



*An Endearing Home
A Distinctive Global City*

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Dear students,

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

The 22nd of May marks the International Day for Biological Diversity, serving as a reminder for us to play our part in conserving the plants and animals that live around us.

Biodiversity is important as it supports all life on Earth, providing us with fresh air, clean water and food. Therefore, it is important to protect the habitats of our native biodiversity to ensure that they continue to thrive in Singapore. We encourage you to partner the National Parks Board (NParks) to do your part for our native plants and wildlife, such as by participating in our citizen science surveys or joining our Nature Kakis Network. You can find out more at go.gov.sg/volunteer-with-nparks.

Singapore is a small city-state, and we share our environment with many different plants and wildlife. In line with this year's theme for International Day for Biological Diversity, "Be Part of the Plan", we owe much of our progress towards a City in Nature to the hard work of the community, including students like you! Since the launch of the OneMillionTrees movement in March 2020, we have already planted over 680,000 trees, thanks to the contributions of over 100,000 members of the community!

Our plants and trees are important as they help to cool our environment, provide food and habitats for animals, and make Singapore a more pleasant place to live in. Besides tree-planting opportunities for the community, there will also be events and activities organised throughout the year for you to learn more about Singapore's greening and nature conservation efforts. One example is the Festival of Biodiversity which is taking place on the 25th and 26th 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 hope that it will inspire you to play your part in conserving our plants and wildlife. The video can be viewed here and at go.gov.sg/idb2024:



Thank you for your efforts in building a shared future for all life. We look forward to many more years of working closely together to transform Singapore into a City in Nature.

Yours sincerely,

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