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HomeTeamNS to build Smart Clubhouse of the Future

New Khatib Clubhouse will be the largest HomeTeamNS clubhouse when completed in 2020



Aerial view of the new HomeTeamNS Khatib Clubhouse

SINGAPORE, 12 July 2018 -- Come 2020, Home Team NS officers and their families can look forward to the HomeTeamNS' flagship 'Urban Retreat' clubhouse. Located within walking distance from Khatib MRT station, the \$74 million clubhouse will primarily serve HomeTeamNS members residing in the northern part of Singapore.

A Smart Clubhouse Built for Home Team NSmen

At the groundbreaking ceremony today, Mr K Shanmugam, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law, unveiled the Khatib Clubhouse's architectural and design concepts. These are anchored on the HomeTeamNS' history, mission and contributions in keeping Singapore safe and secure. The clubhouse will also be equipped with digital capabilities and eco-friendly innovations. The event was attended by about 150 guests, including President of HomeTeamNS Management Committee Mrs Josephine Teo, Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Home Affairs.

Ms Agnes Eu, Chief Executive of HomeTeamNS, said: "The new Khatib Clubhouse will feature an attractive mix of recreational offerings, as well as unique facilities which are not currently available in other HomeTeamNS clubhouses. These new offerings will cater to the changing needs and aspirations of current and future generations of NSmen and their families. We will also leverage technology to better engage our members, and provide them with a more seamless visitation experience."

She added: “More importantly, the new generation of HomeTeamNS clubhouses aim to portray the pride and distinctiveness of HomeTeamNS, and create a sense of belonging and identity in our NSmen. We believe that over time, our members will come to see our clubhouses as a natural place to meet and bond.”

Enhancing Members’ Experience with Improved Digital Capabilities

The Khatib Clubhouse will be digitally-enabled to create a seamless online-to-offline experience for members. For example, renewal of membership, payments and booking of facilities can be performed with greater ease, with self-service kiosks and ‘chatbots’ to assist members.

In addition, HomeTeamNS is partnering POSB to pilot cashless transaction solutions, which will be integrated with the IT infrastructure of future HomeTeamNS clubhouses. The pilot will be carried out at a HomeTeamNS clubhouse later this year.

Eco-Friendly Clubhouse Powered by Green Innovations

The Khatib Clubhouse will feature various green innovations, such as charging stations for electric cars, solar panels, smart lighting controls, rainwater harvesting and an eco-filtration swimming pool. These eco-friendly features will help to ensure an energy-efficient Khatib Clubhouse.

Unique Facilities Purposefully Built for the NS community

The Khatib Clubhouse will feature three unique purpose-built facilities for the Home Team NS community:

- **Indoor Adventure Hub:** The 2,800sqm anchor facility occupies 4-storeys of space in the Khatib Clubhouse. The all-weather facility, which is also open to the general public, features dynamic obstacle and aerial elements designed for cohesion-bonding and team-building activities.
- **Tactical Simulator:** The tactical simulator aims to provide a realistic urban training environment for Home Team NS officers to hone their tactical marksmanship and analytical skills. The first of its kind in Singapore, this indoor facility is also open to the general public for recreational use.
- **Man caves:** The four “man caves” are designed as comfortable hangout spaces for past and present NS officers to gather, rekindle friendships and build camaraderie. The “man caves” will feature HomeTeamNS heritage memorabilia to foster a sense of pride and belonging in the Home Team NS community.

“In the planning of the Khatib Clubhouse, HomeTeamNS extensively consulted NSmen and took in many views and suggestions. This is truly, a clubhouse built for NSmen, by NSmen,” said COL (NS) Jorge Lau, Co-Chairman, Khatib Clubhouse Development Committee.

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About HomeTeamNS

HomeTeamNS is a non-profit organisation set up to recognise the invaluable contributions of the Singapore Police Force (SPF) and Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) NSmen to the safety and security of the nation. HomeTeamNS aims to build a greater sense of camaraderie amongst SPF and SCDF NSmen by providing a shared environment for them to network and build bonds through sporting and social activities.

HomeTeamNS has a membership base of over 200,000 NSmen, with five clubhouses conveniently located at Balestier, Bukit Batok, Chinatown, Tampines and Sembawang. For more information, please visit www.hometeamns.sg.

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