

## List of UNESCO Conferences, Meetings and Programmes from 2018 to 2020 that Singapore Participated in and/or Organised

Date	Event
<b>Activities in 2020</b>	
January – March	As part of Singapore’s commitment as a UNESCO Creative City for Design, DesignSingapore Council (Dsg) supported and contributed to the research efforts of Mr Hyon-il Mun, an officer from the Seoul Metropolitan Government, who was posted to Singapore for a period of several months to conduct research into design policy, the operations of the National Design Centre, and the procurement of design services in Singapore; as well as explore opportunities for collaboration between Dsg and Seoul Design Foundation.
30 January	Ga Eun Ku, a designer based in Singapore, was awarded a Merit Award by the Shenzhen Design Award for Young Talents, for her project on public services for women. Shenzhen is a fellow UNESCO City of Design.
March	<p>In March 2020, the IBC and COMEST worked together through email correspondences to develop the UNESCO IBC-COMEST guidelines on COVID-19.</p> <p>Prof Lee Eng Hin, as a member of the IBC for the 2020-2023 term, submitted his views on the protection of the vulnerable in the current circumstances, and highlighted that research should not be carried out purely for financial gain, especially for vaccine development. These views were incorporated into the final statement issued by IBC-COMEST in April 2020.</p>
24 April	A representative from MOE’s Planning Division attended UNESCO’s COVID-19 Educational Response Webinar “Back to school: Preparing and managing reopening of schools”.
7 May	MOE submitted Singapore’s response to Phase I of the Survey on National Education Responses to COVID-19 School Closures, jointly conducted by UNESCO, UNICEF and the World Bank.
12 May	<p>Establishment of the UNESCO Chair on Architectural Heritage Conservation and Management in Asia within NUS.</p> <p>Professor Ho Puay Peng, Head of the Department of Architecture at NUS School of Design and Environment, was appointed as the Chairholder.</p>
14 May	MOE provided links to “Nurture Early Learners”, as well as primary to pre-university syllabuses on MOE’s website for the comparative study by the International Bureau of Education on how countries articulate their competence-based curricula.
14 May	<p>Two representatives from MOE’s Research and Management Information Division attended the virtual regional meeting (for Asia) coordinated by the UNESCO Institute for Statistics.</p> <p>This was part of the series of regional virtual meetings with national and regional stakeholders in education statistics to discuss and learn</p>

	<p>about the main education data challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
15 May	<p>At the invitation of Bandung City of Design, Dsg's D(IR,CS&amp;HR) Yeo Piah Choo participated in a virtual programme launch by the Indonesian Creative Cities Network on Singapore's design efforts in response to COVID-19. The GOH was minister of tourism and creative economy, Wishnutama Kusubandio. The audience of 220+ comprised policymakers and community leaders.</p>
19 May	<p>Dr Tit Meng Lim, Chief Executive of Science Centre Board, was invited to speak at the UNESCO Webinar: Science to Enable and Empower Asia Pacific for COVID 19 Response. He shared how Science Centre Singapore offered science education engagement and crated transmedia programmes to enable learning Science at home.</p>
20 May	<p>National Heritage Board participated in UNESCO's survey on its draft medium-term strategy for 2022–2029 and the draft programme and budget for 2022–2025, with reference to the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Culture Heritage.</p> <p>The survey sought the strategic views and programmatic orientations that States Parties would like to propose for the implementation of the 2003 Convention during the 2022–2029 period.</p>
19 - 22 May	<p>Prof Lee Eng Hin participated in virtual meetings of the IBC Working Groups to discuss the IBC's Preliminary Draft Reports on "Principle of Protecting Future Generations" and "Ethical Issues of Neurotechnology".</p> <p>A preliminary draft of each of the above reports was prepared for circulation amongst IBC members for further inputs before the next IBC Working Groups meeting in September.</p>
26 May	<p>National Heritage Board participated in UNESCO's survey on "Living Heritage Experiences in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic".</p> <p>The survey invited partners to contribute their experiences of living heritage in the context of the pandemic to UNESCO's online platform, which could come in the form of write-ups, photographs and videos.</p> <p>National Heritage Board submitted write-ups and accompanying photographs of the Qing Ming Festival, Good Friday, Tamil New Year, Vesak Day and Ramadan.</p>
18 June	<p>Mr Yeo Kirk Siang, Director of the Heritage and Research Assessment Division, National Heritage Board, was invited to present at a webinar titled "Safeguarding of Intangible Culture Heritage and the COVID-19 in the Asia-Pacific Region". The webinar was co-organised by ICHCAP and the UNESCO Office in Bangkok.</p> <p>Mr Yeo presented on how communities in Singapore were able to adapt to the COVID-19 situation and continue with their ICH practices, and the role of ICH in contributing to social resilience.</p>
13 - 15 July	<p>DesignSingapore Council, represented by Ms Yeo Piah Choo and Ms Flora Toh, attended the Cities of Design Sub-network Virtual</p>

