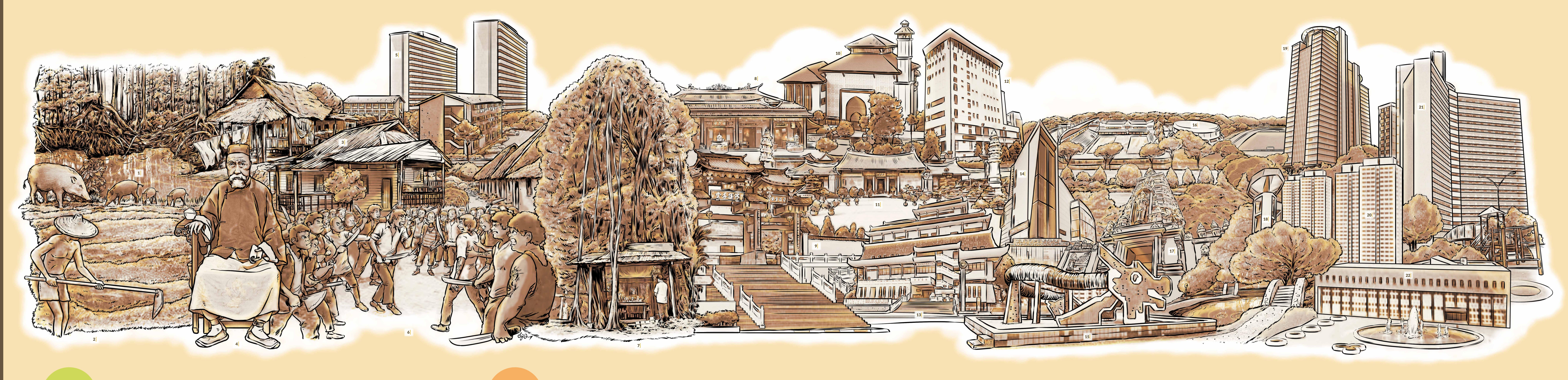
Toa Payoh has the distinction of being the first town to be entirely designed and built by the Housing and Development Board



immigrants from China, who lodged at these huts upon arrival and while

a successful pepper and gambier plantation owner. He was the founder of

As Singapore began to urbanise in the early 1960s, the first housing estate to be built by the Housing and Development Board was

6 "CHICAGO OF SINGAPORE" Toa Payoh earned the name "Chicago of Singapore" as it was home to some of the largest crime syndicates and gangs. Secret societies were notorious for frequent gang fights.

constructed in Toa Payoh.

Japanese Occupation, a new temple was built in 1959.

The famous immovable Ficus tree stood steadfast despite efforts to clear the area during the redevelopment of Toa Payoh in the early 1960s. It was felled by lightning in 2013, and a shrine was constructed around the remains of the tree.

The United Temple, known as Wu He Miao ("Five United Temples" in Mandarin), was completed in 1974 to house five different temples founded by, and catering to, different dialect groups during Toa Payoh's

11 SHUANG LIN MONASTERY Shuang Lin Monastery, the first major landmark in Toa Payoh, was built on completed by 1908, making it Singapore's oldest Buddhist monastery. hut in Hup Choon Hng Kampong. It was completed in 1942. After the

Mount Alvernia Hospital was founded in 1961 by the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood (FMDM) who envisioned a hospital for all regardless of race, religion or social status. Masjid Muhajirin, completed in April 1977, was the first mosque to be built with financial contributions from the Mosque Building Fund scheme

Originally known as Chung Hwa Free Clinic when it opened in1978, Chung Hwa Medical Institution houses a TCM clinic, a TCM college, a drugs research institute and an acupuncture research institute.

The Toa Payoh Methodist Church began in 1968 as an evangelical outreach project by the Wesley Methodist Church and St Andrew's Cathedral. The current church building was completed in 1973.

One of the first playgrounds designed by the HDB, Toa Payoh's dragon playground was built in 1979 and is one of the most nostalgic reminders of early playgrounds built in the heartlands of Singapore.

South East Asian Peninsular Games. The complex consists of a stadium, a swimming complex and a sports hall. The facilities are used for competitive training and public use.

Founded in the late 1800s, the Sri Vairavimada Kaliaman Temple is one of the oldest Hindu temples in Singapore, it was relocated several times before moving to its present site in Toa Payoh in 1977.

Toa Payoh Town Park, previously known as Toa Payoh Town Garden, is best known for its 25m-tall observation tower and willow-fringed ponds.

Built in the 1970s, it is one of the oldest parks located in a residential

The HDB Hub is a retail and commercial development that is integrated

with an air-conditioned bus interchange and MRT station. Since 2003, the headquarters of the HDB is also located here.

led it to be dubbed a "VIP block".

Four point blocks in the heart of Toa Payoh served as accommodation for athletes during the 1973 South East Asian Peninsular Games. Blocks 175, 179, 191 and 193 were sold to the public after the completion of the

The Toa Payoh Public Library, formerly known as Toa Payoh
Community Library and Toa Payoh Branch Library, was opened on
7 February 1974. The building once housed the Secretariat for the
Southeast Asian Peninsular Games 1973.

The 19-storey block which features a prominent Y-shaped design has played host to foreign and local dignitaries. Their visits to this block has

