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FRESH FACES AND DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS: THE NATIONAL HERITAGE BOARD ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

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SINGAPORE, 6 November 2009 – The National Heritage Board is pleased to announce its new main board members with confidence that these fresh faces and new ideas will help Singaporeans of all ages cherish our heritage and museums even more.

Tasked to help formulate strategic directions for the organisation, the 24-member NHB board aims to promote public awareness of the arts, culture and heritage and to provide a permanent repository of record of our nation's history. Members who serve terms of two years, are encouraged to conceive ideas to educate Singaporeans on our heritage.

Some notable members joining the main board include funny woman and self-made businesswoman who heads Fly Entertainment, Ms Irene Ang. Best known as the lovable Rosie of the local sitcom *Phua Chu Kang*, Ms Ang was initially surprised when approached by NHB as a candidate but was persuaded that her unique ability to communicate with heartlanders would be invaluable in helping them nurture a love for heritage.

Said Ms Ang, "I hope to use my celebrity status and my Fly Entertainment contacts to support Singapore's effort to keep our heritage alive. Personally, I enjoy collecting old stuff when I travel and I am very sentimental – I want to show people that the arts and heritage is not as "atas" (*high-brow*) as many think."

Her love for museums stems from her passion for the history lessons of her school days. "Visiting museums can be very enriching and I like learning about my past and ancestors. We also need to remember many of our unsung heroes of the past who helped build Singapore," she quipped.

Also joining the NHB board is one of Singapore's top women police officers, Madam Zuraidah Abdullah, who hopes more Singaporeans would look on our unique cultural heritage with pride.

Said Madam Zuraidah, a board member of the Malay Heritage Foundation and CEO of Mendaki: "In becoming one of the culture capitals of the world with a vibrant arts and cultural scene, it is important that we continue to have pride in our own cultural heritage and learn to appreciate the heritage of others. By embracing our own culture and heritage, we can then learn from the past and the present, and build on the future to bring our art forms and cultural heritage to the next level."

Veteran journalist and mega arts fan Ms Helen Chia will also lend her voice to NHB. The editor for *The Straits Times Life!* section, she hopes to raise the profile of local artists in

particular. "As a board member, I will have a comprehensive overview of NHB matters. I hope to contribute to the Board's mission of developing a vibrant cultural and heritage sector in Singapore." Another media veteran coming on board is Mr Peter Ong, Senior Executive Editor, *Lianhe Zaobao* cum Editor, *Zaobao Sunday*.

NHB Institution Boards

There are also seven institution boards which provide advice to the specific museums and institutions. These institution boards are set to welcome a total of 14 new members this year.

Serving on the board at the National Museum of Singapore is Mrs Betty Chen, President of Chinese Women's Association (CWA) and Chairperson of the Henderson Senior Citizens Home. Mrs Chen who has a keen interest in history, always had an affinity with the National Museum of Singapore (NMS). Mrs Chen's mother, Mrs May Wong, a former President of CWA as well, is recognised in the Singapore History Gallery at NMS for her lifetime commitment to charitable causes in Singapore until her death in 1989.

Mr Tham Tuck Cheong of Consultants Incorporated Architects & Planners brings with him many years of professional expertise in architecture into the Preservation of Monuments Board (PMB) board. He succeeds Mr Alfred Wong as the Chairman of PMB who will remain on the board as an advisor until December 2009.

Serving the board for another term include singer/playwright Dick Lee for NMS and Mr Qi Yu Wu, MediaCorp Artist, MediaCorp Raintree Pictures for the Singapore Art Museum.

NHB's Chief Executive Officer Michael Koh is grateful to outgoing members and their contribution to the board. Mr Koh thanks long-serving members such as Dr Kwok Kian Woon, Mr Alfred Wong, Dr Noor Aisha and Ms Kit Chan who have provided invaluable assistance and support to the heritage scene.

To the new members, Mr Koh extends a warm welcome and says, "I am confident that our new members will surely bring about greater diversity and fresh ideas. Together with existing members, they will not just open doors for our museums but offer different viewpoints. We look forward to working with our incoming members and would like to wish our outgoing members the best in their future endeavours."

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Please see attached Annexes for full list of NHB Board and Institution Board members.

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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 public 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, Preservation of Monuments Board 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).

