

STATIC 1 GROUP – OPEN

SECOND PLACE

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TITLE OF SUBMISSION: Crystal balling into Singapore's future

SUMMARY: Our submission is an essay that describes what Singapore would be like in the future. We examine different aspects of how Singapore could progress and develop, We had a lot of fun writing this essay and it truly prompted us to think more about how we can play an active role in shaping the future of Singapore!

Singapore, set in the future, has the potential to be anything we dream of. For one, we dream of a Singapore, one that is progressive, inclusive, and kind.

A Singapore where the uniqueness of everyone shines, where the different backgrounds, the different races, religions, the different skin colours, holds no bearing on one's success and prosperity in life. A Singapore which is kind, where people take the initiative to offer a helping hand to someone in need, where people lean on one another to finish the marathon instead of sprinting the race.

Singapore leans on the backbone of its founding fathers, those who toiled away tirelessly to lay the brick road we walk on now. The founding fathers who fought against all odds to believe in ourselves when no one did; they are the ones we owe our success to today. They dared to dream of what Singapore could be, so that we can enjoy what Singapore is today.

But this did not come without a fight. Singapore continuously faced tireless trials and tribulations, with our resilience and grit being tested time and time again. Nevertheless Singapore proudly emerged ahead, with our people fighting harder and faster each time. We worked hard to put Singapore on the map and to be recognised internationally even when we might lack the geographical land space to exert natural dominance in the world sphere.

When Singapore faced its racial riots, one that arose from soured tensions between races in Singapore, she refused to back down, learning from the experience and putting into place policies and practices that worked to ensure a similar tragedy would never again happen in our shores.

Singapore, builds on the foundation laid by our founding fathers, dreams of what the future can hold.

Singapore, one that lessens the pressure placed on students in academics, who figures out that life is so much more than paper achievements. Singaporeans start to learn to stop to smell the flowers, watch the birds soar into the sky and feel the cool air breeze brush our faces as we cycle along the various park connectors that populate our tiny island.

A Singapore that learns how to use artificial intelligence (AI) to enhance our peoples jobs, allowing us to allocate our time to things that matter more to us, like spending time with our family and taking care of our mental health. Where mindlessly slaving away behind the desk can be replaced with an AI that can do our menial and repetitive tasks faster and more accurately to push the boundaries of human limits.

Who knows? We might even have driverless cars become a common sight or drone package deliveries become commonplace. From the moment we step outside our house, convenience is enhanced by the numerous integrations cleverly worked into our city planning. When we arrive at the bus stop, it has cooling and air purification systems that provide optimal comfort to the passengers waiting for their buses. Using AI, we could even redesign our bus routes to be more efficient and extensive to provide better last mile transport to the increased number of people who will take public transport in a nationwide collective effort to be more sustainable and environmentally conscious.

Singapore continues to learn from global leaders around the world, adopting best sustainability practices to reduce carbon emissions and lengthen the lifespan of our earth. She maintains good diplomatic relations with countries around the world, lending them assistance when required and hopes that she, too, would be helped when she needs it.

Singapore, a beacon of sustainability, has urban farms sprout atop skyscrapers, where citizens can access fresh produce grown just steps away from their homes. Vertical gardens also line the walls of buildings, contributing to cleaner air, reducing carbon emissions. The city is bustling with green spaces that counters the repulsive, dull and oppressive urban concrete, where people from all walks of life gather to enjoy nature's serenity amidst the bustling city landscape.

Singapore, one that embraces and welcomes clean and green energy, is powered by renewable energy, where solar panels like rooftops and wind turbines are positioned strategically offshore. Singapore is now cleaner than ever, doing away with most of its natural gas, contributing to a greener and cleaner environment for all residents. Coined as a global trailblazer, Singapore's successful transition serves as a catalyst to accelerate global adoption of cleaner energy alternatives.

Public transportation remains the backbone of Singapore's connectivity. In our quest to reduce the number of cars on roads, Singapore continues to develop its Mass Rapid Transport system (MRT) to reach even the most remote corners of the island, allowing everyone to have convenient travels islandwide. In collaboration with sustainable efforts, electric buses and bikes have replaced traditional modes of transport, ensuring that every journey is not only efficient but also environmentally friendly. Our city's transport system is a world renowned model of efficiency, one that we are proud to have and one that others aspire to mimic.

The story of Singapore has been woven into a vibrant tapestry of traditions and modernity. Festival's celebrating our multicultural, multi-religious and multilingual society are still held throughout the year, fostering continued unity and compassion. A bustling art scene allows our residents to showcase and share their talents and creativity, giving them space to shine. The continued emphasis on cultural exchange enriches each and every one of our lives, inculcating a society that values both tradition and advancement.

In this future, Singapore continues to embody the spirit of kindness and resilience that has defined it for generations. As we forge ahead with our kampong spirit, our little red dot remains a testament to the tremendous power of dreams and the strength of community. It shines as a place where compassion meets innovation, where no man or woman is left behind, where each and every one of us play a role in shaping our brighter future together.

And so the story of Singapore continues, one fueled by the never-yielding dreams and ever-growing aspirations of its people.