

I recently gave my views to MSNews for the Founders' Memorial. What did I say?



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S\$335M Founders' Memorial sparks debate, only 22% of poll respondents feel positive about it

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"It's a huge splurge that isn't really necessary"

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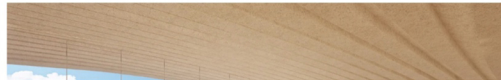
Some Singaporeans said that more can be done in terms

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MS News spoke to the founder of heritage education platform The Urbanist Singapore, Yong Min Ho, 40, for his take on the matter. "Upon first hearing about the S\$335 million budget for the Founders' Memorial, my reaction was one of contemplation", he shares. "It's essential to recognise that significant investments in public projects often come with a variety of perspectives."

Ho elaborated: "The question of whether the historical benefits could outweigh the costs is complex. Memorials serve as tangible reminders of our past, helping future generations understand their heritage and identity."

"The intent is not merely to erect a structure but to create a space that fosters reflection on our shared history and values, for hopefully many generations to come."



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Some have proffered the idea of downsizing the project while others simply wish for more transparency on how the building will be managed in the long run.

However, there's also a smaller percentage of the population that are in full support of the project in spite of the cost. It will be four more years before the Founders' Memorial is completed, and till then Singaporeans will simply have to look forward to updates about the project.

In an encouraging roundup by Ho: "Remember, if done well, a good memorial will serve to engage and energise Singaporeans for many generations to come."

Also read: Founders' Memorial will cost S\$335M to develop, annual operating costs to be worked out

