



*An Endearing Home
A Distinctive Global City*

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Dear students,

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Every year on 22 May, we celebrate the International Day for Biological Diversity, where we reflect on the importance of conserving our biodiversity – the variety of plants and animals that support all life on earth. Without them, we would not have fresh air, clean water, and food.

To ensure that our native biodiversity continues to thrive in Singapore, it is important that we protect their habitats. You can play a part by joining the National Parks Board (NParks)'s conservation efforts, such as citizen science surveys. You can find out more about NParks' Community in Nature initiative at go.gov.sg/cin.

This year marks 60 years since we began our greening journey. Thanks to the hard work of our community, including students like you, our rich biodiversity has flourished and we can all enjoy the benefits of living close to nature in Singapore.

Since the launch of the OneMillionTrees movement in March 2020, we have already planted over 500,000 trees, thanks to the contributions of over 75,000 members of the community. NParks will continue to provide tree-planting opportunities island-wide throughout 2023, and we encourage you to participate with your family and friends!

There will also be events and activities organised throughout the year that will share more about Singapore's greening and nature conservation efforts. One example is the Festival of Biodiversity which is taking place on the 27th and 28th of May. You can find out more about these activities at fob.nparks.gov.sg.

Lastly, we would like to share a video on the importance of this special day with you. We encourage you to leave a comment on what biodiversity means to you. If you show the video to NParks staff at the Festival of Biodiversity, you may even get a special token! The video can be viewed through the QR code below and at go.gov.sg/idb2023.



Let us all work together and do our part for our City in Nature, so that we, our children and our grandchildren can enjoy living alongside our greenery and native wildlife for many years to come!

Yours sincerely,

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