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Singapore Science Park celebrates 20th Anniversary
- Million-dollar makeover to The Science Hub to enhance tenant lifestyle
- 20 years into a world-class icon for R&D

1. **16 Oct 2002** – Business space solutions provider Ascendas celebrates today the 20th anniversary of its flagship property, the Singapore Science Park, with the re-opening of The Science Hub, after a recent million-dollar makeover.
2. The Science Hub is a fully-equipped amenity centre with facilities such as a fitness centre, swimming pool and jacuzzi, tennis and squash courts, restaurants, delibar, fruit store, convenience store, a 245-seat auditorium and conference/function rooms. It was the first such business lifestyle facility to be provided exclusively to tenants when completed in 1996 at the cost of \$12-million.
3. In addition to a modern designer-interior, the newly-refurbished Science Hub is the latest building in the Park to be equipped with wireless hotspots for easy connection to the Internet. These hotspots include areas such as the corridors, cafeteria, swimming pool, gymnasium and the auditorium.
4. Ms Chong Siak Ching, President/CEO of Ascendas Pte Ltd said, “Perhaps, 20 years ago when Science Park was first started, it was unimaginable to be able to work at the computer from the garden. Today, with wireless hotspots set up at places like the Capricorn courtyard, café and now, at the Science Hub, tenants can access their work or the Internet while waiting for their turn at the gym or even by the pool.”
5. “As we work to improve our physical space solutions, such as the renovating of the Science Hub to cater to more modern demands, we are also bundling a wide array of virtual and networking space solutions to give our customers a complete, conducive work-play environment.”

6. The celebration at The Science Hub today kick-started a two-week promotion in which tenants can enjoy discounts at more than 10 food and beverage outlets throughout the Park. Tenants can also sign up as new members to the gymnasium, Fitness Network, for just \$10.

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7. The Singapore Science Park was first conceptualised in the late 1970s, following Singapore's very successful industrialization programme. Industrial R&D was identified as a key to the next stage of Singapore's economic development and Science Park was created as the focal point to provide for the high quality infrastructure for research and development.
8. With approval for the flagship project in 1980, the Singapore Science Park began construction of two starter units, Fleming and Faraday. The first company to lease land to build its own facility in the park was Det Norske Veritas in 1982. DNV, an international company conducting maritime-related research and development, is still in the Science Park today.
9. The first tenant in the starter units was Everbloom, a pioneer in the biotechnological research of mushrooms, in 1984. The company moved out and later returned to Science Park in 1999 as Mycobitech. It is currently a tenant at Mendel, located at Science Park I.
10. Today, the Singapore Science Park is internationally renowned as Asia's foremost address for research and development (R&D), with the highest concentration of biomedical science R&D companies in one location in Singapore. Stretched over 65-hectares with Kent Ridge Park in the middle, it probably also has the highest concentration of Fortune 500 and global companies engaged in R&D activity in a single location.
11. Among its main attractions are the exclusive address, its unique lifestyle environment for business, and the large community of hi-tech tenants. The Park has a population of about 10,000 people from around the world working for more than 270 multinational companies, local companies and

national research organisations doing R&D work.

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