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# Acknowledgements



**On behalf of the SEASIA Committee and the School of Social Sciences, we warmly welcome you to the 6th SEASIA Biennial Conference hosted at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.**

As the Chairman of the Governing Board of the Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies in Asia (SEASIA), I sincerely welcome you all to the **2026 SEASIA Biennial Conference** in Singapore. This is the sixth edition of the Biennial Conference, previously held in the Philippines (2024), Indonesia (2022), Taiwan (2019), Thailand (2017) and Japan (2015).

SEASIA is an international consortium of 17 Southeast Asian Studies-focused research institutions in Asia, located in Japan, Korea, Taiwan, China, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Brunei, Thailand, and Cambodia. Its organizational objectives are to provide a proactive platform for academic exchange among the institutions and scholars and to nurture the young talents in the field of Southeast Asian Studies. It is also hoped that through exchange and dialogue, an Asian perspective and insight can be created in the knowledge-making on Southeast Asia. The Biennial Conference, the SEASIA flagship activity, is designed to serve such intellectual function. Over the past 11 years, the SEASIA Biennial Conferences have been proven very successful.

Besides the Biennial Conference, SEASIA has also been active in organizing a sperate Young Scholars Conference on Southeast Asian Studies, aiming to offer opportunities for young Southeast Asian studies scholars to present and share their research. It has been quite welcomed by young talents in the field.

I would like to take this occasion to extend my utmost appreciation to the local organizing committee led by Professors Kei Koga and Julius Bautista. Finally, as we proceed with our three days' conference, I wish you all a very productive and exciting time.

**Professor Hsin-Huang Michael Hsiao**

Chairman of SEASIA

# Acknowledgements



On behalf of the SEASIA Committee and the School of Social Sciences, we warmly welcome you to the Sixth SEASIA Biennial Conference hosted at Nanyang Technological University.

On behalf of the School of Social Sciences (SSS) at Nanyang Technological University, it is my utmost pleasure to welcome you to the **SEASIA 2026 Conference**. As a leading hub for interdisciplinary research in Asia, SSS is deeply honoured to serve as this year's host institution, bringing together the world's prominent minds and emerging voices in Southeast Asian studies to our campus.

As a proud member of the Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies in Asia (SEASIA), hosting the 2026 Conference is a deeply meaningful milestone for our school. At SSS, we believe that addressing the multifaceted challenges of our region requires the robust, cross-border dialogue and collaborative scholarship that SEASIA champions. By anchoring this year's conference, "*Forging Futures in Southeast Asia*" at NTU, we aim to synergize our school's interdisciplinary research excellence with the vibrant collective expertise of the broader Consortium network, inspiring new paradigms that contribute to the sustainable and inclusive development of Southeast Asia.

Over the next few days, I encourage everyone to engage passionately in discussions, forge new academic partnerships, and explore the innovative ideas presented across our sessions. We hope that your time here at NTU is intellectually stimulating, personally rewarding, and filled with memorable connections. Thank you for being a vital part of SEASIA 2026.

## **Professor Yohanes Eko Riyanto**

Chair, School of Social Sciences  
College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences  
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

# Acknowledgements



As a member of the SEASIA 2026 Conference Organizing Committee, I am delighted to extend my warm welcome to all participants of the **6th SEASIA Biennial Conference** at the School of Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore.

SEASIA has become an important platform for sustaining and expanding conversations across the diverse field of Southeast Asian Studies. One of its greatest strengths lies in the community it brings together and the connections it forges: scholars at different career stages, researchers working across disciplines and regions, practitioners engaged with Southeast Asia in different capacities, and students who will help shape the future of the field. We are very pleased that SEASIA 2026 can provide a space for this community to meet, exchange ideas, and build new connections.

The theme, “*Forging Southeast Asia’s Futures*,” reflects the intellectual ambition of this conference. Over the coming days, we hope that the Guest-of-Honour address, keynote sessions, panels, roundtables, and informal conversations will generate fresh perspectives, productive debates, and meaningful collaborations. We hope SEASIA 2026 will be valuable not only as a venue for presenting research, but also as a space of encounter—between disciplines, generations, institutions, and different ways of understanding the region.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who has made this conference possible: the organizing and programme committees, panel organizers, presenters, chairs, discussants, volunteers, administrative staff, institutional partners, and supporting organizations, particularly the Singapore Tourism Board and the Japan Foundation. A conference of this scale depends on a great deal of work, often behind the scenes, and we are deeply grateful for these collective efforts.

