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Jurong Beckons!



These are exciting times for the Jurong area. The picturesque locale is envisioned to be a thriving urban hub with lifestyle destinations, residential areas and an efficient commuter system, all encompassed in the verdant scenery. Nicknamed as the CBD of western Singapore, the Jurong Lake District and Jurong Gateway have become increasingly desirable for business and leisure developments alike.

In Jurong West rises the new Westwood Residences EC, a 99-year leasehold by Heeton Holdings Limited and Koh Brothers Group. Executive Condominiums are very rare in this part of Singapore. In fact, Westwood Residences is only the second EC in the general area within the past 17 years, following Lakelife which launched just last year. There won't be another any time soon.

Five, fourteen-storey blocks make up this homey, family-friendly community. There will be 480

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residential units, from two-bedroom through five-bedroom units. So whether you're still planning a family or you already have a growing one, there's a home here for you.

Apart from the wealth of home choices, the development will also have in-house amenities that uplift and inspire. Feel free to use the club house, the function room, the indoor gym, the 50-meter lap pool, and the barbecue area. Westwood Residences EC also happens to be the first-ever residential development in Singapore that promotes bike riding. Thus, it will feature a bicycle oval, a cycling track, a parking area for bikes, and a range of cyclist-friendly facilities.

Location and Accessibility

The 186,053-square foot site on Westwood Avenue is situated in a mostly-residential estate for landed homes, bounded by the PIE and Jalan Boon Lay. Driving to the Central business District via the PIE, KJE or the AYE will take you less than 30 minutes. The location is discretely separated from the clamour of the busy city, yet conveniently surrounded by a wealth of resources like parks, schools, shopping malls and eateries.

The neighborhood has several bus stops, but you may opt to go to the nearest MRT Stations, which are Pioneer and Boon Lay. Both are on the East-West Line. Just a few stops away is the Jurong East MRT Station, which lets you change to the North-South Line.

Nearby Shopping Centres

You won't need to go far to shop for your family's needs. In a mere three minutes, you can walk to the Gek Poh Shopping Centre, which has a supermarket, retail stores, a food court, fast food outlets, a bakery and other establishments. There's also a Sheng Siong Supermarket just around the corner. A few blocks away is Pioneer Mall, which has a Giant Hypermarket, some shops and eateries. Near the Boon Lay station is Jurong Point.

Take a quick train ride or a brief drive to explore the shopping options in Jurong East: Jem. Jcube, Westgate, IMM, or Big Box. There's also Taman Jurong Shopping Centre, which has an NTUC

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Schools

You won't have to travel all the way across the island just so your children can get a good education – there are lots of schools nearby.

Start your kids on a good foundation at schools like Pioneer Primary, Westwood Primary, West Grove Primary, Lakeside Primary, Corporation Primary, Yuhua Primary. Afterward, they can continue in Pioneer Secondary, Westwood Secondary, Juying Secondary, Yuhua Secondary, Hong Kah Secondary, Shuqun Secondary, River Valley High School, or NUS High School. And then there's Jurong Junior College.

If you would rather have your children go to an international school, you can consider Canadian International School, the Japanese School Singapore, or Yuvabharathi International School.

When it's finally time for college, they can consider going to Nanyang Technological University, Uptrend College, or BMC International College.

Hospitals

Every healthy family requires a lot of health care and medical attention, so it's good to live near a hospital or two. Luckily, there are three near you: West Point Hospital, Raffles Medical Centre, and Jurong Polyclinic.

Parks and Gardens

There's a lot of greenery in the Jurong Lake District, where you can relax and take a breather with the whole family. Make it a point to visit Jurong Lake Park, which has a Japanese Garden and a

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Chinese Garden. There's also Jurong Bird Park, Jurong Central Park, and Bukit Batok Hillside Park.

Other Recreational Stops

Also nearby are Jurong Super Bowl, Singapore Science Centre, Snow City, Jurong Country Club, Jurong West Sports and Recreation Centre.

Westwood Residences EC sure does seem like a great place to raise a family, with the parks, schools, cycling tracks and all! But if this doesn't exactly suit you, you can invest in a rental unit instead - a home near the Jurong Lake District is in hot demand among house-hunters these days.

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