



Singapore Philatelic Museum

Located in the heart of the historic city district, Singapore Philatelic Museum is the custodian and curator of Singapore's treasure of philatelic materials. Its collection includes stamps and related philatelic material of Singapore from the 1820s to present day, and stamps from all over the world.

Singapore Philatelic Museum was officially opened in 1993 and is an institution of the National Heritage Board. It is the first philatelic museum in Southeast Asia.

The museum strongly believes that stamps are windows to the world. It uses stamps and objects to tell stories, providing a fun, educational and interactive experience for adults and children.

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Singapore Philatelic Museum is closed for redevelopment from now until end 2020.



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Year in Review
FY2019/2020

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“Amazing museum. Kids as well as adults thoroughly enjoyed.”

Singapore Philatelic Museum (SPM) started the year with the upgrading works to refresh the museum’s infrastructure, content and offerings to enhance the visitor experience. The renovation is a major redevelopment since the museum opened in 1995.

“A lot to interest my boys aged 6 & 3...as the exhibits are highly interactive.”

Although the museum was closed for renovation, staff continued to engage the young through educational programmes at pre-schools, primary and secondary schools. The museum also organised signature events such as the annual *National Stamp Collecting Competition* and *Draw My Stamp Story Art Competition*. Families could also visit *A Little Magic* roving exhibition at public libraries. With SPM’s expertise in organising exhibitions, the museum also provided consultancy management services for the set-up of heritage spaces.

At the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth Committee of Supply Debate 2020, the Ministry announced that the museum would be revamped as a dedicated children’s museum. SPM is positioned as the most children-friendly museum in the National Heritage Board. Before the museum closed for renovation, it had a dedicated children’s gallery and

programmes for children from 3 years old and above, and enjoys a strong following among pre-schools and families with children. Many museum-goers are wont to describe the SPM as Singapore’s de facto “children’s museum”.

“...an environment of objects that children can put their hands on and have a memorable experience.”

The new children’s museum will be a welcoming, imaginative and nurturing space that fosters learning amongst our young. The museum will explore a wide range of themes including heritage, culture and contemporary issues in permanent and changing exhibitions. The new children’s museum is tentatively scheduled to open in 2021.



“Great job in educating our nation about Singapore!”

Renovation



Exterior

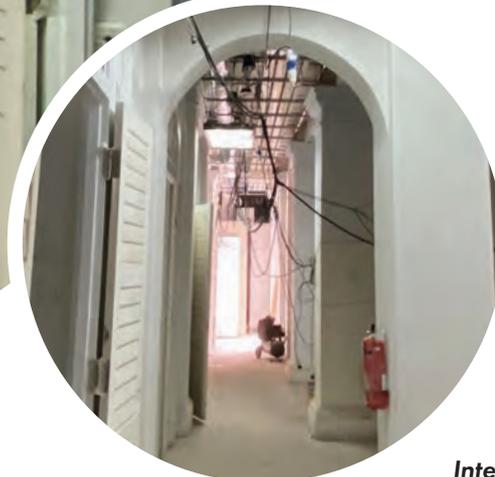


Interior

SPM has been closed for renovation since March 2019. On 6 March 2020, Ms Grace Fu, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth announced at the Committee of Supply Debate 2020 that the museum will be revamped as a dedicated children's museum. The new children's museum is tentatively scheduled to open in 2021.



Interior



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Education



Beauty of Postage Stamps



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SPM organised 63 sessions of interesting educational programmes in pre-schools, primary and secondary schools on various topics, reaching out to 2,700 students. Programmes included *Beauty of Postage Stamps*, *Journey through Postage Stamps*, *Postcard from Singapore!*, *Stamps that Tickle our Senses*, *Who Delivers our Mail?* and the *National Stamp Collecting Competition* workshop.



Beauty of Postage Stamps



Postcard from Singapore! - Children's Work



Who Delivers Our Mail?



Stamps that Tickle our Senses



Senior Citizens at Walking Down Memory Lane Programme

The *Walking Down Memory Lane* programme was carried out to senior citizens, beneficiaries of the Heritage Cares initiative.

Competitions



Draw My Stamp Story Art Competition 2019



*National Stamp Collecting Competition
Winners - Corporation Primary School*



*National Stamp Collecting Competition Winners -
Nan Hua High School*

The annual *National Stamp Collecting Competition (NSCC)* and *Draw My Stamp Story Art Competition (DMSSAC)* were organised at The Plaza, National Library, from 28 August to 2 September 2019. NSCC aims to promote the study of postage stamps and philatelic materials to learn about Singapore and the world. The competition attracted about 270 primary and secondary school students.