Thank you for joining us at SEASIA 2026. I hope the conference will be intellectually rewarding, professionally fruitful, and personally enjoyable for all participants, and I look forward to welcoming you to the School of Social Sciences at NTU.

## **Associate Professor Kei Koga**

SEASIA Committee member

Associate Professor and Head, Public Policy and Global Affairs

School of Social Sciences

College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

## About SEASIA

The SEASIA Biennial Conference is the principal gathering of the Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies in Asia (SEASIA), a region-based academic network connecting leading universities and research institutions across Asia.

Through sustained intra Asian collaboration and intellectual exchange, SEASIA advances the field of Southeast Asian Studies and has played a pivotal role in nurturing emerging scholars, strengthening regional research capacity, and re-centering Southeast Asia as a vital site of global knowledge production.

Hosted by the School of Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University, from 8–10 July 2026, the sixth edition of the conference will convene an international and interdisciplinary community comprising senior and emerging scholars, university leaders, graduate students, think-tank researchers, and representatives from government, international organisations, and the broader policy community.

Under the theme “*Forging Southeast Asia’s Futures*”, the conference will examine the question of agency – how governments, regional institutions, local communities, and non-state actors shape the region’s political, economic, social, technological, and environmental transformations. In addition to academic panels, the programme will feature keynote dialogues and high-level roundtables designed to foster substantive engagement between scholars and policymakers.

By providing a platform through which research and policy practice can inform one another, SEASIA 2026 seeks not only to advance cutting-edge scholarship but also to generate policy-relevant insights for an increasingly complex regional and global landscape.

Previous SEASIA Biennial Conferences have been honoured by the presence of highly distinguished Guests of Honour, including Yasuo Fukuda, Former Prime Minister of Japan; Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, The Princess Royal of the Kingdom of Thailand; and Professor Dr Muhadjir Effendy, then Minister of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia.

Their esteemed participation reflects SEASIA’s standing as a premier regional platform that convenes heads of government, members of royal households, senior cabinet ministers, and leading scholars in meaningful dialogue on Southeast Asia’s development and future trajectory.

# Conference Keynote Speakers

## Guest of Honour



**Ambassador Chan Heng Chee**

**Ambassador Chan Heng Chee** is a distinguished diplomat and Singapore's first female and longest-serving Ambassador to the United States. She currently serves as Ambassador-at-Large with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, chairs the Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities at the Singapore University of Technology and Design, and is Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute.

A pioneering scholar, she was the first woman in Singapore to graduate with First-Class Honours in Political Science and has been conferred honorary Doctor of Letters degrees by three prestigious universities. She is widely regarded for her insights on geopolitics, governance, sustainability, gender and racial equality, and women in leadership.

## Keynote Speaker



**Sri Mulyani Indrawati**

**Ibu Sri Mulyani Indrawati** is one of Indonesia's longest-serving and first female Ministers of Finance, having served under three democratically elected presidents. Widely recognised for her leadership in economic reform and fiscal governance, she played a pivotal role in steering Indonesia through the Asian Financial Crisis, the Global Financial Crisis, and the COVID-19 pandemic, while advancing economic growth, poverty reduction, and institutional reform.

Her international recognitions include the World Government Summit's "Best Minister in the World" award and repeated inclusion in Forbes' World's 100 Most Powerful Women.

## Keynote Speaker



**Ambassador Koji Yonetani**

**Ambassador Koji Yonetani** brings extensive experience in multilateral diplomacy, with a strong focus on strengthening partnerships and advancing regional cooperation. He has played an instrumental role in fostering dialogue and collaboration between Japan and ASEAN member states.

In his current role, he is central to deepening Japan-ASEAN ties, supporting initiatives in economic integration, connectivity, and sustainable development. His leadership reflects Japan's commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific.

# Essential Information for Participants

SEASIA 2026 will be held at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU) and hosted by the School of Social Sciences.

