



PRESS INVITATION

COMPETE IN ANCIENT GAMES AT THE ASIAN CIVILISATIONS MUSEUM

[24 May 2006] For one day only on 28 May, the games of Ancient Asia will be revived at the Asian Civilisations Museum (ACM). Comprising four games from four Asian regions, participants are invited to form 'tribes' of four to compete in various mental and physical challenges where they stand to win up to \$2000 worth of sporting goods vouchers. The less sports-inclined can choose to support their favourite 'tribe' or simply watch the games and see for themselves how they have been passed down through history to become part of our lives today.

One featured game is the **Silat Memory Challenge**. This combines age-old silat with a modern 'Dance Dance Revolution' twist. Participants get to test their memory and dexterity while picking up slick silat moves at the same time. Other featured games are **Chinese weiqi, Royal Game of Ur**, and **Kabaddi**.

Registration for the Games is required and participants may call 6332 3284 or log on to www.nhb.gov.sg/acm for more details.

Other Play activities

Sports not your cup of tea? Then grab a mat as the front lawn of ACM becomes converted into a performance and picnic area on this day. Visitors will be entertained by *FUSE* where local bands fuse traditional Asian instruments together with modern instruments in their music for a new twist to an ancient outdoor rock concert!

Closet film-makers and movie lovers alike can look forward to *Through My Eyes*, a short film marathon showcasing the works of aspiring young and local filmmakers. Through these filmmakers' observations, moving epiphanies and alternative interpretations, the film marathon will open up different dimensions to the things we see around us (*Annex A*).

These are just some of the more than 60 activities and events happening during International Museum Day 2006 (IMD'06), an 11-day cultural extravaganza stretching from 18 to 28 May 2006.

We warmly invite you and your photographer/cameraman to come play with us at ACM on **28 May from 10am-9pm**.

Please RSVP with Ms Jennifer Quong at Tel: 6332 7991, email Jennifer_Quong@nhb.gov.sg, or Ms Melissa Cheah at Tel: 6332 3962, email Melissa_Cheah@nhb.gov.sg **by 26 May, 4pm**.

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About International Museum Day (IMD)

Happening at close to 30 museums islandwide, IMD'06 is anchored on the theme 'Museums and Young People'. Spearheaded by the National Heritage Board, the IMD is the first cultural extravaganza jointly organised with the Museum Roundtable. With more than 60 activities happening both day and night, visitors can indulge in a delectable buffet spread - from museum hopping tours, night trails, disco parties, ancient sports, to toy making!

About National Heritage Board

The NHB champions the promotion of a vibrant cultural and heritage sector in Singapore. It aims to make heritage enriching, relevant and accessible to all through forging collaborative partnerships and staging innovative programmes to engage different audiences. NHB is a statutory board formed on 1 August 1993 under the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts (MICA).

About Museum Roundtable

The Museum Roundtable (MR) was formed in 1996 to bring museums and heritage galleries closer to the public. Chaired by the National Heritage Board, it seeks to develop a stronger museum-going culture amongst Singaporeans and tourists. Key activities include organising of major museum-going festivals, joint marketing of activities, sharing of knowledge, and improving professional standards. Currently, the MR has close to 40 members covering a wide range of themes and topics - from art, culture, history, World War II, science, urban planning, healthcare, to security and defence.

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Video Highlights for *Through My Eyes*:

A Not So Giant Story

Directed by Don M Salubayba / 2005 / Philippines / 6 mins

This animation is about one of the many legends of the Philippines – an archipelago of more than 7,000 islands. This legend tells of how one island inhabited by two giants ended up as many smaller islands.

Diminishing Memories

Directed by Eng Yee Peng / 2005 / Singapore / 26 mins

Has anyone contemplated what Singapore's prosperity has been built on? This film is a personal journey of the filmmaker, recollecting her childhood memories of living in a village that has already died and its spirit dispersed. It also suggests the price Singapore have to pay to build the country.

Lost Sole

Directed by Sanif Olek / 2005 / 19 mins

Amidst the backdrop of spirituality in a modern landscape, the protagonist embarks on a personal journey that inadvertently puts his public stature at stake. *Lost Sole* is also the filmmaker's journey into the soul of his ethnicity and an indirect yet deliberate response to the post 9/11 atmosphere.

Other titles:

Midnight Cafe (Singapore)

Where We Live (Singapore)

Beautiful Strangers (Singapore)

Twilight Rose (Singapore)

Pillow Talk (Thailand)