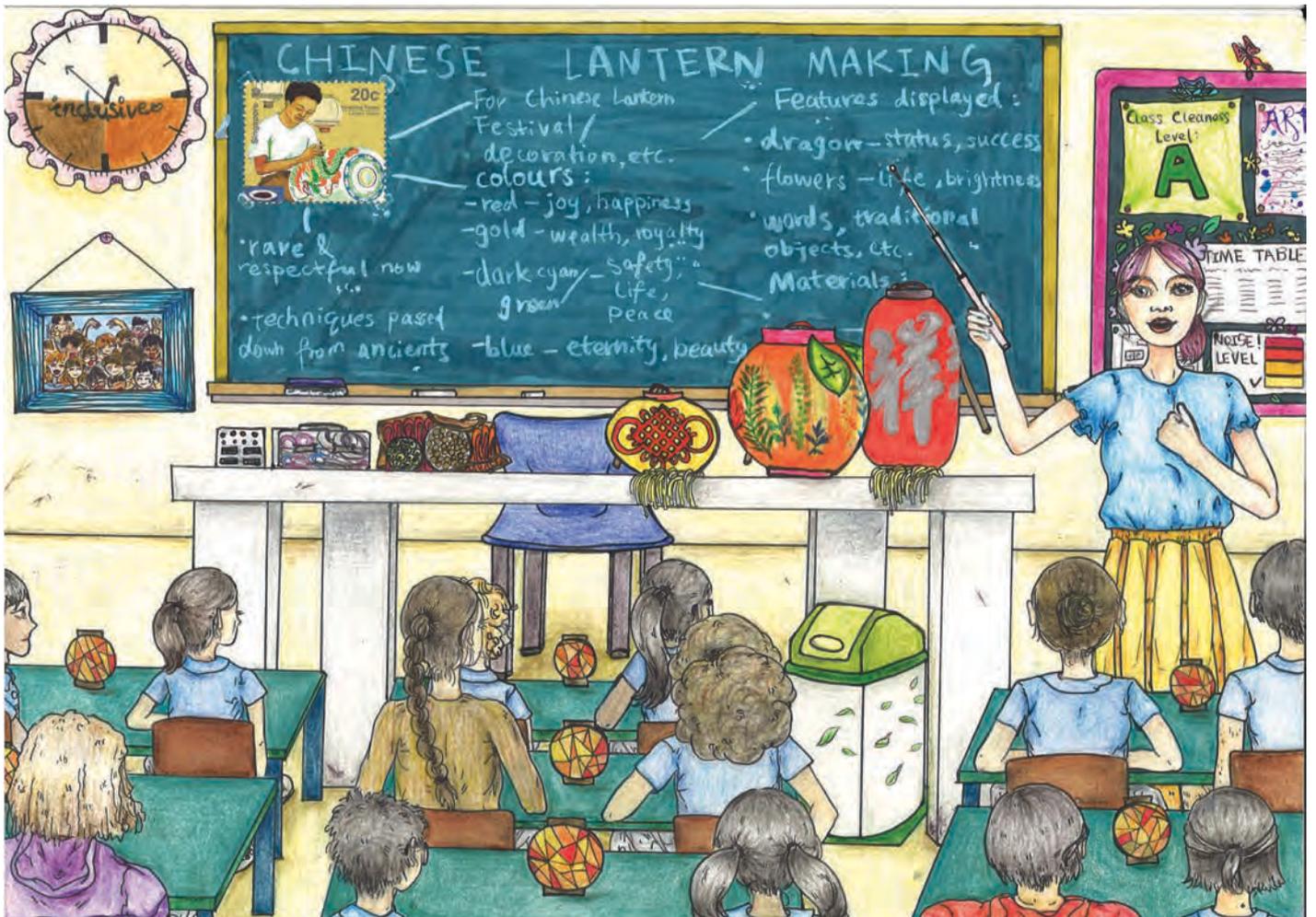


Draw My Stamp Story Art Competition -
Winning Entry Primary Gold

DMSSAC allows students to appreciate the design on the postage stamp and to create a drawing to tell the story behind the stamp. More than 1,700 primary and secondary school students submitted their entries.



Draw My Stamp Story Art Competition -
Winning Entry Primary Gold



Draw My Stamp Story Art Competition -
Winning Entry Secondary Gold



Draw My Stamp Story Art Competition -
Winning Entry Primary Silver

Outreach



A Little Magic exhibition



A Little Magic exhibition



A Little Magic exhibition for families and children travelled to libraries. Visitors could relive the magic woven by Hans Christian Andersen, the Brothers Grimm, Charles Perrault and more at the interactive exhibition. Offsite visitorship was 241,634 visitors.