Please note that all conference activities, including registration, talks, and meals, will take place at the locations listed below. Use the information below as your guide for navigation.

Venues within NTU		Address
1	Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan Building (SHHK)	48 Nanyang Drive Singapore 639818
2	Wee Cho Yaw Plaza	91 Nanyang Avenue Singapore 639956
3	UOB Innovation Hub	52 Nanyang Ave Singapore 639816



## 1 SHHK Auditorium

The Welcome and Opening Remarks, Guest-of-Honour & Dialogue Session, and the Keynote Addresses will take place at the SHHK Auditorium.



## 2 Wee Cho Yaw Plaza

The registration, lunch, and tea receptions will be held at Wee Cho Yaw Plaza.

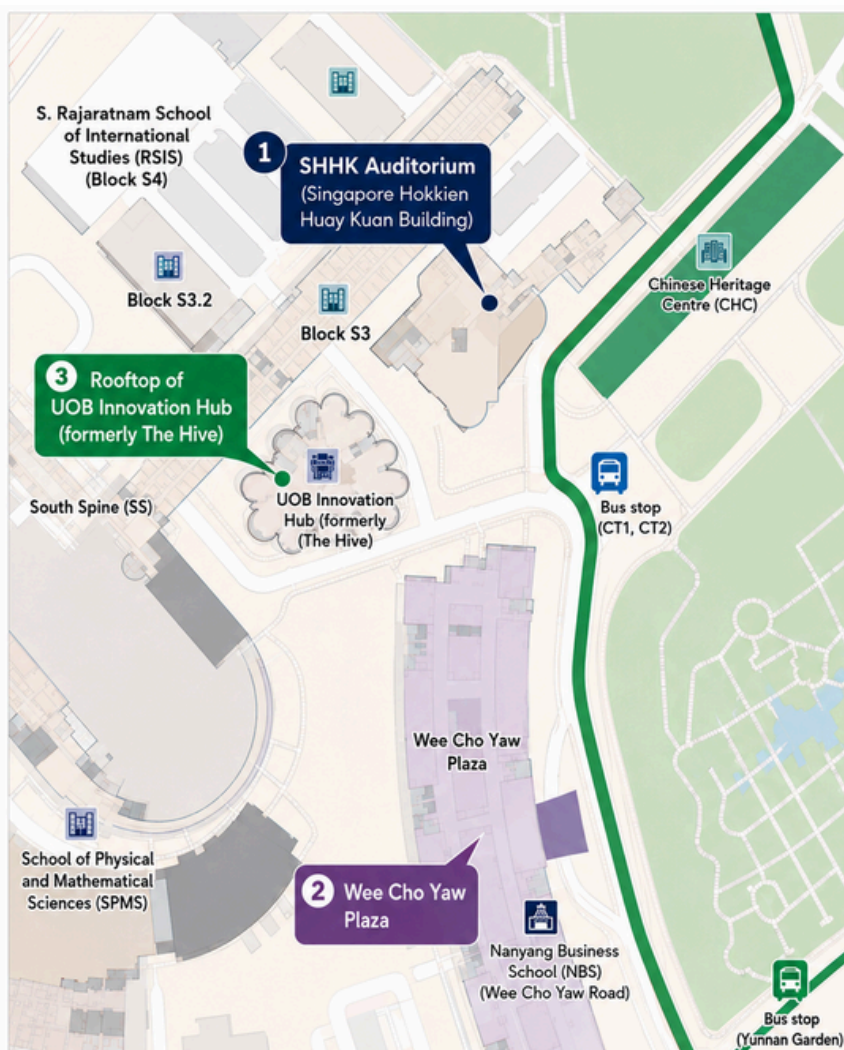


## 3 Rooftop of UOB Innovation Hub (formerly The Hive)

Day 2 lunch will be hosted by S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) and held at the Rooftop of UOB Innovation Hub.



All sessions will be held at Levels 2 and 3 of Wee Cho Yaw Plaza and at Basement 1 of the UOB Innovation Hub.



