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INDIAN HERITAGE CENTRE TAKES A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD IN ITS DEVELOPMENT WITH APPOINTMENT OF KEY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

[23 JANUARY 2009] Plans for the much-anticipated Indian Heritage Centre (IHC) have taken a significant step forward in its development with the appointment of 30 key committee members to a Steering Committee and three Sub-Committees to spearhead its development. The members hail from diverse fields such as business, banking, philanthropy, law, academia, media, as well as the Indian community. Collectively, they will bring extensive experience and considerable influence to develop an IHC as an institution of excellence and centre of pride for the Indian community.

The proposed IHC will be located in the heart of Little India Conservation District at the junction of Clive Street and Campbell Lane. For a site plan, please refer to **Annex A**. It will feature the history of Singapore's diverse Indian community as well as Singapore's links to India and the Indian Diaspora.

DPM Prof S. Jayakumar, inaugurating the Steering Committee and Sub-Committees, said: "With the able leadership and active contributions of all Steering Committee and Sub-Committee members, I believe that the Indian Heritage Centre when established will not only be a source of satisfaction and pride for the Singapore Indian community, but will also be of great interest to other Singaporeans as well as foreign visitors who seek a deeper appreciation of Singapore's Indian heritage and culture.

IHC Steering Committee and Sub-Committees

The IHC Steering Committee is chaired by Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Balaji Sadasivan, and comprises 15 members who will identify the key objectives, scope and concept of the IHC and guide the sub-committees and consultants to implement the development. The advisors to the IHC Steering Committee are Prof S. Jayakumar, Deputy Prime Minister and Co-ordinating Minister for National Security, K. Shanmugam, Minister for Law & 2nd Minister for Home Affairs and S. Iswaran, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Three Sub-Committees in Fund-raising, Concept and Content as well as Design and Construction will be set up to oversee specific aspects of the IHC development. Members of the Sub-Committees will work closely with the IHC Steering Committee to realise the overall strategic directions for the IHC. The Sub-Committee Chairpersons are as follows:

IHC Fund-raising Sub-Committee

- Chairman - Mr. S. Chandra Das, Chairman of Nur Investment and Trading Pte. Ltd.
- Deputy Chairman - Mr. Sat Pal Khattar, Senior Consultant, Messrs Sat Pal Khattar

IHC Concept and Content Sub-Committee

- Chairman - Mr. Gopinath Pillai, Chairman of Institute of South Asian Studies
- Deputy Chairman - Ambassador K Kesavapany, Institute of South East Asian Studies

IHC Design and Construction Sub-Committee.

- Chairman - Mr. Rangareddy Jayachandra, Non Executive Chairman, Board of Chairman of Olam International Pte. Ltd.
- Deputy Chairman - Mr. Ashvinkumar s/o Kantilal, First Vice President of the Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) and Director of Architects 61 Pte. Ltd.

For a full list of IHC Steering Committee and Sub-Committee members, please refer to ***Annex B.***

About National Heritage Board

The National Heritage Board (NHB) champions the development and promotion of a vibrant cultural and heritage sector in Singapore. It makes heritage enriching, relevant and accessible to all through staging innovative programmes and forging collaborative partnerships with both private and people sector counterparts. NHB leverages on state-of-the-art technology and refreshing new approaches to make heritage more dynamic, alive and exciting for different audiences. It also manages both national and public museums, the National Archives of Singapore, and the Heritage Conservation Centre. NHB was formed on 1 August 1993 as a statutory board under the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts (MICA).

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PROPOSED SITE LOCATION OF INDIAN HERITAGE CENTRE

Indian Heritage Centre



Site Plan



Site

Site Photos

**COMPOSITION OF INDIAN HERITAGE CENTRE (IHC) STEERING COMMITTEE
AND SUB-COMMITTEES**

IHC Steering Committee

Advisors

- Prof S. Jayakumar, Deputy Prime Minister and Co-ordinating Minister for National Security
- K. Shanmugam, Minister for Law and 2nd Minister for Home Affairs
- S. Iswaran, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry

Chairman

- Dr. Balaji Sadasivan, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Members

- Mr. S. Chandra Das, Chairman of Nur Investment and Trading Pte. Ltd.
- Mr. Sat Pal Khattar, Senior Consultant, Messrs Sat Pal Khattar
- Mr. Gopinath Pillai, Chairman, Institute of South Asian Studies
- Ambassador K Kesavapany, Institute of South East Asian Studies
- Mr. Rangareddy Jayachandran, Non Executive Chairman, Board of Olam International Pte. Ltd.
- Mr. Ashvinkumar s/o Kantilal, First Vice President of the Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) and Director of Architects 61 Pte Ltd
- Mr. M. Rajaram, Immediate Past Chairman of Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Senior Director, Straits Law Practice
- Dr. Albert Hong, Chairman and Managing Director of RSP Architects Planners & Engineers Pte. Ltd.
- Mr. Viswanathan Shankar, Member, Standard Chartered Bank Group Management Committee
- Mr. Gautam Banarjee, Executive Chairman, Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PwC)
- Ms. Vemala Rajamanickam, Partner, Allen and Gledhill LLP Advocates and Solicitors
- Mr. Lock Wai Han, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts (MICA)
- Mr. Michael Koh, National Heritage Board (NHB)
- Mrs. Cheong-Chua Koon Hean, Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA)
- Representative, Singapore Tourism Board (STB)

IHC Fundraising Sub-Committee

Chairman

- Mr. S. Chandra Das, Chairman Nur Investment and Trading Pte. Ltd.

Deputy Chairman

- Mr. Sat Pal Khattar, Senior Consultant, Messrs Sat Pal Khattar

Members

- Mr. P R. Ponnampalam, Past Chairman of Singapore Indian Education Trust
- Mr. M. Rajaram, Immediate Past Chairman of Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Senior Director, Straits Law Practice
- Mr. Viswanathan Shankar, Member, Standard Chartered Bank Group Management Committee

IHC Concept and Content Sub-Committee

Chairman

- Mr. Gopinath Pillai, Chairman of Institute of South Asian Studies

Deputy Chairman

- Ambassador K Kesavapany, Institute of South East Asian Studies

Members

- A/P Tan Tai Yong, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore (NUS)
- A/P Gyanesh Kudaisya, Head, Department of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore (NUS)
- A/P Kalyani K. Mehta, Department of Social Work and Psychology, National University of Singapore (NUS) and Nominated Member of Parliament
- Mr. Arun Mahizhnan, Deputy Director, Institute of Policy Studies
- Mr. Shriniwas Rai, Trustee of Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hall and former Nominated Member of Parliament
- Dr. Gauri Krishnan, Asian Civilisations Museum (ACM), National Heritage Board
- NHB Director in charge of the Heritage Institutions

IHC Design and Construction Sub-Committee

Chairman

- Mr. Rangareddy Jayachandra, Non Executive Chairman, Board of Chairman of Olam International Pte. Ltd.

Deputy Chairman

- Mr. Ashvinkumar s/o Kantilal, First Vice President of the Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) and Director of Architects 61 Pte. Ltd.

Members

- A/P S. Rajendran, Chairman of Hindu Endowment Board
- Mr. Rajakumar Chandra, Chairman of Little India Shopkeepers and Heritage Association
- Mr. V. Krishna, Consultant/Advisor of Little India Shopkeepers and Heritage Association and Member of Preservation of Monuments Board (PMB)
- Mrs. Aditi Krishnakumar, Former Journalist
- Ms. Margaret Teo, Singapore Tourism Board (STB)
- Ms. Teh Lai Yip, Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA)
- NHB Director in charge of the Heritage Institutions