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EMBRACE SINGAPORE'S MULTICULTURAL TAPESTRY AT NHB'S RACIAL HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS



Singapore, 9 July 2024 – This July, in celebration of Singapore’s annual Racial & Religious Harmony Month and our diversity and multiculturalism, the National Heritage Board (NHB) invites all to a fun weekend of public programmes with ***Let’s Embrace – Celebrating Harmony!*** For the first time, NHB’s Heritage Institutions – the Indian Heritage Centre (IHC), Malay Heritage Centre (MHC), and Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall (SYSNMH) – together with the Eurasian Association (EA), will bring the festivities out into the heart of the community at Our Tampines Hub.

2 *Let’s Embrace – Celebrating Harmony* will feature exciting activities for all ages across the weekend of 13 and 14 July. Specially commissioned performances, cultural workshops, a student-guided heritage trail, travelling exhibitions and displays, a community mural painting workshop, and more will highlight the rich cultures and heritage of our various communities.

3 Cheryl Koh, Director (Heritage Institutions), NHB, said, “Racial harmony is at the heart of what it means to be Singaporean, though it is sometimes overlooked and taken for granted. Racial

harmony goes beyond having a united, shared identity to understanding and appreciating our differences. As focal points of their respective communities, the Indian Heritage Centre, Malay Heritage Centre, and Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall – together with our partner the Eurasian Association – have come together to promote intercultural understanding through a myriad of fun and meaningful offerings. As we enjoy these programmes, we hope visitors will gain a deeper appreciation of the varied cultures and heritage that make up Singapore.”

4 A highlight of *Let’s Embrace – Celebrating Harmony* is ***The Human Library: Meet a Museum Minion***, which will present an insider’s perspective on the intriguing world of museums, unveiling a seldom seen side of our heritage institutions and their exhibitions and offerings. Visitors will get to speak to curators, programmers, conservators, and collections management officers from IHC, MHC, SYSNMH, EA and NHB’s Heritage Conservation Centre on their work behind-the-scenes, and how these different roles contribute to telling the stories of their communities’ culture and heritage.

5 Visitors are also invited to discover how neighbourhood stores have evolved into communal spaces where people from all walks of life mingle through ***Our Common Ground: A Neighbourhood Adventure Display***, and how some fundamental values are shared across different cultures through ***The Good Hood: Where Values Come Home*** travelling exhibition.



Let's Embrace
Celebrating Harmony
Cultural Performance

13 July 2024, 5pm - 6pm
Our Tampines Hub, Town Square

Hosted by

Catherine Robert
Mediacorp Class 95 DJ

Khalid
Mediacorp Oli DJ

Featuring

Daryl Ann
Mediacorp Artiste

Elvin Ng
Mediacorp Artiste

Taufik Batisah
Local Artiste
1st Singapore Idol

Suthasini Rajenderan
Singer/songwriter

Organized by: 

Media Partner: 

Venue Partner: 

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6 A specially curated ***Let's Embrace - Celebrating Harmony 2024*** Racial Harmony Day cultural concert, hosted by Mediacorp radio DJs Kather from Oli and Catherine Robert from Class 95, will feature an entertaining medley by local artistes Taufik Batisah and Suthasini, and Mediacorp artistes Elvin Ng and Daryl Ann, as well as music, dance, and martial arts performances by various ethnic cultural groups.

7 Multilingual **storytelling sessions** at Tampines Regional Library in English, Mandarin, Malay, and Tamil will bring stories to life for families. Food lovers are also invited to savour the mouth-watering delicacies of our diverse cultures at the ***Multicultural Cooking Workshop***.

8 Bringing the focus onto the Tampines community, ***Project Embrace V2! A Community Mural Painting Activity*** invites members of the public to unleash their creativity by painting on steel panels that will eventually be used to beautify MRT pillars, while guided tours of NHB's *Tampines Heritage Trail* by students of Junyuan Secondary School and Ngee Ann Secondary School will explore spaces that represent different communities in the neighbourhood. Admission is free for all, and registration is required for selected programmes. A full lineup of programmes and registration information is included in **Annex B**.

