

新大设亚洲都市研究所 探索可持续发展解决方案

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随着亚洲城市的都市化发展，城市的政策制定者须在城市发展、复原力和可持续发展之间取得平衡。新加坡管理大学设立都市研究所，在关注城市基础设施发展的基础上，探究可持续发展的解决方案。

新大星期三（1月17日）宣布成立一个以亚洲城市为研究重点的都市研究所（Urban Institute）。

这个研究所将围绕“城市基础设施”“城市发展”和“城市生活”等主要议题，制定多学科和跨学科的研究项目。研究所不仅关注基础设施的发展，还将考虑城市化进程中的社会文化问

题，以及平衡城市发展与可持续发展之间的问题。

新大董事会主席高博德指出，从人口迁移带来的人口结构变化，到教育和就业需求的不断增长，城市发展面临诸多的挑战。新旧城市建设做法的并存也增加了城市建设的复杂性。都市研究所将促进解决社会问题的应用研究，为城市规划师、设计师、经济学家、社会科学家和政策制定者等提供一个探索解决方案的平台。

研究所跨越城市地理学、城市与行为经济学、公共政策、运营管理和地理空间数据分析等领域，将整合新大现有的城市相关研究，并开辟新的研究方向。新

大校长江莉莉教授说，研究所的成立标志着将超越单一学科的局限，开展多学科和跨学科合作研究，为亚洲城市规划和可持续发展提供解决方案。

沈颖：借鉴优秀方案 促进与邻国经验交流

新大当天也与泰国国立政法大学（Thammasat University）设计学院签署谅解备忘录，促进数据、文献和研究材料的交换，学生和研究人员交流，以及研讨会和讨论会的举办。新大接下来还希望与泰国、印度尼西亚、越南等国的利益相关方建立更多的伙伴关系。

国家发展部兼外交部高级政

务部长沈颖在致辞中指出，新加坡在城市规划中，必须考虑气候变化、基础设施老化、土地资源有限等因素的影响，而城市之间更深入、更广泛的对话与合作是有益的，新加坡可以从借鉴其他城市的优秀方案。

她说，新加坡在建国初期，曾经历人口密度大、交通拥堵、环境污染和水资源紧缺等一系列挑战，新加坡的解决方案也可以为其他面临相似问题的城市提供经验。

沈颖说：“新大都市研究所将促进新加坡和邻国之间的经验和研究交流，并且在创造更好地生活环境方面，为政策制定者和实践者提供帮助。”



国家发展部兼外交部高级政务部长沈颖（右三）出席新大都市研究所成立仪式。左起为新大都市研究所主任伍兹副教授、教务长柯莫西教授、董事会主席高博德、校长江莉莉教授和副教务长（研究）米斯拉教授。（海峡时报）

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SMU launches Urban Institute to explore sustainable development solutions

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Photo caption: Ms Sim Ann, Senior Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and National Development attended the launch of SMU's Urban Institute. Assoc Prof Orlando Woods, Director of SMU Urban Institute (from left); Prof Timothy Clarke, Provost of SMU; Mr Piyush Gupta, SMU Chairman; Prof Lily Kong, President of SMU and Prof Acham Misra, Vice Provost (Research) of SMU. (ST PHOTO)

As Asian cities urbanise, urban policy-makers need to balance urban growth with resilience and sustainability. Singapore Management University (SMU) has established an Urban Institute (UI) to explore sustainable development solutions, paying particular attention to the development of urban infrastructure.

SMU announced on 17 Jan (Wed) the establishment of Urban Institute which focused on the study of Asian cities.

This institute will craft a multi- and interdisciplinary research agenda organised around the key themes of Urban Infrastructure, Urban Growth and Urban Life. The research institute will look beyond the development of infrastructure, and consider as well the socio-cultural aspects of urbanisation, and the balance between urban growth and sustainability.

Mr. Piyush Gupta, SMU Chairman pointed out that city developments faced numerous challenges, from demographic shifts due to migration to the rising demand for access to education and jobs. The juxtaposition of old and new city-making practices also adds an additional layer of complexity. The Urban Institute will promote applied research that addresses societal problems by creating a platform for urban planners, designers, economists, social scientists, and policymakers to come together and collaboratively explore solutions.

Spanning urban geography, urban and behavioural economics, public policy, operations management and geospatial data analytics, UI will consolidate SMU's existing urban-related research and generate new research directions. SMU President Professor Lily Kong said, the Institute's establishment extends beyond the confines of single disciplines and to forge collaborative multi- and interdisciplinary research, providing solutions for urban planning and development for Asia cities.

Sim Ann: Learn from excellent solutions

Promote exchanges with neighbouring countries

At the same event, SMU also inked a Memorandum of Understanding with Thailand's Thammasat University's Design School. Under the partnership agreement, SMU and

Thammasat have agreed to facilitate the exchange of data, documentation and research materials; the exchange of students and researchers; as well as the joint organisation of seminars and symposiums. Looking ahead, SMU hopes to develop more partnerships with stakeholders in Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, and beyond.

In her speech, Senior Minister of State for National Development and Foreign Affairs, Ms Sim Ann pointed out that urban planning and design in Singapore must consider the impact of climate change, ageing infrastructure, and limited land resources, among other factors, there is also benefit in having deeper and broader conversations and collaboration, among cities, as Singapore can learn and adapt good practices from others.

She said, in the early days of Singapore's independence, Singapore experienced a series of urban challenges, such as overcrowding, traffic congestion, environmental pollution, floods, and water shortages. Singapore's solutions can also provide lessons for other cities facing similar problems.

SMS Sim said, "SMU's Urban Institute will play an important role in promoting the exchange of experience and research between Singapore and our regional neighbours, and in helping policymakers and practitioners create a better built environment for all."