


# Queenstown Heritage Trail



As one of Singapore's oldest estates, Queenstown is steeped and deeply embedded in the history of Singapore. Not only is it Singapore's first satellite estate, Queenstown is also home to a multitude of historical heritage sites: sites that the estate is now planning to preserve through the use of the Queenstown Heritage Trail.



Running through 38 heritage markers, 11 heritage galleries, six neighbourhood heritage corners and a S\$2 million museum (set to be unveiled by 2020), the Heritage Trail will feature interactive spaces with photographs, artefacts, 3D displays and stories from residents.

In an interview with the Straits Times, Mr Kwek Li Yong, a champion for the preservation of Queenstown heritage, says that the trail aims to protect Queenstown's unique place in Singaporean culture and history. "[The heritage project] incorporates feedback from residents on what they feel is important to conserve. Rather than just ride the wave of nostalgia, we worked out concrete plans for the neighbourhood."

The MDIS Stirling Road campus is one of the 38 landmarks located on the trail. Located on the site of the former Baharuddin Vocational Institute – Singapore's first tertiary school dedicated to manual and applied

arts – the institute was officially opened by then Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew in 1965. The Institute eventually closed its doors in 1990, and in 2004 MDIS officially took over the premises, transforming it into a state-of-the-art tertiary educational institution.

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