ENHANCEMENT WORKS IN CIVIC DISTRICT

The Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) has carried out a series of enhancement works to create a greener, safer and more walkable park setting within the Civic District. The works, which were carried out in two phases, have helped to stitch together the spaces around Padang and better link up the Asian Civilisations Museum (ACM), Victoria Theatre & Victoria Concert Hall (VTVCH), the National Gallery Singapore (NGS), Empress Place and Esplanade Park as an integrated arts, culture and lifestyle precinct.

Phase 2 enhancements to be completed by end Dec:

- Children's playground at Esplanade Park, featuring swings, see-saw, spinner, slide and musical bells
- Restroom facilities at Esplanade Park
- Additional landscaping works to provide more greenery at Esplanade Park
- Lighting, power and water points at Esplanade Park to support outdoor events
- Way-finding signs at key points within the precinct
- Pedestrianisation of one side of Anderson Bridge (lane towards St Andrew's Road)
- Wider footpaths along Fullerton Road, Connaught Drive and St Andrew's Road by narrowing the roads from four lanes into two using movable granite pallets.

Enhancements completed in Phase 1 (end 2015):

- Jubilee Walk with trail markers to tell the story of Singapore's progress from past to present, and into the future
- A more spacious Empress Lawn in front of the Asian Civilisations Museum and Victoria Theatre & Victoria Concert Hall
- Pedestrianisation of Empress Place and Old Parliament Lane
- Narrowing down of Connaught Drive and repaving in granite pavers
- Waterfront stepped plazas at Asian Civilisations Museum and Queen Elizabeth Walk

- Improved landscaping with the planting of five new Angsana trees in Esplanade Park which was once a favourite meeting spot for dating couples in the 1960s (or popularly known as "gor zhan chiu kar" in Hokkien)
- New lighting and street furniture with mobile phone charging points. Power and water points at Empress Lawn provided to support outdoor events