

Background information on Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City project

Launched in 2008, the Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City is the second Government-to-Government project between Singapore and China. The project vision is to develop the Eco-City as a replicable model of sustainable urban development for other cities in China and beyond. The Eco-City project also serves as a useful engagement platform for officials, businesses and like-minded partners in both countries to share best practices and pilot new ideas for creating sustainable and highly liveable cities.

2 Spanning 30 km², the site of the Eco-City had originally consisted of barren land, salt pans and polluted waterbodies. Today, the Eco-City is a lushly-landscaped and attractive home to over 150,000 people and 30,000 registered companies. Residents can conveniently access their daily needs at amenities like community centres, schools, shopping malls, and commercial offices. Business spaces and industry parks in the Eco-City also provide a variety of job opportunities. Public parks and leisure areas, like the National Maritime Museum of China and the Fantawild Adventure Theme Park, offer ample attractions for family and community bonding. The recently completed Sino-Singapore Friendship Garden adds to the list of recreational offerings in the Eco-City.

3 The Eco-City is also a leading model for environmental sustainability. Its application of a Key Performance Indicators Framework to guide urban development, and its successful experience in restoring waterways, have been replicated in other parts of China. The Chinese government has also designated the Eco-City as a pilot site to test-bed solutions for green development, sponge cities, zero-waste cities and smart cities.

4 The development of the Eco-City began with the 8 km² Start-Up Area located in the south of the Eco-City 15 years ago, which has since been completed. This year, the Eco-City embarks on a new phase of its development with the groundbreaking of its city centre.