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MEDIA RELEASE

NSMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES CELEBRATE NS50 THEME THROUGH THEIR LENS

Over 300 photographs depicting the theme, 'From My Generation To Yours', were contributed by Operationally Ready National Servicemen (NSmen) and their families to commemorate 50 Years of National Service (NS50) in a special photo competition organised by the SAFRA Photographic Club.

Senior Minister of State for Defence and Deputy President of SAFRA Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman graced the unveiling of the winning photos and presented prizes to the winners at SAFRA Toa Payoh this evening.

Featuring three categories – Open, Youth and Salute, the competition challenged participants to depict the NS50 theme in meaningful and creative ways to recognise and show appreciation to past and present national servicemen for their contributions to Singapore's defence.

Photo entries by over 100 participants were evaluated based on relevance to the theme, photography techniques and creativity. The winning photos will also be exhibited at various SAFRA clubs from 13 November 2017 till 4 February 2018 for public viewing.

Mr Victor Chick, Chairman of the Organising Committee for the NS50 Photo Competition, commented, "NS50 is a key milestone for our nation and is close to the hearts of most NSmen, having given a part of our lives to serve and defend our country and loved ones. This sacred duty is passed on from one generation to the next to safeguard a bright and shared future for all Singaporeans. It is heartening to see both NSmen and their children coming forward to share what NS50 means to them in a very personal way through the lens of their cameras."

Also ongoing at SAFRA Toa Payoh today was the 'One Nation: 50 Years of Fitness Journey' event organised by the club and EnergyOne gym. Visitors to SAFRA Toa Payoh had the opportunity to view an exhibition of past and present NS fitness equipment and apparels, including many interesting artefacts such as the first generation physical training attire and shoes, Temasek green combat uniform, electronic Individual Physical Proficiency Test (IPPT) scoring system and analogue stop clock used for circuit training, sports and games in yesteryears. These will be on display at the club till Sunday, 12 November 2017.

The event also featured a fun-filled circuit challenge which saw NSmen and their families pairing up to compete in stations inspired by the past and present IPPT, as well as common exercises used by the Army to train strong soldiers such as the sandbell lift and tyre flip. These provided opportunities for NSmen to bond with their families and share more about their NS experiences with their loved ones.

Over the weekend of 11 and 12 November 2017, 3000 SAFRA members and their accompanying buddies and loved ones will also be treated to complimentary screenings of the local hit movie, 'Ah Boys To Men 4', at Golden Village VivoCity and five other cinemas islandwide.

All three events are part of a string of activities organised by SAFRA since April this year to commemorate NS50 and celebrate SAFRA's 45th Anniversary. So far, these activities have attracted the participation of over 350,000 NSmen and their families.

Kindly refer to the following for more information:

- Annex A – Fact sheet on NS50 Photography Competition

About SAFRA National Service Association

SAFRA was formed in 1972 to provide for the social and recreational needs of NSmen and their families through quality sports, social, educational and cultural programmes to recognise NSmen for their contributions to National Defence. SAFRA currently has a network of six clubs conveniently located in Jurong, Mount Faber, Punggol, Tampines, Toa Payoh and Yishun. Complementing the modern facilities at SAFRA clubs are a host of quality membership benefits and activities specially packaged for over 600,000 members and their families.

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**NS50 PHOTO COMPETITION
SATURDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2017**

Organised by the SAFRA Photographic Club (SPC), the NS50 Photo Competition encourages Operationally Ready National Servicemen (NSmen) and their families to capture photos that depict the NS50 theme, 'From My Generation To Yours'.

The competition features three categories – Open (all Singapore citizens and permanent residents), Youth (Singapore citizens and permanent residents who are 19 years old and below) and Salute (all Singapore citizens and permanent residents, photo must feature a salute) – to show appreciation for the contributions of past and present national servicemen. Over 100 participants have submitted more than 300 photo entries, with many captured at commemorative events for NS50 and SAFRA's 45th Anniversary held from April to September 2017.

The NS50 Photography Competition is held in conjunction with the biennial SAFRA Photography Convention organised by the SPC, which featured a seminar titled 'Challenges in Adversity' with two esteemed speakers – Mr Sahari Ani, Director of International and Community Services at Red Cross Youth, and Mr Thomas Tham, editorial photographer for humanitarian relief programs and also founder of three NGOs, who shared on the challenges they faced in the course of their work in the area of humanitarian aid and disaster relief.