9 For more information about *Let's Embrace – Celebrating Harmony*, please visit the *Let's Embrace – Celebrating Harmony* Facebook page at <https://go.gov.sg/nhbracialharmony>, or the websites and social media pages of [Indian Heritage Centre](#), [Malay Heritage Centre](#), [Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall](#) and [Eurasian Association](#). Find out more about other community events held during the Racial and Religious Harmony Month [here](#). You can also refer to:

- [Annex A](#) - About *Let's Embrace – Celebrating Harmony*
- [Annex B](#) - List of programmes



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About National Heritage Board

The National Heritage Board (NHB) was formed on 1 August 1993. As the custodian of Singapore's heritage, NHB is responsible for telling the Singapore story, sharing the Singaporean experience and imparting our Singapore spirit.

NHB's mission is to preserve and celebrate the shared heritage of our diverse communities, for the purpose of education, nation-building and cultural understanding. It manages the national museums and heritage institutions, and sets policies relating to heritage sites, monuments and the national collection. Through the national collection, NHB curates heritage programmes and presents exhibitions to connect the past, present and future generations of Singaporeans. NHB is a statutory board under the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth.

Please visit www.nhb.gov.sg for more information.

About the Heritage Institutions

About Indian Heritage Centre

The Indian Heritage Centre (IHC), a heritage institution managed by the National Heritage Board (NHB), traces the history of the South Asian community in Singapore and Southeast Asia. Launched on 7 May 2015 (in conjunction with Singapore's 50th anniversary celebrations) by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, the IHC is a focal point for the Indian community, and a platform to learn more about the diverse Indian heritage in Singapore.

Located in the heart of Little India, IHC also serves as a springboard for visitors to explore the historic precinct. The Centre is housed in a brand-new four-storey building, comprising permanent galleries featuring five themes, a special exhibition gallery, educational and activity spaces, as well as other facilities. For more information, please visit www.indianheritage.org.sg.

About Malay Heritage Centre



The Malay Heritage Centre (MHC) is housed in the former Istana Kampong Gelam, which was gazetted as a National Monument in 2015. The centre showcases the history, culture and contributions of the Malay community within the context of Singapore's history and multi-cultural society. MHC's permanent galleries focus on the history of Kampong Gelam and feature an array of artefacts from the National Collection and the Malay community. Through its exhibitions and programmes, the Centre aspires to be a vibrant destination of historical and cultural significance for both Singaporeans and international visitors. The Malay Heritage Centre is a heritage institution managed by the National Heritage Board. More information on MHC may be found at this website www.malayheritage.org.sg.

About Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall

Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall (SYSNMH), a heritage institution owned by Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry and managed by the National Heritage Board, traces Dr Sun's revolutionary activities in the Southeast Asian region and highlights the impact of the 1911 Chinese Revolution on Singapore as well as Singapore's contributions to the Revolution.

The SYSNMH re-opened to the public on 9 October 2011. The revamped Memorial Hall features a new storyline that introduces key community leaders in the early 20th century; highlights Nanyang as a base for Revolution; and explores the impact and influences of the 1911 Chinese Revolution on the Singapore Chinese community. It will also continue to promote the understanding of our history through research and publication; work with the community in outreach and education programmes as well as organise Chinese cultural events for all Singaporeans and visitors.

Please visit www.sysnmh.org.sg for more information.

Partners

About Eurasian Association

The Eurasian Association, Singapore (EA) was established in 1919 as a voice for the Eurasian community and became a Self-Help Group in 1994. It is dedicated to serving the community through Family Support Services' initiatives to assist the less fortunate, education and enrichment programmes to support students, and community development efforts, including youth and sports, to bring the community together and foster unity and collaboration.

