

New facilities in Yuhua after \$2m Revamp

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Minister for Culture, Community and Youth Grace Fu lending a hand with cleaning up at Yuhua Village Market and Food Centre as part of an outreach programme to encourage diners to return their trays after meals.
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Residents of the Yuhua neighbourhood in Jurong stand to benefit from a host of new and improved facilities, now that a \$2 million neighbourhood upgrading project is complete.

Bicycle racks, exercise corners, and new street furniture are just some of the new amenities that the 35,000 residents of the area can enjoy at Yuhua Village - located in Jurong East Street 24.

Residents have been enjoying the new facilities since August, but the improvements were officially unveiled yesterday during the completion ceremony for the Remaking of Heartland upgrading project.

Madam Maimumah Aman, 59, a Yuhua resident of 30 years, said: "The upgraded facilities could encourage more families to gather (at Yuhua Village) and spend more time together. It's also good that there are more benches around, especially for senior citizens."

Minister for Culture, Community and Youth Grace Fu, who is also MP for Yuhua, was guest of honour at the event. She told reporters: "I'm so happy to see facilities catering to the elderly... The facilities are very close to the hawker centre and wet market, so I hope that as they come by... they will stop to do some simple exercises."

Yesterday's completion ceremony, held at the auspicious time of 9.09am, was organised in conjunction with the neighbourhood's environmental programme - Clean and Green Week @ Yuhua.

As part of the outreach programme, Ms Fu planted trees with grassroots leaders and donned an apron at the hawker centre with volunteers to promote table cleaning and tray return.

One volunteer was Yuhua Primary School pupil Solaimuthu Deepan, 12, who said: "We should be considerate to the cleaners and help them by carrying the trays to one point, instead of having them go table to table."

Housewife Lim Yumei, 34, added: "By clearing the table, it makes it more convenient for other diners to use the table."

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