

Discovering lost places in Singapore

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This is our project, 'Discovering lost places in Singapore', which aims to provide our locals and foreigners with information about places in Singapore, so that they can visit these places before they disappear. We are trying to achieve this by creating a website to promote these places.

Our project aims to bring back Singapore's history, and allow people to better understand and experience the culture and rich heritage that exists in some of the places in Singapore. Moreover in this day and age, people rarely pay attention to their surroundings and forget the rich heritage of many places. We want people to be able to visit and appreciate these places before they are gone forever. As for the objectives, we wanted to provide a list of interesting places in Singapore which have rich heritage for people to visit. We would give an introduction to the different places, and arouse interest in these less well-known places and encourage people to visit these places. We chose locals, tourists and foreign students as our target audience as we feel that some of these places may be of interest to the locals, and we want to allow more people to visit them before they close down. Foreign students can also enjoy these places if they would like to visit places of more cultural and historical value, which are also less well-known to many people, even to the locals.

For most of our project, we had intended to get our information from visiting the places on our website, asking people at the places for any information they knew of these places, and using the information on the signboards at these places. After looking around the place and understanding it better, we would write down our opinions of these places on our website. Due to COVID-19, we could not go out to these places for a period of time, thus we took some information from online sources. We acknowledged all these data in our references. All the photos and videos in the website were taken by us, and were used as information for our website.

We wanted to unravel the hidden culture and heritage behind historical places in Singapore by collecting both primary and secondary data. For the collection of first-hand data, we visited these places ourselves and used information we could find there, like on signboards and brochures. In February, we did some research and finalised on the places that we wanted to include in our project. By March, we had visited some of the places, mainly Toa Payoh Garden and Everton Park. We started on the website in April. Due to the Circuit Breaker, we were unable to visit the places in May. Instead, we conducted more research on the heritage of these places. By July, we had visited all the places and had started preparation for final evaluation. We conducted our pilot test of our resources in August and finalised our website. We held our needs analysis before the creation of our website. We did the website based on certain suggestions by

classmates and other people, such as adding blogs and vlogs to enhance viewer's learning.

We created a website, complete with blogs and vlogs on the locations. We created a quiz on the website as a test for their knowledge after reading the website. We added directions to each of the locations to give them visitors an easier time. Despite all the work we have put into the website, we still feel that there is a lot we can still do given we have the time and ability. For example, the vlogs we made were quite limited and were more of compilations of pictures. This was because of circuit breaker restrictions imposed. It was hard for us to go out to each location and vlog it, due to social distancing, and mask wearing. We were also on a time crunch due to the density of all our tests within a short period of time, so our vlogs could not be at the standard we wanted them to be.

Due to COVID-19 and the Circuit Breaker, we could not do our project work as it requires us to go outside and visit the places. Once the circuit breaker was over, we had to visit these places during the weekends to take photos and videos. We did not have much time as there were many common tests, thus we could not make the vlogs as good as we wanted them to be. We had some technical difficulties and kept losing our photos and videos, which resulted in us having to visit the same place multiple times. However, we learned a lot more about Singapore through our project, and visited many places we never thought we would. It was really interesting and was a great experience for us. All our experiences from this project will help us along the way in the future.