

ANNEX B - ABOUT THE RED CROSS HOUSE

The Red Cross House was officially opened in 1961 by Yang di-Pertuan Negara Yusof bin Ishak, who was then Patron of the SRC, to serve as the Headquarters of the Singapore Red Cross. Red Cross House was originally a two-storey building with a boomerang-shaped concrete canopy over its main entrance. It was designed by Dr Ho Kok Hoe, a pioneering architect who was also President of the Singapore Art Society.

A third storey was added in the 1970s and the building was conserved in 2014.

In 2022, the Red Cross House underwent a renovation to keep pace with the evolving times and the evolving role of the Red Cross.

In line with SRC's efforts to advocate environmental and social sustainability, the renovation of the Red Cross House is anchored on 4 design principles: Optimisation For Efficiency, Eco-Friendliness For Sustainability, Accessibility For Connectivity, and Appreciating The Heritage; to contribute to the environmental and social enhancement of its staff and the community.

To minimise the environmental impact of the Red Cross House, SRC retrofitted the building with low energy lighting, solar panels, and a waste water harvesting tank. Space optimisation was also an important consideration for SRC, as it sought to prioritise the efficient use of the building to avoid resource wastage and preserve the natural space around it. As such, the new building features multi-purpose spaces that can be expanded to accommodate SRC's growing needs; and the flat roofs of the building have also been converted to usable spaces.

The building has also been designed to provide an open environment for different functions within SRC to interact, promoting social cohesion and collaboration amongst its staff.

The refresh would be completed, and the building opened in October 2023.