	<p>Convening. Singapore contributed to the Education and Policy Working groups by sharing Singapore's efforts in facing the pandemic in the areas of education and policy. STUCK Design, a local design agency, also presented their X-Hood innovation, a response to COVID-19, at a virtual panel discussion on "The Power of Design in Responding to Global Crisis &amp; Affecting Change" which attracted over 1,700 viewers.</p>
23 July	<p>At the invitation of Cebu City of Design and the Philippines Department of Trade and Industry, DyED/Dsg Jacks Yeo presented Singapore's efforts to help SMEs during COVID-19 at a webinar held as part of the Philippines' National MSME Week. Attendees included high-level UN and government officials, as well as SMEs in the Philippines.</p>
23 - 24 July	<p>Mr Yeong Zee Kin, Assistant Chief Executive (Data Innovation and Protection) of the Personal Data and Protection Commission, participated in the Asia-Pacific Regional Consultation on the Recommendation of Ethics of Artificial Intelligence.</p>
30 July	<p>MOE submitted Singapore's response to Phase II of the Survey on National Education Responses to COVID-19 School Closures, jointly conducted by UNESCO, UNICEF and the World Bank.</p>
6 August	<p>MOE provided input to UNESCO's write-ups on Singapore's profile on inclusive education for the online platform maintained by the Global Education Monitoring Report team.</p>
26 August	<p>A representative from MOE's Curriculum Planning and Development Division attended the 8th Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment for Asia and the Pacific.</p>
2 September	<p>Ms Chang Hwee Nee, Chief Executive of National Heritage Board, accepted ICHCAP's invitation to join their Governing Board for the term January 2021 to December 2022.</p>
14 - 17 September	<p>Prof Lee Eng Hin participated in virtual meetings of the IBC Working Groups to discuss the IBC's Preliminary Draft Reports on "Principle of Protecting Future Generations" and "Ethical Issues of Neurotechnology".</p> <p>The IBC further revised the two preliminary draft reports. An updated draft of each of the two reports would be prepared for presentation at the upcoming 27th (Ordinary) Session of the IBC, which would tentatively be held on 17 Dec 2020 through teleconference.</p>
16 September	<p>MOE contributed to the case study on Singapore in relation to safe school reopening and resurgence planning for UNESCO's COVID-19 Response Toolkit, currently available on UNESCO's website.</p> <p>Ms Amelia Tang, Divisional Director, HR Strategy and Leadership and Ms Theodora Tan, Zonal Director (Schools), West, were the experts who shared MOE's COVID-19 management measures with UNESCO.</p>
18 September	<p>During the 3rd UNESCO Creative Cities Beijing Summit, Assistant-Director General for Culture of UNESCO, Mr Ernesto Ottone R., launched an e-publication titled 'UNESCO Creative Cities' Response to COVID-19'. The publication showcased good urban practices and</p>