Central to its mission is also the preservation of Eurasian heritage and culture. The Eurasian Community House is the EA's platform for community collaboration, and houses the Eurasian Heritage Gallery (EHG), which offers insights into the origins, contributions, culture, and lifestyle of the small but vibrant Eurasian community in Singapore. The EHG also helps raise awareness about Eurasians in the wider community through engaging activities such as tour programmes, Eurasian dance performances, and cultural booths.



Please visit <https://www.eurasians.sg/> for more information.

About *Let's Embrace – Celebrating Harmony*

Our Tampines Hub

Date: 13 & 14 July 2024

Time: 11am – 7pm

Admission: Free admission with ticketed activities

Celebrate Singapore's multiculturalism and diversity this July at *Let's Embrace – Celebrating Harmony*, by the National Heritage Board! Learn about the cultures and heritage of our different communities at Our Tampines Hub through a guided heritage trail, immersive storytelling sessions, cultural cooking workshops, a travelling exhibition, and a community mural painting event. Get to know us and gain behind-the-scenes insights from the staff of the Indian Heritage Centre, Malay Heritage Centre, Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall, and Eurasian Association.

For more information about *Let's Embrace – Celebrating Harmony*, please visit the websites and follow the social media pages of the Indian Heritage Centre, Malay Heritage Centre, Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall, and Eurasian Association.

List of Programmes

Key Highlights

Our Common Ground: A Neighbourhood Adventure Display

(Presented by the Heritage Institutions, managed by the National Heritage Board. Supported by Our Tampines Hub)

Date: 13 & 14 July 2024

Time: 11am – 7pm

Venue: Our Tampines Hub – Festive Walk

Admission: Free

Embrace diversity through finding common ground in the neighbourhood shops that have shaped our common identity. These shops have become common spaces where people of all walks of life mingle; each a microcosm of multiple cultures, displaying objects related to culinary heritage, patterns and motifs, and traditional sports and games. Come visit with your family and friends to learn more about our rich cultural heritage and the ties that bind us!

The Human Library: Meet a Museum Minion

Date: 13 & 14 July 2024

Time: 1 – 2pm, 3 – 4pm

Venue: Our Tampines Hub – Festive Walk

Admission: Free

Curious to know more about the different jobs and roles in a museum? Our friendly curators, programmers, conservators, and collections management officers from the Indian Heritage Centre, Malay Heritage Centre, Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall, Eurasian Association, and Heritage Conservation Centre will be at Our Tampines Hub to share about their work behind-the-scenes, how their roles help to tell the stories of their communities' culture and heritage, and answer any burning questions you may have!

Let's Embrace - Celebrating Harmony 2024

Date: 13 July 2024

Time: 5 – 6pm

Venue: Our Tampines Hub, Town Square

Admission: Free

Our Tampines Hub will rock to the rhythm of our Racial Harmony Day cultural concert, hosted by Mediacorp radio DJs Kather from Oli and Catherine Robert from Class 95! Be serenaded by a medley by local artistes Taufik Batisah and Suthasini, and Mediacorp artistes Elvin Ng and Daryl Ann, and be enthralled by music, dance, and martial arts performances by various ethnic cultural groups!

Guided Tours & Trails

Tampines Heritage Trail

(Presented by Junyuan Secondary School and Ngee Ann Secondary School)

Date: 13 & 14 July 2024

Time: 10am (English)

Venue: Our Tampines Hub (In front of McDonald's)

Admission: Free

Join us for a tour of the *Tampines Heritage Trail*, conducted by the students of Junyuan Secondary School and Ngee Ann Secondary School. Discover the rich history and vibrant culture of Tampines through the eyes of our passionate student guides. This engaging tour brings you to iconic landmarks, hidden gems, and uncovers stories of the past that have shaped this unique community.

Workshops

Storytelling at NLB - English Session

(Presented by Speak Good English Movement, supported by NLB)

Date: 13 & 14 July 2024

Time: 11am (Sat), 2pm (Sun)

Duration: 40 mins

Venue: Tampines Regional Library

Admission: Free with on-site registration (limited spaces)

Suitable for parents with children aged 4 – 8 years old. The session is conducted in English.