# Essential Information for Participants

## Instructions to Presenters :

- Please save your presentation slides on a USB thumb drive.
- Computers will be provided in the session rooms for uploading your presentation materials. You may also use your own laptop if you prefer. (Mac users: kindly bring along your own adapters).
- Kindly note your presentation schedule and arrive at the presentation rooms at least 10 minutes in advance to upload and test your slides.
- For discussions and preparation, you are welcome to use the rooms at Wee Cho Yaw Plaza and the UOB Innovation Hub that are labelled “*For SEASIA Participants – Discussion*”

## Conference Attendance & Registration

- Conference registration will be conducted from **Wednesday, 8 July to Friday, 10 July 2026**, between **08:00 and 17:30**. As a large number of participants will be registering on the first day of the conference on Wednesday, 8 July, please plan to arrive early. Light refreshments will be available for participants prior to the start of the conference at 8:30am.
- Registered participants may collect their conference materials, and name tag at the registration counters located at the *Wee Cho Yaw Plaza Lobby (Level 1)*.
- Please ensure that you bring your registration confirmation email containing the QR code, which will be required for attendance verification during registration.
- The SEASIA 2026 nametag and lanyard serve as the official admission pass to all conference sessions and official receptions. Participants are kindly reminded to wear their nametags at all times while on campus. These items are not to be transferred to other parties.

## WI-FI Connectivity at the conference venues

Complimentary Wi-Fi will be available in all presentation rooms. Please look out for the QR code displayed on screen when you enter the room to connect for each session.

The following Wi-Fi options are available on campus:

### Guest Wi-Fi (NTU Visitors)

Participants may register for guest access via the provided [link](#). A Singapore-registered mobile number is required for registration.

### Eduroam Access

Eduroam allows staff and students from participating institutions to connect securely using their institutional credentials, both at their home institution and while visiting other participating institutions.

Eduroam is widely supported worldwide, particularly in Europe and the Asia-Pacific region, including Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia, the United Kingdom, France, and Germany. Device setup instructions are available via the provided [link](#).

## Social Events

### Conference Dinner @ Singapore Discovery Centre

**Day 1, Wednesday, 8 July 2026**

**Time:** 6:30 pm (registration commences at 6:00pm)

**Venue:** Singapore Discovery Centre

- Participants who have registered for the conference dinner are kindly requested to report to the Wee Cho Yaw Plaza Foyer, near the registration table, after Parallel Session 2 concludes (from 5.30pm).
- Buses will leave from Wee Cho Yaw Plaza to Singapore Discovery Centre (first come, first served): 5:45pm, 6:00pm, 6:20pm
- Participants making their own way to the venue may refer to the location map below:
- ([google map](#))
- Please ensure that you bring your **SEASIA 2026 name tag** for entry and attendance verification.
- After the dinner, buses will leave from the Singapore Discovery Centre to two locations:
  - Boon Lay MRT Station: 8:40pm and 8:50pm
  - NTU Halls (Tamarind Hall, Hall 10/11, Hall 9): 8:40pm and 8:50pm

### Free & Easy Evening @ Marina Bay

**Day 2, Thursday, 9 July 2026**

**Time:** 5.30pm

**Venue:** Marina Bay

- Following the conclusion of Parallel Session 6 at 5:30pm, participants will have the option of taking a one-way shuttle to Marina Bay for free and easy sightseeing. time at Marina Bay following the conclusion of Parallel Session 6.
- Buses will leave from Wee Cho Yaw Plaza to Marina Bay (first come, first served): 5:45pm, 6:00pm, 6:20pm
- This session is unstructured, and participants are welcome to explore the area at their own pace, including dining, shopping, and sightseeing options.
- Participants are responsible for their own expenses during this free and easy period.



# Conference Programme

Please refer to the e-programme for details on panel session/roundtable discussion topics [here](#).