	innovative actions undertaken by Creative Cities around the world. Singapore, as a UNESCO City of Design, contributed to the publication via UNESCO's call in March 2020 to submit culture-led initiatives in response to COVID-19.
23 September	The Membership Monitoring Report submitted in December 2019 for Singapore's UNESCO Creative City of Design designation was evaluated by peer cities and the Network secretariat to be of a high standard, with an additional note that Singapore has delivered a high calibre body of work over its first four years as a member, and is a leader within the Cities of Design.
23 September	Singapore was awarded the UNESCO NetExplo Smart Cities Award 2020 for 'Zero Carbon Objective' in recognition of our achievements in smart cities, innovation and sustainable development. Singapore's Chief Negotiator for Climate Change Mr Joseph Teo contributed a video message for the NetExplo Smart Cities Forum to share Singapore's initiatives in climate change, sustainable development, and smart city.
30 September	By invitation of the DesignSingapore Council (Dsg), Helsinki Chief Design Officer Hanna Harris participated in a webinar on designing for loveability. The webinar was organised as part of the National Design Centre's digital programming and Dsg's Loveable Singapore research project.
5 - 7 October	DesignSingapore Council, represented by Ms Yeo Piah Choo and Ms Flora Toh, attended the Cities of Design Sub-network Virtual Convening organised by the cities of Graz and Saint-Etienne. Singapore contributed to the Business, Education and Policy Working groups by participating in knowledge exchange and joint initiatives. Tong Yee, Executive Director of Common Ground, participated in a virtual event on Social Design. Four Dsg scholars based in the UK and US also participated in virtual networking dinners themed on the topics of Smart Cities, Social Design and Sustainable Cities.
12 October	Mr Cheah Horn Mun, Professor and Dean, College of Lifelong and Experiential Learning, Singapore University of Social Sciences, was one of the speakers for the breakout session on "National Distance Learning Strategies: Best Practices" for the online conference organised under the Mobile Learning Week.
September 2020 - April 2021	Ms Jean Wee, Director, Preservation of Sites and Monuments of the National Heritage Board, participated in the (bi-)weekly online training sessions for the periodic reporting exercise in Asia and the Pacific organised by the World Heritage Centre. These ongoing training sessions guide National Focal Points in the region of Asia and the Pacific for the Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting (2018 to 2024), and covered topics such as best practices in responding to the online questionnaire for periodic reporting.
22 October	Three representatives from MOE's Planning Division and Research and Management Information Division attended the Asia-Pacific Consultation Meeting on SDG4 benchmarks.  Senior Minister and Co-Chair of the Global Education Forum Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam participated in the High-Level Segment of

	the Global Education Meeting and expressed support for the 2020 Global Education Meeting Declaration.
28 October	Mr Jacks Yeo, Deputy Executive Director of Design Singapore Council (Dsg), spoke at The Great ReCREATE Design Summit' on Dsg's Good Design Research initiative. The event was on the theme, "Rethinking Tomorrow- Emerging Futures", and was part of Cebu Design Week, organised by a fellow UNESCO City of Design, Cebu.
30 October	Five entries were submitted by NIE, SUTD and Temasek Polytechnic for the Wenhui Award under the theme "Educational Innovation in Response to Pandemic and Other Emergencies".
19 – 20 November	Ms Jean Wee, Director, Preservation of Sites and Monuments of the National Heritage Board, was invited to present the impact of COVID-19 on Singapore's work in managing sites and monuments at the 2020 HeritAP webinar. Organised by WHITRAP (World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO), the theme of the webinar was "Impact of COVID-19 on World Cultural Heritage Sites and Moving Forward".
14 – 19 December	<p>Representatives from MCCY, MFA and NHB attended 15<sup>th</sup> session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, which was held virtually.</p> <p>Hawker Culture in Singapore was successfully inscribed as Singapore's first element on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) of Humanity.</p> <p>Mr Yeo Kirk Siang, Director, Heritage Research and Assessment of the National Heritage Board was appointed to the Evaluation Body by UNESCO's 15th Intergovernmental Committee (IGC) for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage.</p>
<b>Activities in 2019</b>	
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 Detroit neighbourhoods that address safety and walkability, the Detroit Core District organised the inaugural edition of the Detroit City of Design Competition which was open to all designers from the UNESCO Creative Cities of Design. Dr Erwin Viray, Head of Pillar for Architecture and Sustainable Design at the