1. The Brilliant Oil Lamp (13 July)

Join Asha and her friends from *The Amazing Sarong* and *The Incredible Basket* as she moves from her cosy shophouse to a housing estate in Toa Payoh. The buildings are tall, the apartments are new. Asha's home even has electric lights! Suddenly, the power is cut, and everything goes dark. But Asha has an idea. Why not share the lamp's light with their new neighbours? Join Hong Shin as he reads the third book from the Heritage Picture Book Series.

2. The Marvellous Sugee Cake (14 July)

Simon's family always makes sugée cake on special occasions. And today is one of those days. It's Simon's seventh birthday! He can't wait to bite into a slice. But when Simon sits down to enjoy his treat, things don't go as planned. Or so it seems, for unbeknownst to Simon, his friends and family have been planning a birthday surprise for him, one that involves a marvellous sugée cake! Join Hong Shin as he reads the fourth and last book from the Heritage Picture Book Series.

Storytelling at NLB - Mandarin Session

(Presented by Speak Mandarin Campaign, supported by NLB)

Date: 13 & 14 July 2024

Time: 2pm (Sat), 4pm (Sun)

Duration: 40 mins



Venue: Tampines Regional Library

Admission: Free with on-site registration (limited spaces)

Suitable for parents with children aged 4 – 8 years old. The storytelling is conducted in English and Mandarin.

A Day in the Kampung

This paper-folding story will transport children back to kampung life in the old days. Lily will take us on a journey of simplicity and curiosity. Many of us have humble beginnings, don't we?

Storytelling at NLB – Malay Session

(Presented by Malay Language Council Singapore, supported by NLB)

Date: 13 & 14 July 2024

Time: 3pm

Duration: 40 mins

Venue: Tampines Regional Library

Admission: Free with on-site registration (limited spaces)

Suitable for parents with children aged 4 – 8 years old. The storytelling is conducted in Malay and English.

Balas Budi Si Gadis Bangau

Long ago, near the city of Palembang on the island of Sumatra, there lived a childless old couple, Pak Banar and Mak Uli. One day, Banar came across an injured crane while he was on his way to fish at sea. He took the crane in and cared for it until it could fly again. Shortly after the crane left, a beautiful young lady by the name of Kinantan showed up at their doorstep. The couple took her in and cared for her like their own daughter. Little did they know that Kinantan was a skilled *songket* weaver and her skills proved to be useful when the couple fell on hard times.

Pak Banar was unable to go out to sea during the monsoon season and luckily, they managed to sell Kinantan's *songket* at the market to earn some money to sustain them. Kinantan continued to weave *songket* for the couple but there was one condition: they were not allowed to peep into her room while she was weaving. Eventually, curiosity got the better of them and they found out that Kinantan was actually the same crane that they had saved and cared for. Since they had broken the condition, tearfully, the crane weaved her final *songket* for the couple, bid goodbye and flew away.

Storytelling at NLB – Tamil Session

(Presented by Tamil Language Council, supported by NLB)

Date: 13 & 14 July 2024

Time: 4pm (Sat), 11am (Sun)

Duration: 40 mins

Venue: Tampines Regional Library

Admission: Free with on-site registration (limited spaces)

Suitable for parents with children aged 4 – 8 years old. The storytelling is conducted in Tamil and English.

The Boy Who Wanted a Drum

A mother wishes to purchase a drum for her son but lacks the funds to do so. Her son, who is both helpful and kind, uses his limited resources to assist others. Ultimately, his actions lead to him receiving the very drum he wanted.

Multicultural Cooking Workshop

(Presented by Our Tampines Hub)

Date: 13 & 14 July 2024

Time: 10am - 12pm & 2pm - 4pm

Venue: Our Tampines Hub - Level 3 Wellness Centre

Admission: Free admission, pre-registration required

The workshop is conducted in English.

