



Forum on Migrant Workers: *Policy Responses and Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic*

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The outbreak of COVID-19 within our foreign worker community over the past month has “dorminated” local media headlines...

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Manpower minister vows to raise standard of dormitories after outbreak is over

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Singapore
COVID-19: Construction projects could be delayed months, as contractors fear manpower crunch when clearing backlog

THE STRAITS TIMES

Singapore facing two separate outbreaks: in the community and in foreign worker dormitories

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Migrant workers living in the community, employers doing their part to curb Covid-19 spread

THE STRAITS TIMES

9 in 10 coronavirus patients in Singapore are linked to worker dormitories



1,426 NEW CASES OF COVID-19 INFECTION



Singapore
COVID-19: Stay-home notice period extended for work permit and S Pass holders in construction sector

...and gleaned international media coverage

Bloomberg

Singapore Becomes Asia's Most Infected Nation After China, India



Singapore's migrant workers on front line of coronavirus shutdown



The S11 Dormitory: Inside Singapore's Biggest Coronavirus Cluster

The New York Times

Packed With Migrant Workers, Dormitories Fuel Coronavirus in Singapore



Singapore had a model coronavirus response, then cases spiked. What happened?



REUTERS

In Singapore, migrant coronavirus cases highlight containment weak link



Coronavirus: Should the world worry about Singapore's virus surge?

The New York Times

The Singapore Warning

Reopening the economy will be hard.

South China Morning Post

Coronavirus: Singapore migrant worker dormitories still hot topic as Covid-19 cases rise



Cracks show in Singapore's model Covid-19 response

Bloomberg

How Singapore Flipped From Virus Hero to Cautionary Tale

In addition to a host of mitigation measures to stem the wave of infections and improve living conditions...



COVID-19: On-site care facilities at some dormitories, designated spaces for recovered workers



Covid-19-free foreign workers enjoy sea breeze on cruise ship docked at Marina Bay Cruise Centre



Singapore ramping up testing capacity for foreign workers: Gan

THE STRAITS TIMES

Coronavirus: Healthy workers to be moved to army camps, floating hotels



Virtual concerts every evening for migrant workers



Food-tasting sessions and free Wi-Fi: What inter-agency teams at dorms have done for foreign workers' well-being



COVID-19: Community isolation facility at Singapore Expo operational from Apr 10

... this has engendered fervent discussions and ground-up initiatives on the working and living conditions of foreign workers

 South China Morning Post

Singapore's addiction to growth is built on the backs of migrant workers

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Time for Singapore to address some uncomfortable questions on its migrant workers

RICE

What The Zaobao Forum Letter Incident Reveals About Singapore's Echo Chambers

Current Affairs
Commentary

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transient workers count too

A self-cultivated Achilles heel

asiaone

In viral campaign, Preetipls raises over \$140k for migrant workers in S'pore affected by Covid-19



Tommy Koh: The way Singapore treats its foreign workers is not First World but Third World

 **mothership**

S'poreans raise over S\$50,000 for wife & children of migrant worker who died at Khoo Teck Puat Hospital

The Online Citizen

Foreign workers' cramped living conditions very ideal for spread of COVID-19; So why no preparation for an outbreak?

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Singapore

'We learned to smile with our eyes': Doctors volunteer to care for migrant workers at dormitories hit by COVID-19

What are the policy responses to and lessons learnt from this episode? Moving forward, what can be done by stakeholders to secure foreign workers' well-being?

Dormitory Operators



Foreign Worker Employers



Non-Governmental Organisations & Civil Society Groups



Government Agencies