	<p>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.</p>
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	<p>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.</p>
27 March	<p>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.</p>
2 - 3 May	<p>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 their 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.</p>
11 May – 9 June	<p>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.</p>

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	<p>Temasek Polytechnic accepted as a member of the UNEVOC Network</p> <p>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 exchange of best practices among TVET officials, teachers, and stakeholders in the country.</p>
6 - 7 June	<p>Mr Charles Lim (BAC member and Rapporteur to the IGBC for 2018-2019) led a delegation to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC) in Paris, France.</p> <p>The main agenda item 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”.</p> <p>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.</p>
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, which were set up in the heart of the city centre, and in the main cities of the Marche region. Representatives shared their knowledge, experiences and visions, highlighting the important role design plays as a catalyst in the transformation of 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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	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 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Competences to Global Citizenship and Global Competences” by the

	<p>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 26<sup>th</sup> session of the IBC held in Bangkok, Thailand.</p> <p>The session was held in conjunction with a Conference on the Ethics of Science &amp; 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 contribute to a more harmonious and sustainable relationship between people and people, people and society, and people 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</p>

	<p>Health Systems to address healthcare issues by creating a network of three wellness and care centres 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	Huamin Primary School participated in UNESCO's survey on intangible cultural heritage.
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	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.
17 - 20 September	<p>Ms Yeo Piah Choo, Director (International Relations &amp; 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 a panel during Detroit Homecoming, happening on 20 September. She shared with an audience of returning Detroit expats on how Singapore has benefited from its membership of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network – in particular 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 <sup>nd</sup> Tokyo Convention Committee Meeting and Regional Workshop on Launching the Asia-Pacific in Bangkok.
1 - 3 October	<p>4<sup>th</sup> 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, which 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 <sup>th</sup> 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	<p>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> <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	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”.
12- 27 November	40 <sup>th</sup> UNESCO General Conference, Paris, France
6 December	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.
8 – 14 December	14 <sup>th</sup> session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, Bogota, Colombia
<b>Activities in 2018</b>	
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"> <li>1. Sydney City of Film (Create NSW)</li> <li>2. Melbourne City of Literature (City of Literature Office)</li> <li>3. Adelaide City of Music (Adelaide Festival Centre)</li> <li>4. Singapore City of Design (DesignSingapore Council)</li> </ol> <p>This inaugural cross-disciplinary collaboration saw creatives from the four UNESCO cities co-creating design projects inspired by music, literature and film, in response to the theme “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” of the UNESCO Mobile Learning Week 2018 at UNESCO Headquarters. Mr Adrian Lim, Director (Digital Participation and Foresight)/IMDA, was</p>

	<p>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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 good 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 42<sup>nd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> Singapore International Water Week (SIWW) was held in conjunction with the 5<sup>th</sup> World Cities Summit and the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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>
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 P!D 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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"> <li>• Identify various models of multi-stakeholder engagement in entrepreneurship education</li> <li>• Share good practices of stakeholder engagement in entrepreneurship education in primary, secondary, tertiary and non-formal education, with special reference to women entrepreneurship</li> <li>• Showcase selected student enterprises</li> <li>• Discuss potential areas of joint activities to enhance multi-stakeholder engagement in entrepreneurship education</li> </ul>
15 - 18 October	<p>Ms Yeo Piah Choo, Director (International Relations &amp; 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 &amp; 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</p>

	<p>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 &amp; 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 particular focus in enhancing scientific and policy capacity on 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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>