	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
Time	Wed, 8 July	Thu, 9 July	Fri, 10 July
08:00am onwards	Registration @ Wee Cho Yaw Plaza Lobby		
08:30am – 10.30am	Welcome and Opening Remarks, Guest-of-Honour & Dialogue Session @ SHHK Auditorium	Parallel Session 3 (will begin at 9.00am)	Keynote Address 2 @ SHHK Auditorium (will begin at 9.30am)
10.30am – 10.45am	Break @ Wee Cho Yaw Plaza Lobby		
10:45am – 12:15pm	Parallel Session 1	Parallel Session 4	Parallel Session 7
12:15pm – 14:15pm	Lunch @ Wee Cho Yaw Plaza Lobby	Lunch @ the Roof Deck, Level 3, UOB Innovation Hub	Lunch @ Wee Cho Yaw Plaza Lobby
14:15pm – 15:45pm	Keynote Address1 @ SHHK Auditorium	Parallel Session 5	Parallel Session 8
15:45pm – 16:00pm	Tea Break @ Wee Cho Yaw Plaza Lobby & UOB Innovation Hub		
16:00pm – 17:30pm	Parallel Session 2	Parallel Session 6	Parallel Session 9
17:30pm onwards	Transit to Conference Dinner	Transit to Marina Bay	Closing Remarks
18:30pm – 20:30pm	Conference Dinner @ Singapore Discovery Centre		

Guest-of-Honour & Dialogue Session

- by **Chan Heng Chee**, Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Keynote Address 1

- by **Sri Mulyani Indrawati**, Former Minister of Finance, the Republic of Indonesia

Keynote Address 2

- by **Koji Yonetani**, Ambassador of Japan to ASEAN

# Moving Around NTU

## SEASIA chartered buses to/from halls of residence

SEASIA chartered buses will pick up participants from the respective hall lobbies in the mornings and drop them off at the end of the day. Please be ready and wait at the pick-up points at least 5 minutes before the stated departure times:

### From Halls to Wee Cho Yaw Plaza:

Jul 8, 2026	Departure times		
Pick up from	First departure	Second departure	Third departure
Bus stop: Halls 8 & 9 (Stop ID: 27209)	7:30am	7:50am	8:10am
Bus stop: Hall 11 (Stop ID: 27199)	7:32am	7:52am	8:12am
Tamarind Hall pick-up point	7:35am	7:55am	8:15am
Jul 9, 2026	Departure times		
Pick up from	First departure	Second departure	Third departure
Bus stop: Halls 8 & 9 (Stop ID: 27209)	7:45am	8:00am	8:30am
Bus stop: Hall 11 (Stop ID: 27199)	7:47am	8:02am	8:32am
Tamarind Hall pick-up point	7:50am	8:05am	8:35am
Jul 10, 2026	Departure times		
Pick up from	First departure	Second departure	Third departure
Bus stop: Halls 8 & 9 (Stop ID: 27209)	7:45am	8:00am	8:30am
Bus stop: Hall 11 (Stop ID: 27199)	7:47am	8:02am	8:32am
Tamarind Hall pick-up point	7:50am	8:05am	8:35am

## Moving Around NTU

From **Singapore Discovery Centre (Conference Dinner)**  
to  
**Halls (Hall 9-->Hall 11-->Tamarind Hall):**

Jul 8, 2026	Departure times	
Pick up from	First departure	Second departure
Singapore Discovery Centre	8:40pm	8:50pm

From **Wee Cho Yaw Plaza**  
to  
**Halls (Hall 9-->Hall 11-->Tamarind Hall):**

Jul 9, 2026	Departure times	
Pick up from	First departure	Second departure
Wee Cho Yaw Plaza Lobby	5:45pm	6:00pm

Jul 10, 2026	Departure times	
Pick up from	First departure	Second departure
Wee Cho Yaw Plaza Lobby	5:50pm	6:00pm

From **Halls**  
to  
**Marina Bay (optional):**

Jul 9, 2026	Departure times	
Pick up from	First departure	Second departure
Bus stop: Halls 8 & 9 (Stop ID: 27209)	6:15pm	6:30pm
Bus stop: Hall 11 (Stop ID: 27199)	6:17pm	6:32pm
Tamarind Hall pick-up point	6:20pm	6:35pm

# Campus Shuttle Bus

As an alternative to the SEASIA chartered buses, participants staying on campus (Tamarind Hall and Halls 9, 10, and 11) may take the **Campus Loop (Red) shuttle** to reach the SEASIA Conference venues.

