

新加坡是世界上著名的花园国家。第一任新加坡总理李光耀的“绿化新加坡,建设花园城市”的构想,让这个落后的小国家华丽转身,成为世界公认的“花园城市”。这一变化具体是什么样的呢?

## Singapore, the city in a garden

### 新加坡——“花园城市”

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#### 海词积累

1. etch /etʃ/ *v.* 蚀刻; 凿出
2. sewage /'su:ɪdʒ/ *n.* (下水道的)污水; 污物
3. urbanization /,ɜ:bənəɪ'zeɪʃn/ *n.* 城市化
4. strenuous /'strenjuəs/ *adj.* 艰苦的; 顽强的
5. awareness /ə'weɪnəs/ *n.* 意识
6. mission /'mɪʃn/ *n.* 官方使命

Singapore has transformed itself from a center of pollution to an environmental dream city in the past 50 years. From afar, the country's landscape looks like any other modern city with skyscrapers **etched** into its skyline. On the inside, however, a green heart has grown at the center of the city, spreading into the minds of its people and up the walls of its buildings. This heart was created by Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, who pushed a clean and green Singapore until it became reality.

In the 1960s, raw **sewage** loaded already-polluted canals of the city-state with so much waste that they poured waste water into the

Singapore River and surrounding areas. These problems encouraged rapid industrialization to help improve living conditions for the citizens of Singapore, but the widespread **urbanization** only raised the environmental concerns.

Now, the city sits at the center of architectural innovation and technological design and has become a green global powerhouse. The generation that pioneered this change understood that if Singapore becomes a nice place to live, then people will come and invest. The residents launched a **strenuous** 30-year campaign, cleaning up pollution and creating agencies. This led to the origin of the

National Parks Board, which decided there should be greenery and plant life everywhere people looked.

Part of the ongoing changes involves educating students from an early age on the importance of environmental *awareness*, protection and advocacy. This is Singapore's *mission* in preserving the achievements it has made while ensuring the future of its vision as an environmental champion. With its great leadership, Singapore's long-term plan includes a phase of sustainable development found in its

Sustainable Singapore Blueprint 2015, which underlines improvement in sectors that include all 17 of the UN Sustainable Development Goals through 2030.



Reading  
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- What's the main idea of paragraph 1?
  - Singapore has a history of 50 years.
  - Singapore has a perfect landscape.
  - Singapore has been transformed into a green country.
  - Singapore looks different from other modern cities.
- The National Parks Board was set up mainly because of \_\_\_\_\_.
 

A. a green powerhouse	B. a government policy
C. a national organization	D. a 30-year campaign

Language  
Study

**Sentences for writing**

1. 然而,在城市的内部,一颗绿色的心已在城市中心生长,蔓延到人们的思想和建筑的墙壁上。

On the inside, however, a green heart has \_\_\_\_\_ at the center of the city, \_\_\_\_\_ into the minds of its people and up the walls of its buildings.

2. 这使得国家公园董事会得以成立,这个董事会决定在人们所能看到的地方都应该有绿色和带有生命的植物。

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