About SAFRA Photography Club

The SPC is the first SAFRA interest group formed in 1972 to engage NSmen and their families with an interest in photography. The SPC is currently based in SAFRA Mount Faber which houses a fully-equipped photographic darkroom and studio. The SPC has grown to become one of the most well-established photographic clubs in Singapore.

Judging Criteria & Panel

All photo submissions were evaluated based on three criteria – relevance to the theme, photography techniques and creativity.

The three judges are:

- i) Dr Looi Hong Cheong, Advisor to SAFRA Photographic Club
- ii) Mr Danny Chong, a commercial photographer
- iii) Ms Choo Chwee Hua, a former photojournalist

Winners & Winning Photographs

Open Category

Desmond Teo Puay Chuan
1st Position

SAFRA Photographic Club
Committee Member



Image: Yee Pee

Hock Chye Pang
2nd Position

SAFRA Photographic Club
Committee Member



Image: Our generation to next

Joshua Tan
3rd position

SAFRA Photographic Club
Committee Member



Image: Not the age, but experience

Youth Category

Julia Chee Yun Hui
1st Position



Image: Coming Home

Jordan Matthew Pang De Kai
2nd Position
SAFRA Dependant Member



Image: Father and Son

Andrea Tan Jia Yi
3rd Position

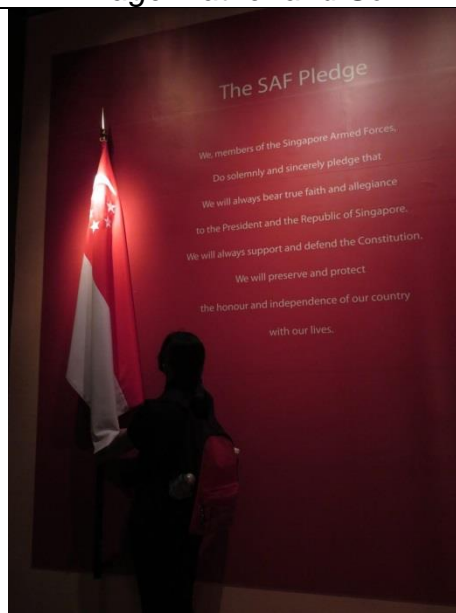


Image: Loyalty

Salute Category

Rogan Yeoh Hua Seng
1st Position



Image: Horvat Singapura

Isaac Benjamin Ong
2nd Position



Image: Horvat!

John Wong Hock Weng
3rd Position



Image: Salute to the nation

Prizes

Open & Youth categories – 1st Position

- Canon EOS 760D 18-135mm
- Canon CS-100
- Sony 16GB (90mb/s) Class 10 SD Card
- Teru Teru Bouzu Camera Sling Bag
- Teru Teru Bouzu Leather Camera Strap
- Teru Teru Bouzu Filter Pouch (3 pcs)
- SGD \$1,000 Cash Prize (Only for Open Category)

Open & Youth categories – 2nd Position

- Zhiyun Smooth 3
- Canon CS-100
- Teru Teru Bouzu Camera Sling Bag
- Teru Teru Bouzu Leather Camera Strap
- Teru Teru Bouzu Filter Pouch (3 pcs)
- SGD \$500 Cash Prize (Only for Open Category)

Open & Youth categories – 3rd Position

- Canon CS-100
- Teru Teru Bouzu Leather Camera Strap
- Teru Teru Bouzu Filter Pouch (3 pcs)
- SGD \$300 Cash Prize (Only for Open Category)

Open & Youth categories – Merit Prizes

- Sony 16GB (90mb/s) Class 10 SD Card
- Teru Teru Bouzu Nylon Camera Strap

NS50 Salute category

- 1st Prize: \$500 SAFRA Voucher
- 2nd Prize: \$300 SAFRA Voucher
- 3rd Prize: \$200 SAFRA Voucher
- Consolation Prizes (7 pax): \$100 SAFRA Voucher

Exhibition Schedule

Dates	Venue
14 Nov 17 – 24 Nov 17 22 Jan 18 – 4 Feb 18	SAFRA Mount Faber
27 Nov 17 – 10 Dec 17	SAFRA Jurong
11 Dec 17 – 26 Dec 17	SAFRA Yishun Country Club
27 Dec 17 – 7 Jan 18	SAFRA Tampines
8 Jan 18 – 21 Jan 18	SAFRA Toa Payoh