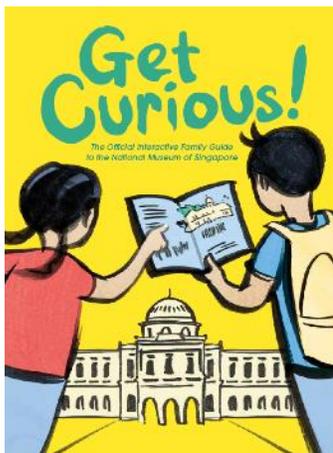


National Museum of Singapore invites children to "Get Curious!" with its first-ever interactive family guide



Singapore, 29 May 2019 – The National Museum of Singapore is set to launch its first official interactive family guide on 1 June 2019, in conjunction with the school holidays and Children’s Special, the museum’s month-long programme featuring interactive installations and activities for children. ***Get Curious! – The Official Interactive Family Guide to the National Museum of Singapore*** was created to encourage families and children to go on a journey together to unearth stories behind fascinating artefacts in four of the museum’s permanent galleries, in a fun and interactive way. It was developed with early childhood educators from NTUC First Campus, My First Skool, and in consultation with families.

***Get Curious* about Singapore’s History through Stories and Activities**

Packed with activities featuring over 40 specially selected artefacts displayed across four galleries – the Singapore History Gallery, Goh Seng Choo Gallery, Modern Colony and Growing Up galleries – *Get Curious!* is designed to let children take the lead on their adventure at the museum. Families can explore the museum’s immersive galleries together, and learn about Singapore’s history and people through the artefacts, stories, and relatable themes such as animals, colours, shapes, transport. They can also continue their learning journey at home with additional fun activities in the guide.

Get Curious! also includes information for educators and caregivers to facilitate co-learning and self-guided visits to the museum. With this guide, families can plan multiple visits to the museum to “hunt” for all the featured artefacts, and look forward to interactive activities and conversations on the stories and values as they explore the galleries. The 116-page guide will be available for sale at the museum in June at a special introductory price of \$18, and in major bookstores from July onwards¹.



Children's Special 2019

In conjunction with the launch of *Get Curious!*, the focus of this year's Children's Special at the National Museum is on its permanent galleries and stories. Families are invited to discover the fascinating stories of the land, sea, forest and people, through programmes and interactive installations. Young visitors can look forward to piecing together puzzles that are based on the museum's collection, share stories of their treasured objects with fellow visitors, and play on bouncy castles shaped like birds from the region. Special sensory tents have also been created for toddlers to explore animals, birds and plants from the museum's prized William Farquhar Collection of Natural History Drawings. Families can also participate in a wide selection of [programmes](#) from in-gallery character tours to family-fun workshops.

Wong Hong Suen, Deputy Director, National Museum of Singapore, said, "Through Children's Special and our new official family guide, the National Museum seeks to spark curiosity and the joy of learning about Singapore's history in fun, engaging and accessible ways. We hope that *Get Curious!* will enable families to spend meaningful time together as they explore the museum and our stories, and create memories and stories of their own. We look forward to creating more of such conversations across generations, through exciting collaborations with families and partners from the pre-school sector."

What's Your Toy Story? – A special campaign for "Get Curious!" readers

Budding young curators now stand a chance to contribute and share their beloved toy and its story at the National Museum of Singapore! *Get Curious!* readers can participate in the "What's Your Toy Story?" campaign, in which selected toys with the most interesting and engaging stories will be displayed in the museum's Growing Up gallery. Interested readers can submit a completed campaign entry card (that comes with the family guide) to the museum. This campaign will run from 1 June 2019 for a limited time.

Nurturing an early interest in Singapore's past through meaningful partnerships

This is the first year that the National Museum of Singapore has developed programmes for its Children's Special in close consultation with the pre-school sector. The interactive family guide is the first of a series of projects planned as part of a two-year collaboration between the National Museum of Singapore and NTUC First Campus, My First Skool, to develop resources relevant to the museum's exhibitions and programmes for pre-school children, families and educators in the early childhood sector.

Ms Thian Ai Ling, General Manager, NTUC First Campus, My First Skool & afterschool, said, “Museums offer a dynamic opportunity to expose children to experiences and explore new things in a rich and educational environment. Through interactive exhibits and hands-on play, children have the ability to take ownership of their own learning and develop and explore their own curiosities. We believe that families can go to museums with their children to enjoy glimpses of different times and places, helping the children gain a broad understanding of the past. And when parents and grandparents bring children to the museum, they spend family time together, sharing conversations about favourite objects and times, family stories, and historic events. My First Skool is proud and privileged to partner NMS to co-create and contribute this significant and meaningful Family Guide.”

The museum’s partnerships with the pre-schools stem from its goal of engaging children and the pre-school sector more significantly, by cultivating an interest in learning about Singapore’s culture and heritage from the perspective of children. The National Museum has also partnered with another Pre-School Anchor Operator, PAP Community Foundation (PCF) Sparkletots, to provide resources and programmes to support K2 level cohort-level visits in commemoration of Singapore’s Bicentennial year.

¹ *Get Curious! – The Official Interactive Family Guide to the National Museum of Singapore* will be available for sale from 1 June 2019 at a special introductory price of \$18 per copy at the museum (The Canyon, basement level). The usual price of \$24.90 per copy will apply for purchases at the Museum Label Shop and major bookstores from July onwards.

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Kindly refer to the attached media advisory for further details on Children’s Special 2019.

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About the National Museum of Singapore

With a history dating back to 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. It refreshed its permanent galleries and re-opened them in September 2015 for Singapore's Golden Jubilee. In 2017, it celebrated its 130th anniversary. For more details, please visit www.nationalmuseum.sg.

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