ANNEX A

NHB Main Board (1 August 2009 – 31 July 2010)

	NAME	DESIGNATION
1	Prof Tommy Koh	Ambassador-At-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (<i>Chairman, National Heritage Board</i>)
2	Mdm Zuraidah Binte Abdullah	Chief Executive Officer, Yayasan Mendaki
3	Ms Irene Ang Ai Ling	CEO, Fly Entertainment
4	Mr Gautam Banerjee	Executive Chairman, PricewaterhouseCoopers
5	Mr Jose Isidro N. (Lito) Camacho	Vice Chairman & Head of Public Policy, Asia Pacific, Credit Suisse
6	Mdm Chang Hwee Nee	Deputy Secretary (Planning), Ministry of National Development
7	Mrs Cheong-Chua Koon Hean	Chief Executive Officer, Urban Redevelopment Authority
8	Ms Helen Chia	Life! And Lifestyle Editor, The Straits Times, Singapore Press Holdings Limited
9	Mr Goh Geok Khim	Chairman & Managing Director, GK Goh Holdings Ltd Chairman, Temasek Foundation
10	Ms Jane Ittogi	Partner, Shook Lin and Bok LLP
11	Mr Michael Koh	Chief Executive Officer, National Heritage Board
12	Mr Koh Seow Chuan	Chairman, National Art Gallery
13	Mr Kwa Chong Guan	Head (External programmes) RSIS, NTU, Adjunct Associate Professor, History Department
14	Mrs Lee Suet Fern	Senior Director, Stamford Law Corporation
15	Mr Ken Low	Assistant Chief Executive, Marketing Group, Singapore Tourism Board
16	Mdm Low Khah Gek	Director (Curriculum Planning and Development Division), Ministry of Education
17	Ms Murugaian Nirmala	Editor, Tamil Murasu, Singapore Press Holdings
18	Mr Peter Ong	Senior Executive Editor, Lianhe Zaobao cum Editor, Zaobao Sunday, Singapore Press Holdings Limited
19	Ms Priscylla Shaw	Member, Shaw Foundation
20	Mr Tan Cheng Gay	Chairman & CEO, Engro Corporation Ltd
21	Mr Jimmy Tay Lye Soon	Chief Executive, Southeast Asia, Senior Vice President, Asia Pacific, Hill & Knowlton
22	Mr Daniel Teo	Managing Director, Daniel Teo Group of Companies
23	Mr Tham Tuck Cheong	Managing Partner, Consultants Incorporated Architects + Planners
24	Mr Daniel Yun	CEO, Homerun Pictures

The new members are:

1. Mdm Zuraidah Abdullah
2. Ms Irene Ang Ai Ling
3. Mdm Chang Hwee Nee
4. Ms Helen Chia
5. Mdm Low Khah Gek
6. Mr Peter Ong
7. Mr Tan Cheng Gay
8. Mr Tham Tuck Cheong

Outgoing members:

1. Ms Kit Chan
2. Mr Chong Wing Hong
3. Ms Zuraidah Ibrahim
4. Mr Kwek Mean Luck
5. Dr Kwok Kian Woon
6. Dr Noor Aisha
7. Ms Tan Lay Choo
8. Mr Alfred Wong

ANNEX B

**New members are highlighted*

Asian Civilisations Museum

	NAME	DESIGNATION
1	Ms Priscylla Shaw	Member, Shaw Foundation (<i>Chairman, ACM</i>)
2	Mr Christopher Gee	Managing Director, J. P. Morgan Securities Singapore Pte Ltd
3	Mr Joseph Grimberg	Senior Consultant & Senior Counsel, Drew & Napier LLC
4	Mr Patrick Han	Director, CDC Planning & Development Division, People's Association
5	Mr Denis Low	Managing Director, Low and Low Holdings Pte Ltd
6	Mrs Betty Mariette	
7	Ms Clarinda Tjia-Dharmadi	Partner, Latham & Watkins
8	Mr Alvin Yeo	Senior Counsel, Senior Partner, Wong Partnership
9	Ms Aileen Lau	Publisher, Sun Tree Publishing Ltd

National Archives of Singapore

	NAME	DESIGNATION
1	Mr Kwa Chong Guan	Adjunct Associate Professor, History Dept, National University of Singapore / Head (External Programmes), S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University (<i>Chairman, NAS</i>)
2	Mr Jeffrey Chan Wah Teck	Deputy Solicitor-General, Attorney-General's Chambers
3	Mr Chia Ngiang Hong	Group General Manager, City Developments Limited
4	Prof Schubert Foo	Associate Dean (Academic), College of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University
5	Mr Lim Kheng Chye	Principal, Architects Studio
6	Ms Loo Li San, Barbara	Manager, Cultural Industry Promotion, Lianhe Zaobao, Singapore Press Holdings
7	Ms Ong Hee Yah	Managing Director, Caldecott Productions International, MediaCorp
8	Mr Idris bin Rashid Khan Surattee	Vice-President (Information Resources), Singapore Press Holdings
9	Prof Tan Tai Yong	Dean (Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences) / Director, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore
10	Assoc Prof Wee Beng Geok	Director, Asian Business Case Centre, Nanyang Business School, Nanyang Technological University
11	Mrs Lim Pik Ying Elaine	Deputy Director, Humanities Branch, Curriculum Planning & Development Division, Ministry of Education
12	Ms Sylvia Yap	University Librarian, National University of Singapore

