新大校舍8月启用

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耗资4亿2600万元建设的新加坡管理大学市区校园即将在8月启用。到时候，公众可避免日晒雨淋，从史丹福路／维多利亚街一端的李光前商学院，走到勿拉士峇沙路另一端的龙都大酒店，整个路程只需10多分钟。

几年后，当地铁环线的美术馆站竣工后，公众还可直接从地铁站走入新大校园，在那里用餐、逛书店、到其庭院欣赏艺术表演，甚至到公园活动，接近大自然。

新大校舍的最大特色是其开放式的设计，除了学生，公众也能使用所有在校舍底层和一楼的设施，例如地下走道两旁的书店、食阁、小吃店、咖啡座及庭园等。二楼以上楼层不对外开放，是给师生专用。

校园主要由六栋建筑物组成，包括：李光前商学院、李嘉诚图书馆、经济与社会科学学院、会计学院、资讯系统学院及行政中心。各栋建筑物之间有一条冷气地下走道，连接四周的建筑物和地铁站。

校园发展处处长符悦生透露，未来有需要的话，地下走道最终会延伸至莱佛士城以及另一端的多美歌地铁站，成为一个真正四通八达的地下网络。

![新加坡管理大学的地下通道网络](image_url)
底层设施对外开放

新大校舍的建设工程估计到8月开学时，将有九成完工。稍迟完工的部分包括屋顶泳池等。

在昨天举行的校舍交接仪式上，新大校长霍华德亨特（Howard Hunter）教授说，随着市区校园的落成，新大将加入其他著名的大学行列，如纽约大学及伦敦大学学院，为新加坡的市区增添更多活力与朝气。

新大的另一特色是十分强调校园的绿化工作。校方希望人们从街上望过去的新大，是一幅绿意盎然的画面。只要是面向公园或庭院的设施都会采用更多玻璃窗设计，让师生有机会欣赏花草树木。

另外，新大也在建校过程中展开老树保留计划，以确保公园内的绿色遗产不会被牺牲掉。

新大将从这个月开始陆续进行搬迁工作。下个月31日将举行象征式的迁校仪式，正式告别使用了5年的武吉知马校园。

副总理陈庆炎日前宣布，武吉知马校舍将归还给新加坡国立大学，作为法学院和商学院校舍。
何光平：正与有关部门商谈附近空置组屋可改成学生宿舍

新大主席何光平表示，宿舍生活是大学生的难得体验，因此他们正和不同政府部门洽谈，希望获准接管和改建校园附近的空置组屋，旧店铺或其他旧政府建筑等，以转换成学生宿舍用途。

他说，校方两年前宣布在裕廊西，距离湖畔地铁站约10分钟的地方，建设有300个床位宿舍的消息后，收到很多反对的意见，促使他们决定放弃原定计划，尝试向政府争取把宿舍设在市区里。

“我们也觉得把学生宿舍设在市区里是更好的做法，因为这将使夜晚的市区也同样具有生气。”

校长亨特教授透露，市区宿舍并非只为外国学生提供方便，本地学生也有机会申请住宿，新大的长远目标是未来6000多名学生当中，有25%学生入住宿舍。

虽然目前还无法确定宿舍的地点，但亨特教授透露，校园附近的布连拾街和肃街的空置组屋和旧政府建筑，都是极有可能的选择。一切顺利的话，宿舍应该可在明年投入运作。

建屋发展局在回答本报询问时指出，除了百胜楼外，该区的空置组屋都已归还给政府，不属建屋局管辖，而建屋局并没有计划要迁走百胜楼的租户和居民。
The $426m SMU city campus will be operational from August this year. The public can avoid rain or the hot sun and walk from the Lee Kong Chian School of Business at Stamford Road and Victoria Street to the Rendezvous Hotel at the other end of Bras Basah Road in just 10 minutes.

When the Museum Circle Line station is ready in a few years' time, the public can even walk straight into the campus from the MRT station to dine, browse bookstores, enjoy art performances or get close to nature in the open greenery.

The most interesting characteristic of the city campus is its open concept where not only students but also members of the public can access the facilities at the concourse and ground level. Future bookstores, foodcourts, eateries, cafes and courtyards located in the concourse are all open to the public. Facilities from the second level upwards are for faculty and students.

The city campus comprises six buildings: Lee Kong Chian School of Business, Li Ka-shing Library, School of Economics and Social Sciences, School of Accountancy, School of Information Systems and Administration Building. The buildings are interconnected through an air-conditioned concourse as well as to the future MRT station.

Director for Campus Development Mr Foo Yit San revealed that, should the need arise in the future, the concourse might be extended to connect to Raffles City and Dhoby Gaut MRT interchange.

The city campus is expected to reach 90% completion by August. Some other parts which would be completed later include the rooftop swimming pool.

At the handover ceremony yesterday, SMU President Professor Howard Hunter said that with the completion of the city campus, SMU would join the ranks of other city universities such as New York University and London’s University College. SMU will add vibrancy and energy to the city.

The other unique characteristic of the city campus is its emphasis on preserving the green lungs. SMU hopes that the view of the campus from the streets would be one of full of greenery. Besides, the campus uses maximum glass windows to let faculty and students have optimal view of the surrounding trees.

SMU has also preserved many old trees in the open areas, to ensure that the original greenery is not lost.

SMU will move into the city campus in phases in June. On June 31, SMU will organize a symbolic move to bid farewell to the Bukit Timah campus which it has occupied for the last five years.

Deputy Prime Minister Dr Tony Tan has announced that the Bukit Timah campus will be returned to NUS to become its law and business schools.
Ho Kwon Ping: In talks with authorities to convert nearby vacant flats to hostels

SMU Chairman Mr Ho Kwon Ping said that the university is currently in talks with various government agencies to obtain approval to retrofit vacant flats, shophouses or old government buildings in the vicinity and manage them as hostels for SMU students. This is because hostel life is a valuable experience for university students.

He added that when SMU first announced plans two years ago to construct a 300-bed hostel in Jurong West, 10 minutes from the Lakeside MRT station, there were many objections. As a result, SMU abandoned the idea and attempted to seek approval for a city hostel.

“We feel that it is an even better idea to situate the hostel within the city as this will bring life to the city in the evenings,” said Mr Ho.

SMU President Professor Howard Hunter explained that the city hostel is for both foreign and local students. SMU’s long term target is to have 6,000 students, of which 25% can have a place in the hostel.

The exact location of the hostel is still uncertain but Professor Hunter said that the vacant flats and old government buildings at nearby Prinsep Street and Short Street are possibilities. If all goes well, works on the hostels can begin next year.

In response to media queries, HDB said that with the exception of Bras Basah Complex, vacant HDB flats in the vicinity have been returned to the government and are not managed by the HDB anymore. HDB also clarified that there are no plans to relocate tenants and residents in the Bras Basah Complex.