

Adding Colours to Construction

While many of us have never set foot in a construction site before, it is easy to imagine how a standard construction ground appears, what with the many upgrading and progressive projects going on in Singapore.

Dull-looking hoarding panels, towering scaffoldings and giant machinery that mushroomed in construction sites are more often than not, urban eye sores to passer-bys and surrounding residents.

However, if you happen to drive or walk along Portsdown Road, you would come across a rather *different* construction site – one that bears a beautiful and colourful hoarding panel that leads to the entrance of an international education institution, Tanglin Trust School.

This unique and vibrant hoarding panel is the culmination of a successful collaborative Mural Art project between Tanglin Trust School, Singapore Power's Cable Tunnel Project and Contract EW1 Obayashi Corporation.

This Mural Art project is a great way to forge meaningful relationship with Tanglin Trust School, a key stakeholder of the Cable Tunnel Project. The Cable Tunnel team

embarked on this art project with the School's Art Department that oversaw the Infant, Junior and Senior students creating vibrant designs and patterns for the construction hoarding running outside Tanglin Trust School's Gate C.



The installation of TTS' Infant, Junior and Senior students' mural art work using weather proof vinyl stickers, applied on the construction hoarding running outside TTS Gate C.

“The students really took this art project seriously and got creative with the hoarding design. We are tremendously proud of their work and the end product is even better than we expected – the drive up to the school is now a very warm and colourful affair,” said Mr Robert Le Grice, Head of the Senior Arts Faculty, Tanglin Trust School.

The Mural Art project, which has been six months in the making, not only gained the support of the School's Board, it was also greeted with enthusiasm by parents of the school who were impressed by the artistic expressions of their children.

"The children were so thrilled on their arrival at school at the start of the term to see the mural on the fence. It led to much curiosity about what was happening behind it. We all enjoy the vibrant colours and my daughter likes to read the quotes as we drive past. I love the collaboration represented in the mural both between senior, junior and infant school students who's creativity is displayed but also between the school and the construction company," - a parent of Infant and Junior school children.

Most importantly, the Mural Art project was successful in achieving what it set out to do – providing the staff and students of Tanglin Trust School a sense of ownership over the appearance of the construction site, transforming it from a run-of-the-mill construction site hoarding to what it is today – a bright canvas filled with the artistic expressions of the students.

"It was so good to see the final mural along our driveway at the start of term. What a difference it makes to the entrance of the school! I am very impressed at the professional standard of the work that has resulted from this collaborative student project; the colourful, vibrant and thought provoking design immediately catches the eye and is a great piece of art to view at the start and end of a school day," John Ridley, Director of Learning

"I found the project to be very meaningful and the beautifully finished project exemplifies our close relationship with Tanglin Trust School." - Mr Koh Keng Boon, Principal Engineer, Cable Tunnels

"The end product of this mural art project clearly demonstrated that young minds hold endless possibilities, but in the expert's there are few. As civil engineers, we could never have come up with such vibrant and colourful interpretations of the theme: Powering the Nation" – Mr Toshiyuki Yagai, Project Manager, Obayashi Corporation



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