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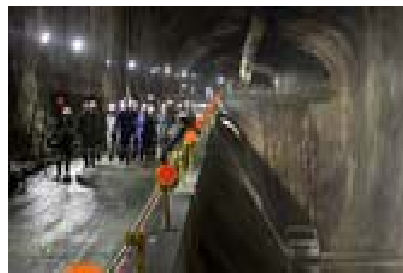
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## The Jurong Rock Caverns

**By Hazirah Ismail**

Jurong Rock Caverns was unveiled in Singapore on September 2, 2014. It is the latest engineering feat to overcome the scarcity of land in Singapore. It is an underground commercial storage facility for oil products. The ambitious Jurong Rock Caverns took six years of planning and eight years to be built.

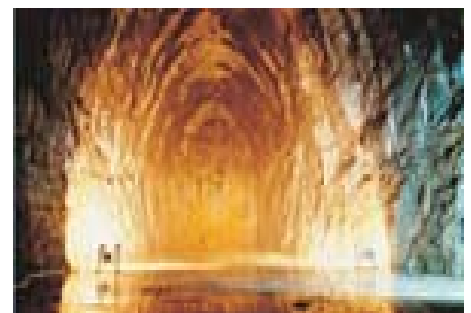


The making of Jurong Rock Caverns

Declared opened by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, the \$950 million project was challenging and risky but it will reap many benefits. It frees up 60 hectares of land or 70 football fields above ground for high value commercial activities.

The five nine-storey high caverns, which are the first in Southeast Asia, lie 150m below Jurong Island. They are four times further underground than Singapore's deepest MRT station. The caverns can store about 600 Olympic-sized swimming pools of crude oil.

The project was riskier and more complex than above-ground facilities. Thus, numerous overseas study missions and soil and rock investigations were conducted during the planning stage.



Inside the Jurong Rock Caverns

# Teacher Spotlight: Mrs Chowdhury

By Eleanor See



**Mrs Chowdhury**

Mrs Chowdhury, our Primary 5 English teacher, has been with Park View Primary School for 15 years.

One of the challenges that she faces is motivating children to push themselves to achieve their goals. She gets a great sense of satisfaction when her ex-students visit her and express their appreciation for the impact she has had on their lives. Some students tell her that she is the best teacher they have ever known!

Having taught for more than a decade in the school, Mrs Chowdhury has many memories. One of her fondest memories was the time she spent with her P5 students to prepare for visits to old folks' homes and to the Mid-Autumn flea markets.

She enjoys swimming, reading and watching movies. When she has free time during the school holidays, she and her family members like to cycle at the beach or fly kites at Marina Barrage. When it comes to meals, her family loves to eat together.

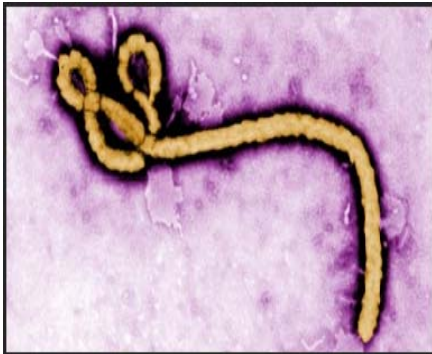
Mrs Chowdhury is firm but she is also kind and we all appreciate her efforts.



Kite flying at  
Marina Barrage

# Ebola Outbreak

By Shobhit Mishra



**The Ebola virus**

A deadly virus, Ebola, is endangering human lives. To date, there have been over 3600 deaths and more than 7000 people contracting it in West Africa.

You are not likely to catch the virus just by being near a person who has Ebola. Instead, it is spread by fluids such as blood, sweat, urine and vomit. If these fluids come in contact with other people's noses, eyes or mouths, the virus may be transmitted. The virus can survive on any surfaces that are contaminated by bodily fluids.

Most of the current outbreaks occur among caregivers of the infected relatives and people who prepare infected corpses for burial. Health workers are also at high risk of contracting the deadly Ebola virus.

Currently, there is no vaccine or cure for Ebola and the virus has killed 60 to 90 percent of its victims. So far, what doctors can do is nurse patients using medicines and fluids to maintain blood pressure, and treat other infections that affect victims' weakened bodies.

Some scientists suspect that bats harbour the virus and that apes and humans catch Ebola by eating food that bats have drooled or defecated on and by touching their eyes, noses or mouths after touching infected food.

The outbreak seems to have started in a village in Guinea where bat hunting is very common.



**Places in Africa where Ebola originated**

# Malala – 2014 Nobel Prize Winner

By Vaibhav Sharma

Winning the Nobel Prize at the age of 17? Impossible, you may say. Yet, children's rights activist Malala Yousafzai has won the Nobel Peace Prize at that age of 17!

Malala Yousafzai of Pakistan says she is honoured to share this Year's Nobel Peace Prize with India's Kailash Satyarthi, whose work also involves protecting the interests of young people.

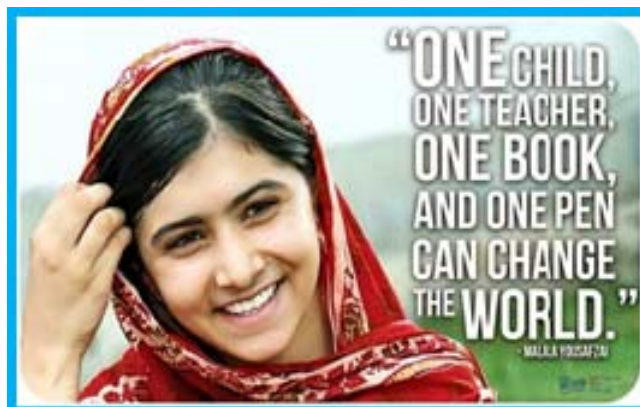
"I'm proud to be the first Pakistani and the first young woman to get this award," Yousafzai, 17, told journalists in Birmingham, England, where she now lives.

An outspoken advocate for girls' education, she was critically injured on 9 October 2012, when a gunman shot her in the head while she was riding home on a school bus in the city of Mingora. The Taliban, the infamous terrorist group, claimed responsibility for the attack.

Yousafzai spent three months in a British hospital recovering, and now lives in England with her family. Militants still threaten to kill her if she returns home. "They wanted to silence one Malala, but instead, now thousands and millions of Malalas are speaking," she said during an exclusive interview aired in 2013.

Yousafzai's campaigns for girls' education began when she was 11. She started blogging about her love of learning and Taliban oppression in Pakistan, especially its ban on educating girls in her area. She wanted all girls to be allowed to go to school.

Her father said, "The Nobel honor will boost the courage of Malala and enhance her capability to work for the cause of girls' education."



Malala Yousafzai