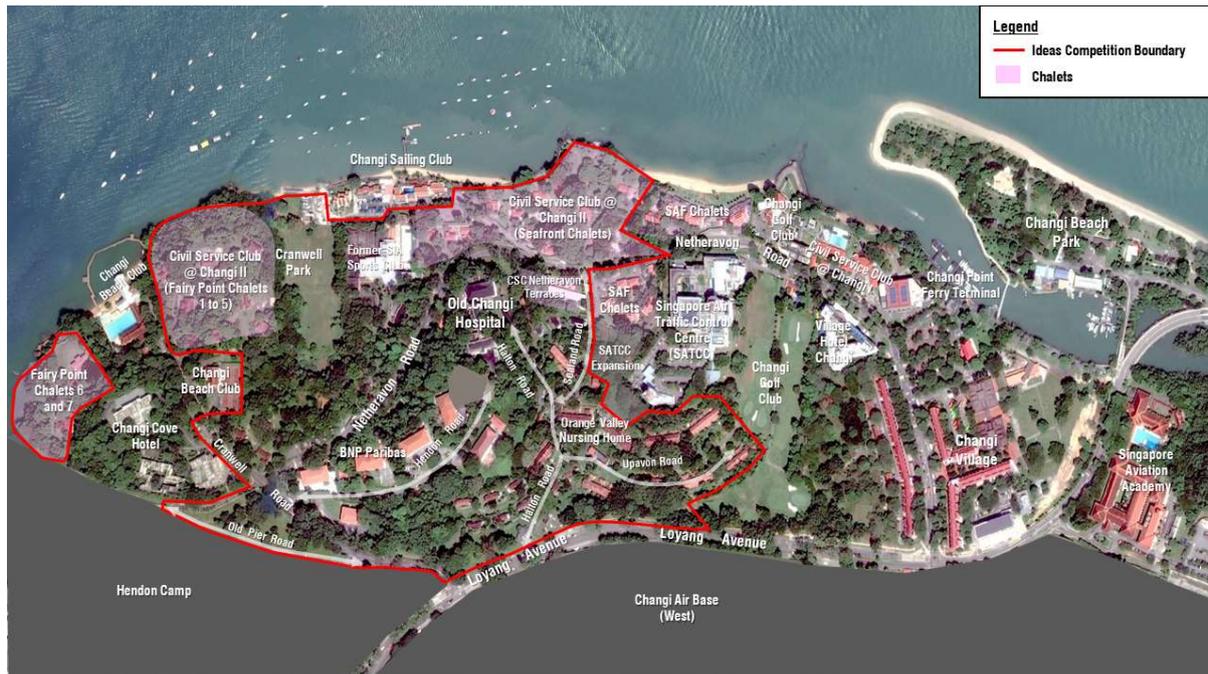


## Location

Changi Point is located at the eastern end of Singapore, bounded by the Straits of Johor, Loyang Avenue, Old Pier Road, and Telok Paku Road. The area for the Ideas Competition is approximately 42 ha within Changi Point, bounded by Loyang Avenue and Changi Air Base (West) to the south and Changi Golf Club to the east.



## Background of Changi Point

### PAST

In the 1800s, thick vegetation covered most of Changi Point. In 1926, the British army drew up plans to establish Changi Point as a military base for artillery batteries to protect Singapore's eastern front of the Johor Straits. Construction of the military buildings and barracks began in 1927. These included administrative buildings, barracks, amenities and residences for military personnel. The siting and design of these military buildings respected the existing terrain as well as capitalised on views of the surroundings.

During the Japanese Occupation from 1942 to 1945, the Changi area and its barracks were used as prisoner-of-war (POW) camps up to 1944 when the POWs were moved to Changi Prison, with many of the interned put to work by the Japanese.

After WWII, the Royal Air Force (RAF) took over the airstrip and buildings at Changi Point to establish RAF Changi in 1946. An RAF hospital was also established in 1947 using Station Sick Quarters and a former barrack block. This eventually became the Old Changi Hospital. Additional residential buildings and recreational facilities were built in the spaces between the pre-war buildings at Changi Point to serve RAF soldiers and their families. These included improvements to the existing Officers' Club and Yacht Club with swimming pools and a golf course added as well.

Following the withdrawal of the British military in 1971, the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) took over most of the military administrative buildings and the remaining buildings were put to alternative recreational and residential uses.

Towards the east, a market was built in 1975 and a new public housing estate was completed by 1981 on the site of the existing Changi Village.

### ***PRESENT***

Changi Point today is a laid-back getaway for locals and tourists alike, who arrive to take a ferry to Pulau Ubin from Changi Village, or to enjoy the various recreational facilities including Changi Beach Club, and chalets under Civil Service Club and Singapore Armed Forces (SAF). F&B establishments at Changi Village, including the famous Changi Village hawker centre, are popular with residents of the area and visitors. Being a designated Tree Conservation Area (TCA), Changi Point is also home to numerous heritage trees which makes it popular among nature lovers.

Most buildings in Changi Point presently house clusters of commercial and residential properties.