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NATIONAL HERITAGE BOARD CHARTS FRESH DIRECTIONS WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

[17 SEPTEMBER 2007] From 1 August 2007, 19 new members have been appointed to the National Heritage Board (NHB)'s main and sub boards. Hailing from diverse fields like academia, banking, philanthropy, law, media, and retail, these distinguished individuals bring with them considerable experience and influence to the Board. New main board members were apprised of their roles recently at their first board meeting on 7 September 2007.

The new members include well-known personalities like Ms Kit Chan, Mr Dick Lee, and Mr Qi Yuwu, as well as corporate captains like Mr Ronny Tan from Deutsche Bank, Mr Chia Ngiang Hong from City Developments Limited, Mr Eli Manasseh (Nash) Benjamin, CEO of FJ Benjamin, and Mr Lito Camacho, Vice Chairman and Head of Public Policy, Asia Pacific at Credit Suisse. We also welcome luminaries from the media industry such as Mr Daniel Yun, CEO, Mediacorp Raintree Pictures, Ms Tan Pin Pin, film-maker, and Ms Ong Hee Yah, Managing Director, Caldecott Productions International Pte Ltd. Together, these new additions to the NHB family help us to plug into the creative industries, expand our outreach and engage new audiences.

"The NHB family is very happy to welcome these talented and accomplished individuals to join us as members of our main and sub boards. Their reputations, expertise and networks will add strength and value to our boards," said Professor Tommy Koh, Chairman of NHB and Ambassador at Large.

Fresh Faces in NHB's Main Board

Six new members will be appointed to NHB's main board for a two-year period starting from 1 August 2007 to 31 July 2009. These notable individuals bring with them a wealth of public and private sector experience and expertise in business, finance, academia and media. The new members are:

- Mr Jose Isidro N. (Lito) Camacho, Vice-Chairman and Head of Public Policy, Asia Pacific, Credit Suisse
- Mr Kwa Chong Guan, Head (External Programmes), Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, Nanyang Technological University. A former director of the National Museum, Mr Kwa will also be

concurrently appointed as the Chairman of the National Archives of Singapore.

- Mr Daniel Yun, CEO, MediaCorp Raintree Pictures
- Ms Kit Chan, international performing artist, poet, entrepreneur and PR campaign strategist
- Mr Jimmy Tay, Chief Executive (Southeast Asia) and Senior Vice President (Asia Pacific), Hill & Knowlton
- Ms Murugaian Nirmala, Editor, Tamil Murasu, Singapore Press Holdings

For a synopsis of the six new members to the NHB main board, please refer to **Annex A**. 17 members from the previous NHB main board have also been re-appointed. Together, the new and re-appointed members form a 24-member strong NHB main board headed by its Chairman Professor Tommy Koh, who is also an Ambassador-At-Large. For a detailed list of NHB's main board members, please refer to **Annex B**.

New Sub-Board Members

Other than the main board, NHB has four subsidiary boards which help oversee the Asian Civilisations Museum, National Museum of Singapore, Singapore Art Museum and National Archives of Singapore. Members of these sub-boards work closely with the main board members to provide advice on strategic development plans, policies and programmes while contributing to decision-making. They provide a more involved and ground up approach in operating the various institutions and help NHB to be closer to the people and needs of the heritage industry.

The sub-boards of NHB's institutions and museums have also seen the recruitment of 13 new members. These include prominent personalities such as local film-maker Ms Tan Pin Pin, singer/composer/playwright Mr Dick Lee, Mediacorp Artiste Mr Qi Yu Wu, CEO of international luxury and lifestyle brands retailer and distributor, Mr Eli Manasseh (Nash) Benjamin of F J Benjamin, Group General Manager of City Developments Limited, Mr Chia Ngiang Hong, and donor/lender, Ms Betty Mariette. Two sub-boards have also seen a change in chairmanship. The new sub-board Chairmen are as follows:

National Museum of Singapore sub-board

Mr Goh Geok Khim, Chairman, Temasek Foundation and G K Goh Holdings Ltd

National Archives of Singapore sub-board

Mr Kwa Chong Guan, Head (External Programmes), Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, Nanyang Technological University

For a full list of sub-board members, please refer to **Annex C**.

