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Green water-sports facility in Marina East



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Water enthusiasts will be able to go kayaking and dragonboating in the waters off Marina Bay, with a new facility in Marina East slated to open in the first quarter of 2014.

The \$10-million People's Association (PA) Water-Venture facility will boast training and meeting rooms, as well as a cafe with alfresco dining. It will be situated just north of the Gardens by the Bay attraction.

It is the ninth such facility here and construction will begin in the last quarter of this year.

In the meantime, those keen on water sports can use an interim outlet at the site - one can rent kayaks and dragonboats from it, and push off from two pontoons.

Existing Water-Venture outlets include those in Changi, East Coast and Kallang, which offer rental kayaks to the public.

A ground-breaking ceremony for the 1ha Marina East outlet was held yesterday, at which its name - PAssion WaVe@Marina Bay - and logo were unveiled.

It was attended by Minister in the Prime Minister's Office Lim Swee Say, the guest of honour, and the adviser to Mountbatten Grassroots Organisations, Mr Lim Biow Chuan.

Mr Yam Ah Mee, PA's chief executive director, explained why the location was chosen.

He said: "It is near Gardens by the Bay. We wanted to have land- and water- based facilities together, so that residents from all over Singapore can appreciate Singapore's beauty."

PAssion WaVe@Marina Bay will be built with green features, including a rainwater-harvesting tank for irrigation, an energy-efficient air-conditioning system and a green roof covered with vegetation.

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