

FAQs for Collecting Contemporary Singapore: Technology

1. Why is the National Museum embarking on this project?

The National Museum is expanding our public engagement efforts to crowdsource objects and related stories/photos from residents in Singapore, to broaden our contemporary collection. We will be introducing different themes in the coming years, to encourage Singaporeans to contribute to this project and reflect upon life in Singapore in recent times. These may even be featured in relevant exhibitions presented by the National Museum.

The theme of Collecting Contemporary Singapore in 2022 will focus on technology. Technology plays an indispensable role in our daily lives and has pivotally transformed the ways in which we live, work, play and socialise. As technology evolves rapidly through the years, and with the pandemic further highlighting the significant role of technology in our daily lives, we hope to broaden and update our collection in this area, which would enrich our documentation of the lived experiences of the people of Singapore.

2. How do the curators decide on which objects and related stories to select?

All submissions received will be assessed based on the relevance to the theme and how representative or significant it is, in terms of revealing a fuller, more in-depth or particularly meaningful or interesting picture, of how technology and technological objects from the 2000s onwards have shaped your daily life in the following areas:

- Work
- Communications
- Home living
- Play

3. When will I receive a response from the museum?

You will receive a response within one month from the date of your submission.

4. When will I know if my submission has been accepted?

A curator from the National Museum will get in touch with you within one month from the date of your submission to follow up with you for further clarification. If your object has been accepted, the curator will make arrangements with you on the collection details.

5. What are some of the objects that I can share?

The National Museum welcomes the public to contribute memories and objects relating to the theme of technology, and how it has played an important role in your life. This may include stories and objects such as your first mobile phone and other technological gadgets and other everyday devices from the 2000s onwards that have brought us convenience, saved us time, and changed our way of life.

6. What is the deadline for submission?

This public call runs from now until 31 December 2022.

7. Is the submission form available in other languages?

You may also email us at NHB_NMS_Curatorial@nhb.gov.sg if you require assistance in filling out the form.

8. When will the selected objects and related stories be on showcase to the public?

While the National Museum will be archiving relevant contributions that have been selected, there may also be future avenues to present or display these stories and objects.

9. Where can I view a copy of the terms and conditions relating to the submissions of objects and related stories?

You may view a copy of the terms and conditions [here](#).