Out-going Members

NHB would like to thank the following out-going main board and sub board members for their significant contributions, leadership and generous support of NHB's programmes and activities over the years. These selfless individuals have also provided useful insight and guidance into the Board's work.

The out-going main board members are:

- Mr Lim Siam Kim - The first CEO of NHB from 1993-2003, Mr Lim later served as the second Chairman of the ACM for two years from 2003 to 2005 before moving over to NAS to act as its Chairman from 2005 to 2007. Under his leadership, ACM organised major exhibitions and programmes such as the Ottoman Grand Bazaar held from 18-19 October 2004 which saw a turnout of some 14,000 visitors over the weekend.
- Mr Gopinath Pillai, Executive Chairman, Savant Infocomm Pte Ltd - Mr Pillai has been with NHB's main board for 3 years from 1 July 2004 to 31 July 2007. He has provided valuable inputs and advise during his term of service, and has contributed significantly in shaping the overall strategic direction of the Board.
- A/P Tan Tai Yong, Dean, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, NUS - A/P joined the National Museum Board on 1 August 1999, and was Deputy Chairman from 1 August 2001 to July 2003 and Chairman from 1 August 2003 to 31 July 2007. He contributed actively to NHB activities and provided links between the Museum and academia. During this period, he played an instrumental role in the rebirth of the National Museum of Singapore which reopened in December 2006.

Our outgoing sub-board members are:

Asian Civilisations Museum

Mr Jackson Tai, Chief Executive Officer, Development Bank of Singapore

Mr Paul Supramaniam, Partner, Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP

Ms Theresa Foo, Chairman (Non-Executive) and Senior Advisor, BNP Paribas Peregrine (Singapore) Ltd

National Archives of Singapore

Associate Professor Huang Jianli, Department of History, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore

Mr Isa Kamari, Principal Architect, CCL2 Project Office

Mrs Lily Tan, Former Senior Director, Heritage Services, National Heritage Board

Professor Schubert Foo, Associate Chair, School of Communication and Information, Nanyang Technological University

National Museum of Singapore

Mr Chew Kheng Chuan, Director, Development Office, National University of Singapore

Mr Colin Goh, General Manager, The Arts House

Mr Gerry de Silva, Manager, Group Corporate Affairs, Hong Leong Group Singapore

Ms Monica Villegas Tomlin, Director, Dane Court Pte Ltd

Singapore Art Museum

Ms Catherine Weir, Head of ASEAN Citigroup Corporate and Investment Banking, and Citigroup Country Officer (Singapore), Citigroup

Mr Chong Wing Hong, Leader Writer, Lianhe Zaobao, Singapore Press Holdings

Mr Choo Thiam Siew, President, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts

Dr Eugene Tan, Director, Institute of Contemporary Arts LASALLE-SIA College of the Arts

Ms Kok Lee Kwang, Deputy Director, Humanities and Aesthetics Br 1, Curriculum Planning and Development Division, Ministry of Education

Mr Tan Kay Ngee, Principal, Kay Ngee Tan Architects

Mr T K Sabapathy, Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Architecture, School of Design and Environment, National University of Singapore

Mr William Chua, Chairman, Goldbell Group

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 people 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, 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).

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NEW NHB MAIN BOARD MEMBERS

Mr Jose Isidro N. (Lito) Camacho

Mr Camacho was Secretary for the Department of Finance in the Philippines from June 2001 to November 2003. Prior to that, he held senior positions at Deutsche Bank A.G. and Bankers Trust Co. in the Philippines, Hong Kong, Tokyo, and Singapore. Specifically, Mr Camacho was Managing Director and Chief Country Officer for Philippines at Deutsche Bank AG Manila Branch, Managing Director and Head of Country Coverage at Deutsche Bank AG Singapore, and Managing Director (with Partner status) at Bankers Trust Company in Philippines and Singapore.

