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**TREASURES OF THE WORLD FROM THE BRITISH MUSEUM EXHIBITION WILL
EXTEND ITS RUN TILL 3 JULY 2016 FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!**



*Transformation mask, Canada, AD 1890–1930
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SINGAPORE, 13 May 2016 – Come visit the *Treasures of the World from the British Museum* exhibition for some family fun this school holiday! The much-loved blockbuster exhibition will extend its run till 3 July 2016 and families can engage in a range of school holiday activities held in conjunction with the exhibition (See Annex B).

This highly-anticipated exhibition from the British Museum in London encompasses more than two million years of abundant culture and history, and features relics from ancient civilisations and treasures spanning Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Europe, the Americas and Oceania. The blockbuster exhibition is the largest and most comprehensive show from the British Museum's collection in Singapore to date, and is a collaboration between the National Museum of Singapore and the British Museum, the oldest public national museum in the world.

The exhibition also includes items collected by Sir Stamford Raffles when he was in Southeast Asia, such as a Javanese mask and a *kris* and scabbard dating back to the early 19th century. Two artworks from Singapore's national collection, Anthony Poon's *W – White on 2P Waves* and Iskandar Jalil's *Blue Vessel* have also been included so visitors can see them alongside treasures from other cultures.

Treasures of the World from the British Museum will be held at the National Museum of Singapore till 3 July 2016. Admission fees apply. Please check www.nationalmuseum.sg for details.

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About the National Museum of Singapore

With a history dating back to its inception in 1887, the National Museum of Singapore is the nation's oldest museum with a progressive mind. Its galleries adopt cutting-edge and multi-perspective ways of presenting history and culture to redefine conventional museum experience. A cultural and architectural landmark in Singapore, the Museum hosts innovative festivals and events all year round—the dynamic Night Festival, visually arresting art installations, as well as amazing performances and film screenings—in addition to presenting thought-provoking exhibitions involving critically important collections of artefacts. The programming is supported by a wide range of facilities and services including F&B, retail and a Resource Centre. The National Museum of Singapore re-opened in December 2006 after a three-year redevelopment, and celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2012. The Museum refreshed its permanent galleries and re-opened them on 19 September 2015 for Singapore's Golden Jubilee. For more details, please visit www.nationalmuseum.sg.

About the British Museum

Founded in 1753, the British Museum was the first national public museum in the world. From the outset it was a museum of the world, for the world, and this idea still lies at the heart of the Museum's mission today. The collection tells the stories of cultures across the world, from the dawn of human history, over two million years ago, to the present. Objects range from the earliest tools made by humans and treasures from the ancient world to more recent acquisitions from Africa, Oceania and the Americas, the Middle East, Asia and Europe, as well as the national collections of prints and drawings, and coins and medals. World-famous objects such as the Rosetta Stone, Parthenon sculptures, and Egyptian mummies are visited by over 6 million visitors per year. In addition to work in London, the Museum takes part in an extensive programme of loans and tours, both across the UK and throughout the world. Find out more at britishmuseum.org

Annex A About the Exhibition

Treasures of the World from the British Museum

Exhibition Galleries, Basement, National Museum of Singapore

Till 3 July 2016

10am to 7pm

Admission fees apply.

Explore the finest artefacts the world has to offer at this highly-anticipated exhibition from the British Museum in London! Come face to face with the “unlucky mummy” falsely rumoured to have sunk the Titanic, marvel at gold jewellery from ancient Mesopotamian graves and be fascinated by the magical transformation mask from the Pacific Northwest Coast of North America.

Featuring stunning relics from ancient civilisations and treasures spanning Africa, Oceania and the Middle East, as well as Europe, Asia and the Americas, this extensive collection encompasses over two million years of abundant culture and history. Closer to home, the exhibition also includes items from the personal collection of Sir Stamford Raffles, such as a Javanese mask and a *kris* and scabbard dating back to the early 19th century. Discover these *Treasures of the World* and more at the National Museum!

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Annex B School Holiday Activities at Treasures of the World from the British Museum

Travel the world with your little ones at the National Museum of Singapore! Come visit the *Treasures of the World from the British Museum* exhibition for some family fun this school holiday.*

Chasing Fantastical Creatures Family Trail

29 May 2016 – 26 June 2016

10am to 7pm, daily

Exhibition Galleries, Basement, National Museum of Singapore

Recommended for children aged 6 to 12

Take your children on a trip around the world to discover interesting facts about animals and their symbolism in different cultures! Together, you will explore the close relationships people have built with real and imagined creatures in the past.

Treasures of the World Discovery Sheets

29 May 2016 – 26 June 2016

10am to 7pm, daily

Exhibition Galleries, Basement, National Museum of Singapore

Recommended for children aged 7 and above

Pick a theme of your choice and embark on a self-exploratory learning journey with your children in the *Treasures of the World from the British Museum* exhibition with these Discovery Sheets specially designed by the British Council. Track down some amazing treasures and discover fascinating tales of human history from around the world!

Family Coloring Activity Stations

29 May 2016 – 26 June 2016

10am to 7pm, daily

Canyon, Basement, National Museum of Singapore

Recommended for children aged 4 and above

Engage the whole family in a therapeutic experience at the exhibition's colouring stations. Bond with your little ones as you work together to design your own fantastical creatures or family heirloom!

Family Tours

Exhibition Galleries, Basement, National Museum of Singapore

Recommended for children aged 6 to 12

Date and time to be released later this month

Spend an exciting morning with your children among ancient artefacts from the British Museum! Join our storytellers as they embark on a fascinating journey around the world and across a range of historical periods. The intriguing and colourful tales from the *Treasures of the World from the British Museum* exhibition will captivate children and parents alike – be warned, some of these ancient tales are not for the faint-hearted!

**All activities are free. All activities, with the exception of the family tours, are self-facilitated.*