

## ANNEX A

### STATEMENT FROM MINISTRY OF CULTURE, COMMUNITY AND YOUTH

1 We would like to thank all members of the Citizens' Workgroup for their commitment and contribution to this project. Integrating newcomers is a two-way process that we all can play a part in, and the dedication of the Citizens' Workgroup over the past seven months is testimony to how we can work in partnership with one another to promote a common understanding of our culture, values, and social norms.

2 The Workgroup's report, produced collectively by a diverse team of Singaporeans, exemplifies the ethos of citizens working with each other to shape our shared future together. It demonstrates how individuals from different walks of life can come together to deliberate and develop ideas around important issues, appreciate diverse perspectives, and find common ground.

3 The Workgroup's report will contribute to the enhancement of the Singapore Citizenship Journey (SCJ). Some preliminary ideas on where the content could be incorporated into the SCJ include:

- (a) the SCJ e-Journey;
- (b) the handbook for naturalised citizens;
- (c) Community Sharing Sessions<sup>1</sup>; and
- (d) the SCJ Introduction to Service to Community programme.<sup>2</sup>

4 We will provide a formal response to the Citizens' Workgroup in January 2021. This will be published on MCCY's website alongside the Workgroup's report and include updates on how the content will be incorporated into the enhanced SCJ

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<sup>1</sup> The Community Sharing Session is one of the three components of the SCJ where naturalised citizens get to meet fellow residents and Grassroots Leaders (GRLs) from their own constituency. During the session, participants share their hopes and aspirations for Singapore and also learn more about how they can actively participate in building community together.

<sup>2</sup> This is a pilot half-day volunteer programme which introduces participants to community service and volunteerism in Singapore, and aims to encourage active citizenry and strengthen participants' understanding and appreciation of being part of a diverse and inclusive society.

programme for naturalised citizens, as well as other citizenship education and civic engagement initiatives. We will invite the Citizens' Workgroup to do a walk-through of the revamped e-Journey with us.

5 We invite Singaporeans to share their thoughts on how this report can be used to inspire other ground-up initiatives for a more cohesive and inclusive Singapore, via the IDEAS! Portal (<https://www.ideas.gov.sg/public/cwscj>) by 28 December 2020.

## ANNEX B

### SUMMARY OF KEY FACTS AND FIGURES OF THE CITIZENS' WORKGROUP

	Phase 1	Phase 2
<b>Total Sign-ups</b>	245	NA
<b>Number of Participants</b>	93	69
<b>Number of Facilitators</b> <i>[volunteers from various Government agencies]</i>	33	11
<b>Male / Females</b>	Male: 59% Female: 41%	Male: 62% Female: 38%
<b>Occupation Diversity</b>  <i>*includes students, homemakers, retirees</i>	In both Phase 1 and 2, the participants came from a wide range of occupational backgrounds such as PMETs, frontline/clerical workers, public servants, homemakers, students and retirees.	
<b>Racial Diversity</b>	Chinese – 69% Indian – 14% Malay – 12% Others – 5%	Chinese – 64% Indian – 16% Malay – 15% Others – 5%
<b>Number of Naturalised Citizens</b>	14 (15%)	11 (16%)
<b>Oldest / Youngest Workgroup members</b> <i>[for both Phase 1 and Phase 2]</i>	73 years old 17 years old	

<p><b>Timeline / Time Spent</b></p> <p><i>*Hours stated here are based on engagement sessions. Group members had to put in additional hours for further discussions and report writing.</i></p>	<p>Over 15 hours* across 5 sessions</p>	<p>Over 12 hours* across 4 sessions</p>
<p><b>Average response from Workgroup on the engagement sessions</b></p>	<p>82% agree session was good/ very good</p>	
<p><b>Platforms used</b></p>	<p>8 platforms were used across 7 months:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Menti</li> <li>2. Padlet</li> <li>3. Kahoot</li> <li>4. Zoom</li> <li>5. Facebook</li> <li>6. Telegram</li> <li>7. WhatsApp</li> <li>8. Google Drive</li> </ol>	

## ANNEX C

### **ABOUT THE SINGAPORE CITIZENSHIP JOURNEY**

1 The Singapore Citizenship Journey (SCJ) is a mandatory programme for new citizens who have been granted in-principle approval for Singapore citizenship.

2 The SCJ helps enrich naturalised citizens' understanding of the key milestones in Singapore's history and development, deepens their appreciation of Singaporean norms and values, and provides opportunities for meaningful interaction with the local community. It consists of online learning modules, experiential learning programmes and community interaction opportunities. The SCJ culminates in a citizenship ceremony to officially welcome naturalised citizens as full-fledged members of our Singaporean family.

3 Naturalised citizens have up to two months to complete the online learning, experiential learning and community interaction components of the SCJ before they can complete citizenship formalities and receive their pink National Registration Identity Cards and citizenship certifications.

4 The SCJ is a collaboration between Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, the National Integration Council, the People's Association and the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority of Singapore.

5 For more information, visit:

<https://www.nationalintegrationcouncil.gov.sg/citizenship/singapore-citizenship-journey>