Mr Kwa Chong Guan

Mr Kwa is a respected historian specialising in strategic political history as well as pre-Raffles history of Singapore. He was Director of the National Museum from the late 1980s to early 1990s and concurrently the Director in charge of the Oral History Centre. As a Board Member of the National Archives of Singapore (NAS) from Feb 1994 to Jul 2001 and Advisor since Aug 2001, Mr Kwa has provided valuable inputs and advice to NAS. Mr Kwa has extensive historical knowledge and was the exhibition consultant for the establishment of Reflections at Bukit Chandu (RBC) between 2001 and 2002.

Mr Daniel Yun

Mr Yun founded the Raintree Pictures in 1998 as part of MediaCorp's efforts to focus on content development and extend its reach beyond local shores. A strong driving force behind the push for an established film industry in Singapore, Mr Yun has led Raintree into the production of more than 20 movies to-date. These include the critically-acclaimed and award-winning *Homerun* (an Asian remake of the Iranian movie *Children Of Heaven*), *I Not Stupid Too* (the highest-grossing Singapore film in the last 8 years, and only the second Singapore film in history to pass the \$4 million mark), and *The Eye* (sold to 25 countries).

Ms Kit Chan

Ms Chan was the pioneer generation of Singaporean singers to successfully break into the international market. An accomplished artiste, she is the first Singaporean singer to break into the Hong Kong Cantopop market and the Taiwanese Mandopop markets. She has served as a National Youth Ambassador for Singapore's National Youth Council, promoting moral values and a spirit of volunteerism among youths in Singapore. She was honoured in 2002 by the Commonwealth Youth Program Asia Centre with an Award for Excellence in Youth Work.

Mr Jimmy Tay

Mr Tay began his public relations career in 1980 at the Los Angeles office of an international public relations consultancy. He then honed his financial public relations skills at the United Overseas Bank Group and Standard Chartered Bank. He is one of the very few PR practitioners who has had

hands-on experience in private banking and equity sales. In 1998, he returned to public relations consulting with an international boutique specialising in corporate and financial communications.

Ms Murugaian Nirmala

Ms Nirmala joined The Straits Times in 1989 and has broad experience in the newsroom, with stints in various sections - the Newsdesk, Foreign Desk, The Sunday Times, the Senior Writers' Group, as well as the Political Desk. Prior to joining SPH, she was a senior research officer with the Ministry of Home Affairs. Ms Nirmala has been Editor of Tamil Murasu since 2005.

NHB MAIN BOARD MEMBERS (1 AUGUST 2007 – 31 JULY 2009)

S/N	Name/Designation
1.	Professor Tommy Koh Chairman National Heritage Board c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ambassador-At-Large
2.	Mr Michael Koh Chief Executive Officer National Heritage Board
3.	Mrs Cheong-Chua Koon Hean Chief Executive Officer Urban Redevelopment Authority
4.	Mr Chee Hong Tat Director Planning Division Ministry of Education
5.	Mr Ken Low Assistant Chief Executive Brand & Communications Group Singapore Tourism Board
6.	Mr Tony Soh Senior Director (Policy & Operations) Ministry of Home Affairs
7.	Mr Koh Seow Chuan Founder DP Architects Pte Ltd
8.	Mr Goh Geok Khim Chairman Temasek Foundation and G K Goh Holdings Ltd
9.	Mr Daniel Teo Managing Director Daniel Teo Group of Companies
10.	Ms Priscylla Shaw Member, Shaw Foundation
11.	Ms Chew Gek Khim Deputy Chairman Tan Chin Tuan Foundation

12.	Mr Alfred Wong Chairman (Non Executive) AWP Pte Ltd
13.	Mrs Lee Suet Fern Senior Director Stamford Law Corporation
14.	Dr Kwok Kian Woon Associate Professor Associate Chair (Academic) & Head, Division of Sociology School of Humanities & Social Sciences Nanyang Technological University
15.	Dr Noor Aisha Bte Abdul Rahman Assistant Professor Malay Studies Department National University of Singapore
16.	Mr Gautam Banerjee Executive Chairman PricewaterhouseCoopers
17.	Ms Zuraidah Ibrahim Political Editor The Straits Times
18.	Mr Chong Wing Hong Senior Leader Writer Lianhe Zaobao
19.	Jose Isidro N. (Lito) Camacho Vice Chairman & Head of Public Policy Asia Pacific Credit Suisse
20.	Mr Kwa Chong Guan Head (External Programmes) Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies Nanyang Technological University
21.	Mr Daniel Yun Chief Executive Officer MediaCorp Raintree Pictures
22.	Ms Kit Chan Local performing artist, poet and entrepreneur
23.	Mr Jimmy Tay Chief Executive, Southeast Asia