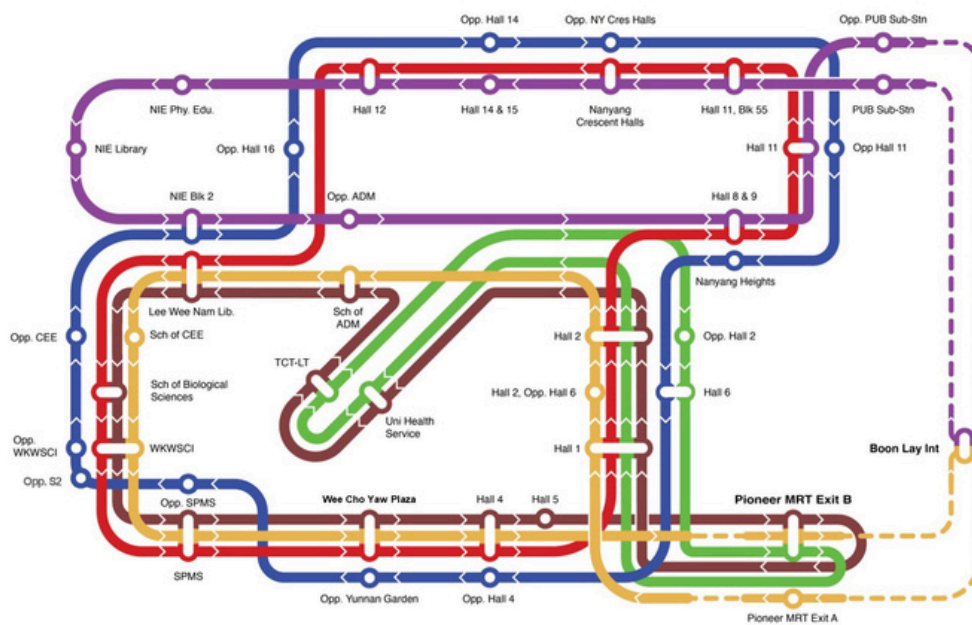
Download the Omni App. For a guide on how to use it, refer to this [video](#).



DOWNLOAD THE **NTU OMNIBUS APP**



## NTU Campus Shuttle Bus Network



### Bus Services

<b>Campus Loop Red</b>	First Bus 0800 Last Bus 2300
<b>Campus Loop Blue</b>	First Bus 0800 Last Bus 2300
<b>Campus Rider</b>	First Bus 0730 Last Bus 2300
<b>Campus Weekend Rider*</b>	First Bus 0730 Last Bus 2300
<b>179 †</b>	First Bus 0800 Last Bus 0000
<b>199 †</b>	First Bus 0800 Last Bus 0000

\* Free-paying service, operated by SMRT

† Operating on Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays only

### Legend

- Direction of bus route
- Bus stop
- Bus stops not shown on this map

Designed by Wee Hong Liang

### Campus Loop RED

First Bus: 0800hr  
Last Bus: 2300hr



For more information on Campus Shuttle Bus: Click [here](#).

# Dining Around NTU

- NTU offers a wide range of on-campus canteens and cafés serving local and international cuisine at affordable prices.
- Most on-campus dining outlets operate from morning to evening; operating hours may vary by location and day.
- Participants staying on campus may find additional dining options within the Halls of Residence, with some outlets open until 9:00 pm.
- Halal and vegetarian options are available at selected dining outlets.
- Cashless payment methods are accepted at most on-campus dining locations.
- For a wider variety of dining and shopping options, participants may visit nearby shopping malls such as Jurong Point, JEM, and Westgate, which offer numerous restaurants and food outlets.
- Dining options near campus are otherwise limited; participants are encouraged to plan meals in advance, especially in the late evenings.

Here are some options near the Conference venue:



Local Singapore classics, Kopi & Kaya Toast, To Cafe specials, Honey Butter Latte & Brioche



