

GIS OPENS ITS DOORS TO A*STAR COLLEAGUES



*Dr Wan Yue, Deputy Executive Director of GIS, giving A*STAR colleagues an overview of GIS.*

27 October 2023 – The Genome Institute of Singapore held an Open House for all colleagues of A*STAR in the afternoon of 27 October 2023. This is part of A*STAR’s initiative to encourage more networking sessions across A*STAR to improve communication amongst the Research Institutes, Councils and Headquarters, drive better cross collaborative efforts, and to build stronger capabilities to collectively secure competitive grants. As such, all the Research Institutes take turns to organise Open Houses.

A total of 150 visitors attended the GIS Open House, which showcased exhibits and laboratory tours in the following areas:

- Conserving our heritage - biodiversity and biomedicine
- Microbial diversity and human health
- Our response to the COVID-19 pandemic - SDL@GIS
- Revolutionising public health through genomics
- The genomic blueprint of Singaporeans
- Nucleic acid - new-age data storage system and therapeutics
- Visualising genes in tissues
- A day in the life of a bioinformatician

The open house was highly interactive and included a carnival by the GIS Recreation Club where visitors displayed their skills in games such as table tennis, basketball, foosball and carrom, and 18 board games including Scrabble, Dominoes, Blokus, Sushi Go and Catan. Attendees who visited the exhibits were also each rewarded a jar of cookies.