	Senior Vice President, Asia Pacific Hill & Knowlton
24.	Ms Murugaian Nirmala Editor Tamil Murasu

LIST OF NHB SUB-BOARD MEMBERS

ASIAN CIVILISATIONS MUSEUM BOARD

Chairman

Ms. Priscylla Shaw
Member, Shaw Foundation

Members

1. Prof Venkataraman Anantharaman (New)
Senior Consultant
Department of Emergency Medicine
Singapore General Hospital
2. Mr. Joseph Grimberg
Senior Consultant & Senior Counsel
Drew & Napier LLC
3. Mr. Patrick Han
Director
CDC Planning & Development Division
People's Association
4. Mr. John Knight
5. Mr. Denis Low
6. Mrs. Betty Mariette (New)
7. Ms. Clarinda Tjia-Dharmadi (New)
Partner
Latham & Watkins
8. Mr. Alvin Yeo (New)
Senior Partner
Wong Partnership

NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF SINGAPORE

Chairman

Mr Kwa Chong Guan
Head (External Programmes)
S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS)
Nanyang Technological University

Members

1. Ms Loo Li San, Barbara (New)
Lianhe Zaobao
Singapore Press Holdings Ltd
2. Ms Tan Pin Pin (New)
Film Maker
3. Mr Jeffrey Chan
Principal Senior State Counsel
Attorney-General's Chambers
4. Mr Chia Ngiang Hong (New)
City Developments Limited
Group General Manager
5. Mr Koh Boon Long
Educational Consultant
Singapore Teachers' Union
6. Ms Ong Hee Yah (New)
Managing Director
Caldecott Productions International Pte Ltd
7. Mr Idris bin Rashid Khan Surattee
Head Librarian
Singapore Press Holdings

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SINGAPORE

Chairman

Mr Goh Geok Khim
Chairman
Temasek Foundation & GK Goh Holdings Ltd

Members

1. Mr Christopher Shaw
Executive Vice President
Shaw Organisation Group of Companies
2. Mrs Vivienne Tan
President
Far East Retail Consultancy Pte Ltd

3. Mr Chia Teck Keng
Managing Director
WHYTE be Design Pte Ltd
4. Ms Tan Su Shan
Managing Director
Citigroup Private Bank
5. Mr Chia Tze Yee
Director
Central Singapore
Community Development Divisions
People's Association
6. Mr Dick Lee
Singer, Composer and Playwright
7. Mr Eli Manasseh (Nash) Benjamin
CEO
F J Benjamin

SINGAPORE ART MUSEUM

Chairman

Mr Koh Seow Chuan
Founder
DP Architects Pte Ltd

Members

1. Mr Baek Yeok Kuan
President
Federation of Art Societies Singapore
Modern Art Society
2. Bpk Suteja Neka
Founder & Director
Neka Art Museum
3. Dr George Quek
Chairman
BreadTalk Group Limited

4. Dr Kwok Kian Woon
Associate Professor
Associate Chair (Academic) & Head
Division of Sociology
School of Humanities & Social Sciences
Nanyang Technological University
5. Mr Ong Yew Huat
Country Managing Partner
Ernst & Young
6. Dr Oei Hong Djien
7. Mr Qi Yu Wu (New)
Mediacorp Artiste
8. Mr Quek Tse Kwang
Partner
RT & Q Architects
9. Mr Ronny C T Tan (New)
Chief Country Officer & General Manager
Deutsche Bank AG
10. Ms Ye Shu Fang (New)
Head Of Visual Arts Faculty
Singapore Arts School Ltd