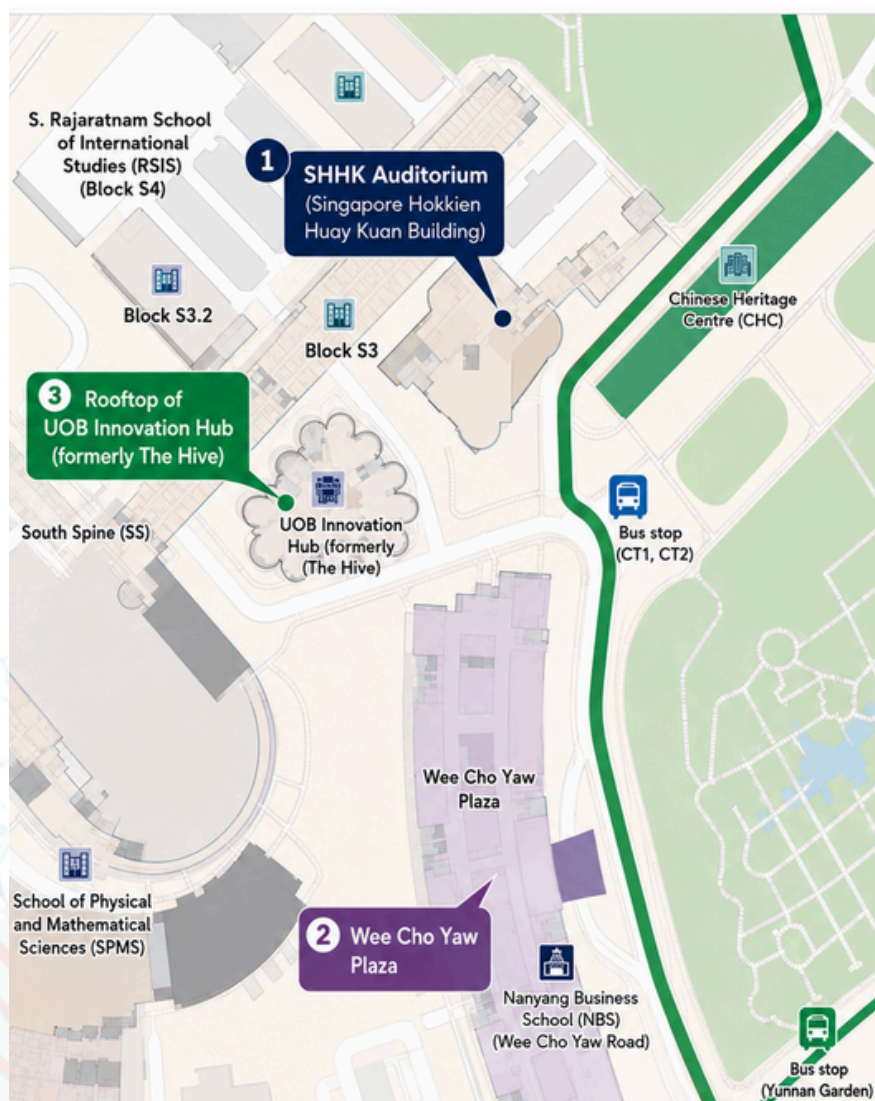
Singapore's first student-run Halal Western Cafe



Build your own Vegetarian Salad Bowl



Coffee and Tea plus toast and soft boiled eggs



# Parking Information

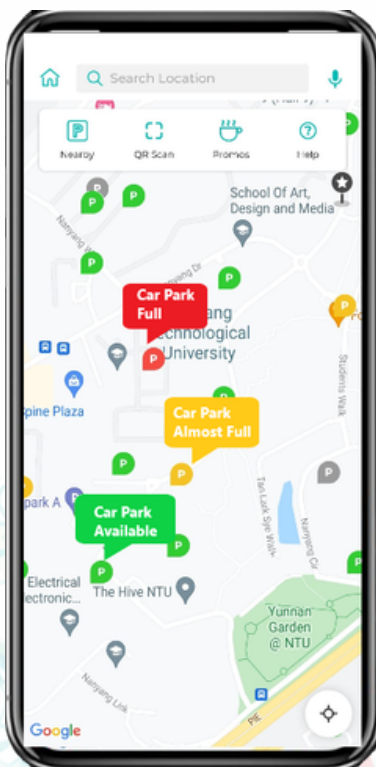
- Participants who wish to park their vehicles may do so at **Zone 2A (Carpark Q)** - mainly open lots.
- Motorists are reminded to take note of the reserved timing indicated on the parking lots or on the signages near the parking lots.
- Parking Charges at Zone 2A is: \$0.025 per minute (Mon - Sat) from 0700 - 2229H

## Payment for Parking Charges

Visitors can download the **GoParkin mobile app** (available on Google Play and Apple Store) or access the **web portal** to register and pay using Credit/Debit Cards.

