PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET



1. Protocol title

Urban environment, lifestyle and well-being in Singapore

2. Principal Investigator and co-investigator(s), if any, with the contact number and organization:

Dr. Wang Xize
Assistant Professor
Department of real Estate
NUS School of Business
15 Kent Ridge Drive, Singapore 119245

Tel: +65-65167238

Email: wang.xize@nus.edu.sg

3. What is the purpose of this research?

You are invited to participate in a research project. This information sheet provides you with information about the research. The Principal Investigator (the person in charge of this research) or his/her representative will also describe this research to you and answer all of your questions. Read the information below and ask questions about anything you don't understand before deciding whether or not to take part in the study.

This study plans to analyse survey data from Singapore to examine the dynamics between the urban environment—including both physical design and social characteristics—lifestyle, and individual well-being. Although such relationships have been demonstrated in the literature from Western contexts, more studies are needed in the context of Singapore. In addition to contributing to the literature, such studies can also provide empirical evidence to help create a better physical and social urban environment for Singapore's future urban development.

4. Who can participate in the research? What is the expected duration of my participation? What is the duration of this research?

The survey respondents are expected to be between 21 and 65 years old and currently living in Singapore. The expected duration of participation for your participation is about 20 to 30 minutes. The expected duration of this research is expected to be about three years.

5. What is the approximate number of research participants involved?

Approximately 2,000-3,000 respondents are expected to complete the survey.

6. What will be done if I take part in this research study?

If you take part of this study, you will be asked to complete a survey questionnaire.

7. How will my privacy and the confidentiality of my research records be protected?

All data collected will be kept in accordance with the University's Research Data Management Policy. The survey does not collect your name, contact number or NRIC. Information collected for this study will be kept confidential and stored under secure

conditions. Your data and responses, to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations, will not be made publicly available.

8. What are the possible discomforts and risks for participants?

As this is a survey, there should be no risk to participants. Some of the questions may request personal information, such as individual or household income; a "prefer not to say" option is provided in case you feel uncomfortable answering them. If you do not wish to continue the survey at any point, for any reason, you may withdraw, and your collected data will be destroyed and discarded.

9. Will there be reimbursement for participation?

Yes, the survey company assisting with survey distribution will provide reward points upon completion. These points can be redeemed for online gift cards, PayPal cash, or charitable donations.

10. What are the possible benefits to me and to others?

Your participation will help the researchers better understand the relationship between the urban environment, lifestyle, and well-being in the context of Singapore. It can also provide empirical evidence to help create a better physical and social urban environment for Singapore's future urban development.

11. Can I refuse to participate in this research?

Yes, you can. Your decision to participate in this research study is voluntary and completely up to you. You can also withdraw from the research at any time without giving any reasons, by informing the principal investigator and all your data collected will be discarded.

12. Whom should I call if I have any questions or problems?

If you have any questions about the study, you may contact the Principal Investigator, Dr. Wang Xize (email: wang.xize@nus.edu.sg) for all research-related matters.

For an independent opinion regarding the research and the rights of research participants, you may contact the Faculty Ethics Review Committee at the National University of Singapore School of Business (<u>biz-erc@nus.edu.sq</u>).