A Little Magic exhibition

Consultancy Services



Our Istana: A Living Museum exhibition



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With SPM's expertise in organising exhibitions, the museum provides consultancy management services for the set-up of heritage spaces and galleries for schools and organisations that would like to showcase their history and heritage. Projects during the financial year were:

Our Istana: A Living Museum

SPM curated *Our Istana: A Living Museum* exhibition as part of the *Istana 150* anniversary celebrations. Through stories, images, objects, videos, hands-on exhibits etc, the exhibition brought the history and heritage of the Istana closer to Singaporeans. The exhibition, officially opened by the President of Singapore on 1 June 2019, travelled to six libraries until 1 December 2019.

Programmes such as storytelling, fun quiz and craft, were held on one weekend day at each venue.



Our Istana: A Living Museum exhibition activity



Eurasian Heritage Gallery



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SPM teamed up with Pico Art International Pte Ltd to develop the *Eurasian Heritage Gallery* at the Eurasian Community House since January 2018. SPM curated the content, developed the narrative and oversaw the design, fabrication and installation of the exhibition as the project manager, and the gallery fit-out was completed on 9 July 2019. The gallery was officially opened by the President of Singapore on 21 September 2019.



Founder's Gallery

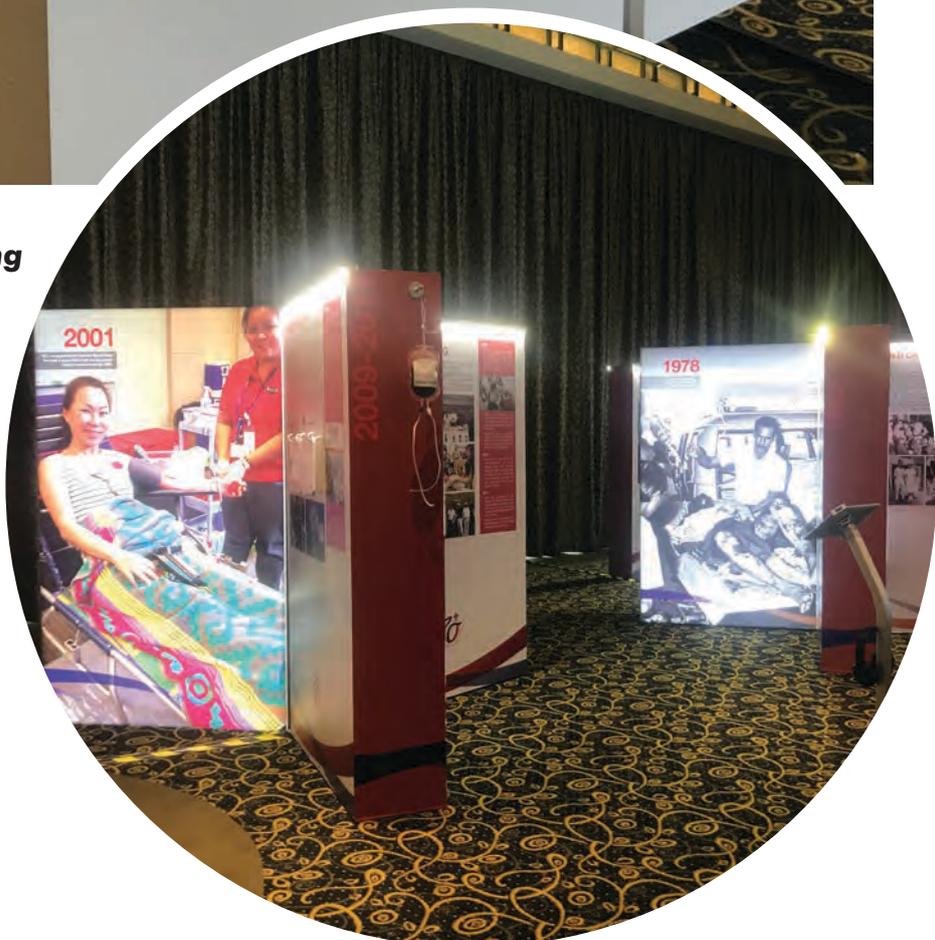
SPM was engaged by Pico Art International Pte Ltd (Pico) in August 2019 to research on Mr Kwek Hong Png, the founder of Hong Leong Group. The research was for the Pico design team to design and build the *Founder's Gallery* at the lobby of Republic Plaza located at Raffles Place. Research was completed in September 2019 and the gallery was installed in October 2019.



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SPM curated a travelling exhibition to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Singapore Red Cross and the 100th Anniversary of Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent. The exhibition was launched at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel on 30 September 2019 by the President of Singapore. It travelled to five shopping malls from 1 October until 3 November 2019.



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The logo for the Singapore Philatelic Museum is a white rectangular box with a decorative, wavy border. Inside the box, the words "SINGAPORE PHILATELIC MUSEUM" are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, stacked in three lines.

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