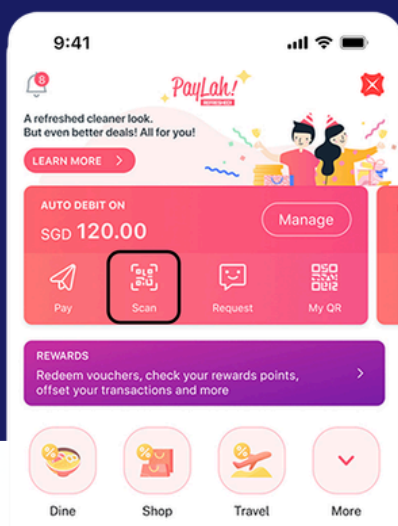
Alternatively, visitors can either pay via their In-Vehicle (IU) device with their Cash Card and EZ-link Card, or pay at the exit terminal of the car park with their Cash Card.

You can check car park lot availability on the map in the **GoParkin app**. Please enable the location function in your mobile phone setting to view the car parks near your location. Please refer to the screenshot below.



## Going Cashless on Campus

Download mobile wallet apps such as **Paylah!**, **PayNow**, and **GrabPay** to conveniently make payments on campus – be it buying food or snacks or shopping for groceries at **Prime Supermarket**.



## Singapore Visitor Guide

For participants visiting Singapore for the first time, the following resources may be helpful in planning your travel and leisure time during the conference.

### Getting Around Singapore

Singapore has a safe, efficient, and well-connected public transport system. Information on travelling by MRT, bus, and taxi can be found at:

[Land Transport Authority \(LTA\) – Getting Around Singapore](#)

### Sightseeing & Visitor Information

Discover Singapore's attractions, neighbourhoods, and local experiences through the official tourism guide:

[Visit Singapore – Things to See and Do](#)

# Policies, Safety & Support Information

## Personal Data Protection Notice

- This conference is organised by Nanyang Technological University (NTU). By attending, you consent to the collection, use, and disclosure of your personal data for event administration and operations.
- Photography and videography may be carried out for documentation, publicity, and reporting purposes. Personal data collected for sustainability initiatives or for safety and medical assistance (where applicable) will be used strictly for these purposes and handled in accordance with the Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA).
- If you do not wish to be photographed or recorded, please inform the organisers.

## Sustainability Notice

- This event supports Nanyang Technological University's commitment to environmental stewardship and its Sustainability Framework, which aims to integrate sustainable practices across campus operations, energy efficiency, waste reduction, and responsible resource use.
- NTU strives for a greener and more resilient campus while advancing long-term targets such as carbon neutrality and sustainable communities.
- Participants are encouraged to minimise environmental impact through digital materials, responsible consumption, and waste-reduction practices throughout the conference.



# Policies, Safety & Support Information

## Medical Assistance & Lost and Found

- Participants requiring medical assistance or first aid may approach the *Registration Counter* for help.
- If you wish to see the doctor, you may visit the NTU Clinic (Raffles Medical Group) on campus at:

36 Nanyang Avenue #01-00  
Singapore 639801  
Mon to Fri: 8:30am to 9:00pm  
Enquiry Tel: (+65) [6793 6828](tel:+6567936828)  
Email : [ntu@rafflesmedical.com](mailto:ntu@rafflesmedical.com)

- For **lost or found items** during the conference, please report to or check with the *Registration Counter*.

## Key Telephone Numbers

NTU 24h Emergency Hotline / Campus Security	(+65) 6790 5200
Fire/Ambulance (Emergency)	995
Police	999
Fire/Ambulance (Non-Emergency)	1777

## Contact Information

- Should you require assistance during the conference, please contact the conference admin support using the details below.

**Ms Natasha Rae Zuzarte** ([natasha.raez@ntu.edu.sg](mailto:natasha.raez@ntu.edu.sg))

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## The 6<sup>th</sup> SEASIA Biennial Conference 2026



SEASIA 2026 brings together scholars, researchers and practitioners to exchange ideas, build partnerships and advance knowledge on Southeast Asia's Past, present and future.

