

A New Sporting Vision for Singapore



The Pre-Qualification Document for the Singapore Sports Hub at Kallang (also known as the Sports & Leisure Infrastructure Public Private Partnership Project) is targeted for release by fourth quarter of 2005. The purpose of the Pre-Qualification Document is to ensure that consortium members will select partners that are best suited to meet the requirements for the Project.

The Singapore Sports Hub, in particular the National Stadium, is envisaged to be a international architectural icon, reflecting Singapore's status as a vibrant global city. The Sports Hub should also reflect our unique cosmopolitan Asian identity as well as the country's dedication to sporting excellence.

The Sports Hub is expected to offer exciting modern lifestyle opportunities through a cluster of world-class venues that cater both to international sporting and entertainment events, and for daily community use. It will form a part of the Marina Bay attractions, and will enhance Singapore's reputation as a destination of choice for sporting and entertainment events.

Excellent Location of Sports Hub Site

Kallang is an optimal site for the Sports Hub due to its prominent waterfront location within the city as well as its well-developed transport infrastructure and ability to accommodate the required facilities' footprints. The Site is well-connected by major roads and expressways e.g. East Coast Parkway and Nicoll Highway. It is also linked to a rapid transit network via the future Circle Line and the existing East-West Line. The Circle Line which is anticipated to be fully operational by 2010, is an underground orbital line linking all radial lines leading to the city. Stadium Circle Line station is located adjacent to the Site along Stadium Boulevard and two other stations, Mountbatten Circle Line station and Kallang EW Line station are located about 500m to the east and north of the Site respectively.

The Sports Hub also enjoys superb water frontage to Kallang Basin (Figure 1). The Kallang Basin is actively used for muscle-powered water sports such as canoeing and kayaking. Kampong Bugis is also used as a practice area for wakeboarding enthusiasts. These water sports activities will provide good synergy with the sports activities to be held within the Sports Hub.

The Project site is surrounded by good quality housing such as Dakota estate to the east and prime waterfront housing at Tanjong Rhu to the south and future

housing to the north. Adjacent to the Sports Hub site, the Singapore Sports Council (SSC) is currently managing some existing sports facilities such as the tennis centre, netball centre, cricket field as well as ancillary food and beverage outlets. The SSC is studying the plans for these sports facilities to see how it can better achieve synergies with the Sports Hub.

The privately owned Leisure Park at Kallang will be demolished and be rebuilt by 2007. The new Leisure Park will introduce new retail space, a cineplex, and facilities like an ice-skating rink and bowling alleys that will complement the Sports Hub.

Figure 1: Sports Hub in the context of Kallang Basin, Marina Bay, Marina Channel and the Singapore River

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