



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR EXPRESSWAYS?

AYE, BKE, CTE – Singapore’s love for acronyms can be seen in the names of our 10 expressways that currently criss-cross the island. Discover interesting facts about these speedy routes.

UNDER THE SEA

A landmark stretch of a 420m undersea road was completed as part of Marina Coastal Expressway (MCE), which opened in 2013. The first of its kind to go under the sea bed, the tunnel runs 20m below the mean sea level at its deepest point.



1 FIRST UNDER-GROUND ROADS

The Central Expressway (CTE) is the first to feature underground tunnels. Completed in 1991, its two tunnels remained as the only underground roads in Singapore for over a decade, until the Fort Canning Tunnel was opened in 2007.



HIGHWAY WITH A HERITAGE

The Pan Island Expressway (PIE) is not only Singapore’s oldest, but also the longest. Construction started in 1966 and the last phase was completed in 1992. The 42.8km expressway connects Changi Airport in the east with Tuas in the west in less than 45 minutes – half the time it would normally take via trunk routes.

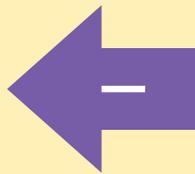
DID YOU KNOW?



Our highways are typically abbreviated by the first letter of the first two syllables, followed by the first letter of the last word – except for KPE and MCE. So Tampines Expressway is TPE, and Ayer Rajah Expressway is AYE, while KPE stands for Kallang-Paya Lebar Expressway.



Singapore’s only right-hand expressway exit is about to disappear. Construction work is currently underway to replace the Clementi exit along PIE (Tuas) with an underpass exit on the side where it typically belongs – the left.



LONGEST TUNNEL MARVEL



At 9km, the Kallang-Paya Lebar Expressway (KPE) became the longest road tunnel in Southeast Asia when it was fully opened in 2008. The tunnel was launched with much fanfare, which included a car rally, a trishaw race, a human race, and even a lantern parade!



ANIMAL-FRIENDLY CROSSING

The PIE may be the winner for having the greatest number of flyovers (18), but the Bukit Timah Expressway (BKE), which is maintained by NParks, has one special overpass that allows animals to cross. The 62m Eco-Link@BKE was built in 2013 to allow wildlife to expand their habitat across two nature reserves. This helps to improve the biodiversity of the surrounding environment.

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