National Museum of Singapore

	NAME	DESIGNATION
1	Mr Goh Geok Khim	Chairman, Temasek Foundation & GK Goh Strategic Holdings Ltd (<i>Chairman, NMS</i>)

2	Mr Eli Manasseh (Nash) Benjamin	CEO, F J Benjamin Holdings
3	Mr Chia Tze Yee	Director, Central Singapore, Community Development Divisions, People's Association
4	Mr Dick Lee	Singer, Composer and Playwright
5	Mr Christopher Shaw	Executive Vice President, Shaw Organisation Group of Companies
6	Mrs Vivienne Tan	President, Far East Retail Consultancy Pte Ltd (since retired)
7	Mrs Betty Chen	President, Chinese Women's Association
8	Mrs Shelly Dee	

Preservation of Monuments Board

	NAME	DESIGNATION
1	Mr Tham Tuck Cheong	Managing Partner, Consultants Incorporated Architects & Planners (<i>Chairman, PMB</i>)
2	Mr Vincent Hoong	CEO, Singapore Land Authority
3	Mr Michael Koh	CEO, National Heritage Board
4	Prof Lily Kong	Professor of Geography & Vice President (University Global Relations), National University of Singapore
5	Mr Ler Seng Ann	Group Director (Conservation & Development), Urban Redevelopment Authority
6	Mr Lim Jim Koon	Editor, Lianhe Zaobao, Singapore Press Holdings
7	Mr Mok Wei Wei	Managing Director, W Architects Pte Ltd
8	Dr Winston Oh	Consultant / Cardiologist C/O Drs Wee & Oh (<i>serving with PMB till 30 Nov '09</i>)
9	Mr Zaini Osman	Head (Mosque Development Strategic Unit), MUIS
10	Mr Song Wee Ngee	Managing Director, KTP Consultants Pte Ltd
11	Mr Siew Man Kok	Partner / Director, MKPL Architects
12	Mr Daniel Teo	Managing Director, Daniel Group of Companies
13	Mr Alfred Wong	Managing Director / Architect, Alfred Wong Partnership Pte Ltd (<i>serving with PMB till 31 Dec '09</i>)
14	Mr Shankar N. Ramasamy	Vice President, CPG Consultants
15	Mr Tan Puay Hiang	Chairman and Managing Director, Silkino International Pte Ltd
16	Mr Andrew Yeo	Partner, Allen & Gledhill LLP

Singapore Art Museum

	NAME	DESIGNATION
1	Ms Jane Ittogi	Partner, Shook Lin & Bok LLP (<i>Chairman, SAM</i>)
2	Mr Kenneth Choe	Executive Director, Goldman Sachs (Singapore) Pte Ltd
3	Dr Kwok Kian Woon	Associate Chair (Academic), School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University
4	Mr Qi Yu Wu	MediaCorp Artist, MediaCorp Raintree Pictures
5	Dr George Quek	Chairman, BreadTalk Group Limited
6	Mr Quek Tse Kwang	Partner, RT & Q Architects
7	Mr Ronny C T Tan	Chief Country Officer & General Manager, Deutsche Bank AG, Singapore

8	Dr Winston Ang	Assistant Professor, Visual and Performing Arts, National Institute of Education
9	Mr Suhaimi Sukiyar	Association of Artists of Various Resources
10	Mr Tan Boon Hui	Director, Singapore Art Museum
11	Mr Wee Teng Wen	Founder and Principle Partner, The Lo & Behold Group Pte Ltd
12	Ms Audrey Wong	Artistic Co-Director, The Substation

Singapore Philatelic Museum

	NAME	DESIGNATION
1	Mr Daniel Teo	Chairman, Managing Director, Daniel Teo Group of Companies (<i>Chairman, SPM</i>)
2	Prof Cheah Jin Seng	Emeritus Consultant, Division of Endocrinology, National University of Singapore
3	Ms Aileen Chia	Senior Director, Corporate Development, Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore
4	Dr Chua Eu Tiong	Department of Radiation Oncology, National Cancer Centre
5	Dr Kenson Kwok	Director, Asian Civilisations Museum
6	Mrs Jean Sng	Cluster Principal, PAP Community Foundation
7	Mr Woo Keng Leong	Executive Vice President – Mail Division, Singapore Post Ltd

The National Art Gallery

	NAME	DESIGNATION
1	Mr Koh Seow Chuan	Senior Consultant, DP Architects (<i>Chairman, TNAG</i>)
2	Mr Hsieh Fu Hua	CEO, Singapore Exchange
3	Ms Jane Ittogi	Partner, Shook Lin & Bok LLP
4	Mr Michael Koh	CEO, National Heritage Board
5	Mr Lee Suan Hiang	Executive Director, Arts and Culture Development Office , Ministry of Information, Communications & the Arts
6	Mr Lock Wai Han	Deputy Secretary (Industry & the Arts)
7	Mr Ong Yew Huat	Executive Chairman, E & Y Solutions LLP