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Reflection: Learning Journey To URA Building

The learning journey to the URA Building took place on June 1, 2019 from 11.10 am to 1.30 pm. I went with my father. The trip was organized by Mdm Foo and the Parent Teacher Association. The objective of this learning journey is to learn about URA's Masterplan and also to promote parent-child bonding.

URA is located at 45 Maxwell Road and has the goals of planning livable, inclusive neighborhoods and building a resilient city. The architecture of the URA Building is designed with green features to promote the use of green energy.

We had an informative guided tour through the City gallery where we were shown the Urban Transformation that Singapore manages to encourage economic growth, bringing jobs and amenities closer to residents: the past, present and the future. We also learnt about the various initiatives taken to put in place long term planning involving broad strategies, identifying land for various needs. This is done through planning for the necessary infrastructure and resources to support the proposed land use. By balancing economic, social and environmental considerations, the goal is to create a sustainable Singapore that provides quality living environment, offers plentiful growth opportunities and jobs for the people, and safeguards our clean and green landscape.

We also had an insightful guided tour of 2019 Masterplan of building a sustainable and resilient city of the future. We learnt that as our city grows, we need to invest in infrastructure to meet its increasing demands. As we have limited land, we need to employ innovative strategies to help optimize the space to meet our growing needs. This can be carried out through utilization of underground space to develop common service tunnels, district cooling plants, car parks and pedestrian links. Another initiative to save valuable space is to co-locate compatible recreational and community uses to improve convenience, for example, our Tampines Hub.

Overall, we had a great time at URA. We look forward to more of such interesting learning journeys to promote both understanding of Singapore's future development and parent-child bonding.