



Stadium Sports Story

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Known for its state-of-the-art sports facilities, the Kallang area is Singapore's main region for all kinds of sports, ranging from racket-based sports to water activities. The artwork captures the energy and excitement that characterise Singapore's growing sports scene.

The former Singapore stadium, opened in 1973, was Singapore's first national stadium. Recognised for its iconic grandstands, it aimed to bring people together by promoting sports. It served as the focal point for all sporting and celebratory events, from the remarkable Malaysia Cup in 1990, South East Asian Games, to concerts of popular singers like Michael Jackson, Mariah Carey and A-Mei. The stadium was also the venue for several National Day Parades between 1976 and 2006, a year before its closure in 2007. The stadium instilled a strong sense of unity amongst Singaporeans, and sparked the start of the celebratory Kallang wave and roar, pictured on the bottom right of the artwork.

The precincts of Kallang is also home to prominent sports centres such as Kallang Squash and Tennis Centre, OCBC Aquatic Centre, and The Cage, which are popular facilities frequented by sports enthusiasts.

The artwork also features several of our many Singaporean athletes, both old and new, and their various sports: Fandi Ahmad (Football), Loh Kean Yew (Badminton), Shanti Pereira (Track and Field) and Yip Pin Xiu (Swimming) all of whom contributed to our community's vibrant sporting spirit.

The Kallang River, Singapore's longest river dating back to the 1800s, is also notable element of the Kallang area. The 10 kilometer-long river starts from Lower Peirce Reservoir and flows through industrial and residential areas such as Toa Payoh, Bishan, Bendemeer, and Kallang Bahru before merging at the Sports Hub vicinity in the Kallang Basin. Once a gathering place for Orang Kallang and other early settlers, the river has now been transformed into a tranquil landscape featuring activities such as kayaking and dragon boating.