Indulge in a delectable journey of flavours at this *Multicultural Cooking Workshop*, a delightful event hosted by Our Tampines Hub Wellness Centre.

Indulge in the vibrant tapestry of Singapore's heritage as you savour local delights inspired by our diverse cultures. Sample mouth-watering delicacies from Indian, Malay, Chinese, and Eurasian cuisines, while discovering the fascinating stories and traditions behind each dish.

13 July, Saturday

Time	Programme
10am - 12pm	<p>Chicken Biryani Cooking Demo</p> <p>Chicken Biryani, a beloved Indian dish, features basmati rice layered over tender chicken, infused with an array of spices, herbs, and occasionally vegetables. Celebrated for its rich, aromatic flavours and vibrant colours, this dish's preparation and taste vary across India, often served as a main course during special occasions, cherished for its savoury taste and cultural significance.</p>
2pm - 4pm	<p>Chicken Rendang Cooking Demo</p> <p>Chicken Rendang is a cherished symbol of Malay culture, representing tradition, community, and prosperity. Join our authentic Chicken Rendang cooking class to experience these time-honoured flavours firsthand and learn the art of preparing this culinary treasure. Discover generations-old techniques and ingredients that make Chicken Rendang a beloved dish and learn about the rich cultural significance of this traditional Malay delicacy.</p>

14 July, Sunday

10am - 12pm	Steamed Chicken Rice Cooking Demo Steamed Chicken Rice, a popular dish in Chinese cuisine, is renowned for its savoury taste, combining tender chicken with fragrant, flavourful rice cooked in chicken broth. Its simplicity and versatility charm many, complemented by various sauces and accompaniments. Come and learn the secrets to mastering this beloved Chinese delicacy firsthand from the chef!
2pm - 4pm	Devil's Curry Cooking Demo Devil's Curry is a spicy and tangy dish originating from the Eurasian community in Malaysia and Singapore. Characterised by its vibrant red colour and bold flavours, it reflects the diverse heritage of the community and is enjoyed during festive occasions, symbolizing cultural fusion and culinary creativity.

Project Embrace V2! A Community Mural Painting Activity

(In collaboration with Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY) and CHIO Architects)

Date: 13 & 14 July 2024

Time: 11am – 1pm, 4pm – 6pm

Venue: Our Tampines Hub – Festive Walk

Admission: Registration required at <https://peatix.com/event/4023599/view>

The workshop is conducted in English.

Express your artistic side at *Project Embrace V2* to help create an urban art installation that reflects the richness of multicultural Singapore!

Rejuvenate our common spaces with people from all walks of life on reused construction hoarding steel panels that will serve as a canvas for community expression. The completed artworks will be used to beautify MRT pillars.

Register today together with your family and friends and paint your way to new, stronger connections.

Exhibitions

The Good Hood: Where Values Come Home Travelling Exhibition

(Presented by Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre, Indian Heritage Centre & Malay Heritage Centre)

Date: 13 & 14 July 2024

Time: 11am – 7pm

Venue: Our Tampines Hub – Festive Walk

Admission: Free

Have you ever felt unsure of what to do in life? At times like these, our values show us the way. At this travelling exhibition, you'll meet values that hold a special place in the hearts of many Singaporeans, such as loyalty, filial piety, and perseverance. They're not just confined to a single



community or even Singapore, you'll also find them in cultures across the globe.

Rediscover the values you hold dear and learn the wisdom they offer. This exhibition encourages families to interact and play with the exhibition, while they learn and explore the essential values important to various communities in Singapore.

Free Activities

Drop-in Craft Activities:

(Hosted by OTH)

Date: 13 & 14 July 2024

Time: 1pm – 4pm

Venue: Gate 7 & Gate 8

Admission: Free

Express your creativity through our free drop-in craft activities!

13 July, Saturday

Venue	Programme
Gate 7	Jellyfish Egg Crate
Gate 8	Ethnic Fan

14 July, Sunday

Gate 7	Stress Ball
Gate 8	Ethnic Tiles