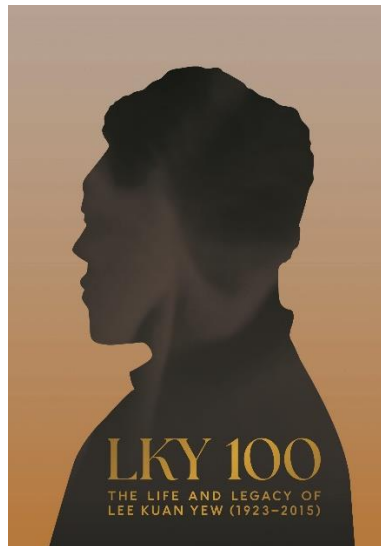


MEDIA ALERT

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National Museum of Singapore commemorates Mr Lee Kuan Yew's 100th birth anniversary with new film by Royston Tan and digital trail



In commemoration of Mr Lee Kuan Yew's 100th birth anniversary, the National Museum of Singapore has commissioned a new short film, *LKY100: The Life and Legacy of Lee Kuan Yew (1923–2015)*, by local filmmaker Royston Tan that honours Singapore's founding prime minister and his enduring contribution to the country.

The film, which runs approximately 5 minutes, will be presented in the concluding section of the museum's Singapore History Gallery and featured in a digital trail. It features the late Mr Lee sharing a special message created from a collage of key speeches across his storied career. The film poignantly depicts Mr Lee's speeches over the years in tandem with the nation's transformation into the modern and metropolitan city that it is today. The selection of speeches has been taken primarily from Mr Lee's National Day Rally speeches, which include:

- Speeches delivered in English, Malay, Mandarin and Hokkien, highlighting the importance of multiculturalism to Mr Lee
- The first televised National Day Rally in 1971 where Mr Lee spoke about how well Singapore had fared and its remarkable transformation against the odds.

Director and local filmmaker Royston Tan noted, "Mr Lee Kuan Yew is fondly remembered as a charismatic speaker, and I wanted to capture his essence as a strong leader through the medium of his speeches. It is an honour to pay tribute to a historic leader like Mr Lee with this film, and I hope that it serves as a nostalgic and inspiring narrative for both the older and younger generations to continue creating a better future for our nation."

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As part of the National Museum's National Day Celebrations, snippets of the film will be adapted into the museum's National Day façade light-up for all to enjoy from 21 July to 9 August 2023, 7.30pm to 12 midnight.

Digital trail chronicling Mr Lee's life and legacy

This new film complements a digital trail within the National Museum that presents Mr Lee's legacy, the values he embodied in his life and career, and how his ideas and actions shaped the path of our nation.

Spanning the post-war Singapore section of the museum's Singapore History Gallery and the *Semangat yang Baru: Forging a New Singapore Spirit* exhibition, this augmented on-site experience was launched earlier in April and presents the historical and contemporary significance of Mr Lee as a political figure, with key artefacts and multimedia pieces touching upon his life and values in relation to Singapore's journey.

Registration for the digital trail can be done via personal mobile devices by scanning a QR code at the Singapore History Gallery at level 1, or at the *Semangat yang Baru* exhibition gallery, which is a pilot exhibition of the Founders' Memorial at the basement level of the National Museum. Upon completing the trail, visitors can redeem a gift from the vending machine at the Singapore History Gallery exit at Level 1. The gift is inspired by Mr Lee Kuan Yew's iconic red box.

Chung May Khuen, Director of the National Museum of Singapore, added, "Mr Lee's significant contributions and leadership in transforming Singapore into a modern and vibrant city is deeply intertwined with our nation's history. Through this special film and the accompanying trail, we hope to encourage Singaporeans young and old to come together to explore, revisit, and be inspired by Mr Lee's legacy that we can continue building upon for generations to come, and in navigating the challenges ahead."

Details on LKY100 film screening

LKY100: The Life and Legacy of Lee Kuan Yew (1923–2015) runs until 31 December 2023 and is free for Singaporeans and Singapore permanent residents. Refer to Annex A for the complete list of the National Museum's offerings in commemoration of Mr Lee Kuan Yew's 100th birth anniversary. For more information, please refer to: go.gov.sg/hmslky100 or the National Museum's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

Press visuals can be found [here](#).

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About the National Museum of Singapore

With a history dating back to 1887, the National Museum of Singapore is the nation’s oldest museum with a progressive mind. Its galleries adopt multi-perspectives ways of presenting history and culture, featuring important artefacts that tell the stories of Singapore and the world to redefine the conventional museum experience. The museum is home to thought-provoking exhibitions and hosts exciting events all year round including the Singapore Night Festival. The National Museum of Singapore refreshed its permanent galleries and re-opened them in September 2015 for Singapore’s Golden Jubilee. In 2022, it celebrated its 135th anniversary. For more details, please visit www.nationalmuseum.sg.

About the Semangat yang Baru: Forging a New Singapore Spirit Special Exhibition

Semangat yang Baru: Forging a New Singapore Spirit is a pilot exhibition of the Founders’ Memorial, co-presented with and at the National Museum of Singapore. It focuses on key historical milestones between the 1950s and 1970s, and explores how our founding leaders were guided by principles and values such as multiculturalism, openness and resilience that have become foundational to Singapore. The title takes reference from our National Anthem to capture the spirit of courage and dynamism of that period, when Singaporeans came together to build our fledgling nation. Just as the Singapore spirit was born out of adversity 50 years ago, the exhibition invites Singaporeans to reflect on our founding values in the face of contemporary challenges and find inspiration for the way forward together as a nation.

Annex A

The National Museum’s offerings in commemoration of Lee Kuan Yew’s 100th birth anniversary			
	Offerings	Details	Duration
1	Digital trail spanning the Singapore History Gallery (SHG) and the <i>Semangat yang Baru: Forging a New Singapore Spirit</i> exhibition	Visitors are invited to embark on a digital trail to find out more about Mr Lee’s legacy, the values he embodied in his life and career, and how his ideas and actions shaped the path of our nation.	LKY100 Digital Trail in Singapore History Gallery exhibition: Open till 31 December 2023 LKY100 Digital Trail in <i>Semangat yang Baru: Forging a New Singapore Spirit</i> exhibition: Open till 13 November 2023
2	<i>LKY100: The Life and Legacy of Lee Kuan Yew (1923–2015)</i> film by Royston Tan	The National Museum has commissioned Singaporean filmmaker Royston Tan to produce a film to commemorate Mr Lee’s 100th birth anniversary, which will offer a rousing culmination to the	Daily from 21 July – 31 December 2023, 10am – 7pm, Singapore History Gallery (concluding section)

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		conclusion of the digital trail experience at the SHG.	
3	National Day façade light-up	In the weeks leading up to National Day, the National Museum building will come alive with a special facade light-up. This year’s light-up will feature snippets of the commissioned short film, inviting visitors to reflect on the life and values of Mr Lee, the colours and symbols of Singapore, and the National Day theme of “Onward As One”.	Daily from 21 July – 9 August 2023, 7.30pm – 12 midnight, National Museum’s façade