archives (ICA) Congress, in Seoul, Republic of Korea, September 2016.</p> <p>[For info, UNESCO MoW has not been funding SCoT for its meetings for the last 5 years. As a result, SCoT relies solely on electronic communication means for meetings and discussions and has not met since 2012. Owing to the high worldwide risk of loss of documentary heritage trapped in obsolete AV formats, SCoT has also proposed a Magnetic Tape Alert collaboration with International Association of Sound and Audiovisual Archives (IASA) and this is still pending funding support from UNESCO MoW.]</p>
September	Participation in the 24th Session of the IBC in Paris, France (Judge (ret.) Richard Magnus attended this session as one of the four Vice-Chairs of the IBC.)
September	Dr Koh Tat Suan, Director, SkillsFuture Singapore was invited as a speaker in the third International Conference on Learning Cities. He presented on Singapore's learning eco-system, with a focus on learning for life and how lifelong workforce development is a key characteristic of nation building. A key feature of this initiative is the setting up of the Lifelong Learning Council.
10 - 16 October	Singapore was represented at Torino Design of the City 2017 by the founder of Design Insight, Quek Chunbeng, who has worked with global brands such as Samsung, Sennheiser and BIC. He participated in a five-day programme that aimed to stimulate the creatives of Torino and also global designers to tackle urban problems and create innovative solutions.
24 October	The National Parks Board (NParks) was named the laureate of the 2017 UNESCO Sultan Qaboos Prize for Environmental Preservation by the Director-General of UNESCO, Irina Bokova.
November	At the invitation of fellow City of Design Puebla (Mexico), Singapore joined other cities in painting on crosswalks in the city's downtown to raise awareness of road safety as part of the <i>Cebraton</i> event. <i>STOP! IN THE NAME OF LOVE</i> by DesignSingapore Scholarship alumna Clara Yee is a smorgasbord of typographic elements of the word "love" from the multitude of languages found in Singapore and Puebla. The title of the work is also a cheeky nod to the '60s soul hit by The Supremes, reminding motorist and pedestrians to show love for one other.
November	Min/CCY led the Singapore delegation to attend the 39 th UNESCO General Conference, Paris, France.
11 - 24 November	During the Wuhan Design Biennale, Ms Emily Ong, Deputy Executive Director of DesignSingapore Council, presented on the innovative spirit of Singapore's design industry at the 2 nd Wuhan Creative Cities

	Roundtable. DesignSingapore Council also participated in the festivities of the Wuhan Design Biennale, in celebration of Wuhan's inclusion into the UCCN Cities of Design.
December	MCCY and NHB attended the 12th Session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of ICH, Jeju, Korea.