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MEDIA RELEASE

To News Editors

NEW NS50 TEAM RUN CATEGORY INTRODUCED IN SAFRA SINGAPORE BAY RUN & ARMY HALF MARATHON 2017

National servicemen and their families participating in this year's SAFRA Singapore Bay Run & Army Half Marathon (SSBR & AHM) can expect a slew of initiatives to commemorate 50 Years of National Service (NS50) and to celebrate the event's Silver Jubilee, promising a unique and exhilarating experience.

This year's event will be held on Sunday, 20 August 2017. A special NS50 Team Run category will be introduced to mark this significant occasion.

The new run category aims to provide a fresh opportunity for past and present Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) Operationally Ready National Servicemen (NSmen) to come together and further strengthen their NS bonding, bonds which were forged through common experiences and shared contributions in serving the nation. Teams of 10 runners each will complete a 5km route together to clock a total distance of 50km in commemoration of NS50. Participants of the new category can also look forward to receiving limited edition finisher tees and special commemorative medals.

Colonel (NS) Simon Lim, Chairman of the SSBR & AHM 2017 organising committee and Director of National Service Affairs, Ministry of Defence, commented: "This is a significant year as we commemorate the role of NS and the contributions of generations of national servicemen in Singapore's continued stability and progress. The NS50 Team Run is one of the many initiatives that we will be introducing at this year's event. The commitment of our NSmen has played a critical role in enabling us to achieve this significant milestone, and we hope that many of them will participate in this new category to rekindle their NS friendships, to join the run together and keep their camaraderie strong."

The event will also continue to feature its four established run categories – the 21km Army Half Marathon, SAFRA 10km Race, SAFRA 5km Fun Run and 800m Family Challenge. SAF NSmen and national servicemen's family members will continue to enjoy special rates across these categories to recognise them for their contributions to Singapore's defence and support for NS respectively. A limited edition Silver Jubilee shoe bag will also be given out as part of this year's race pack for participating SAF NSmen, family members of SAF national servicemen and members of the public. There will also be fun-filled activities for national servicemen and their families to enjoy after the run at the Padang.

Registration for the event is open at www.safra.sg/ssbr_ahm

The SSBR & AHM is jointly organised by SAFRA and the Army with the aim of promoting fitness and bonding among SAF active servicemen, NSmen and their families. The event attracted over 42,000 participants last year.

Kindly refer to the fact sheet attached as **Annex A** for more information.

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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 330,000 members and their families.

Issued on behalf of the SAFRA Singapore Bay Run & Army Half Marathon 2017
Organising Committee



Categories	Eligibility
SAFRA 10km Race	
SAFRA 10km Race Men's	SAF Active Servicemen and SAF NSmen (ORNS, MR & Ex-NSmen) only
SAFRA 10km Race Women's	SAF Active Servicewomen only
SAFRA 10km Race Men's Master	SAF Active Servicemen and SAF NSmen (ORNS, MR & Ex-NSmen), aged 40 years old and above only
SAFRA 10km Race Women's Master	SAF Active Servicewomen, aged 35 years old and above only
SAFRA 10km Race Men's Open	All male participants who are not eligible for the above categories; including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SAF Active Servicemen and SAF NSmen's (ORNS, MR & Ex-NSmen) family members - Non-SAF servicemen & NSmen - Singaporeans/ PR - Foreigners
SAFRA 10km Race Women's Open	All female participants who are not eligible for the above categories; including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SAF Active Servicewomen's family members - Non-SAF servicewomen - Singaporeans/ PR - Foreigners
NS50 Team Run	
NS50 Team Run (5km x 10 pax)	A team of 10 SAF NSmen (ORNS, MR & Ex-NSmen)
SAFRA 5km Fun Run	
SAFRA 5km Fun Run	Participants must be aged 6 years old and above on race day
800m Family Challenge	
800m Family Challenge	Open to both fathers and mothers. Child must be aged 4 years old to 16 years old.



Registration Fees & Period

A) Early Bird Registration: 30 April to 11 June 2017

Categories	Rates (per person)			
	SAF NSmen*	SAFRA Members	SAF Family Members ⁺	Public
21km Army Half Marathon	\$16	\$46	\$51	\$65
SAFRA 10km Race	\$12	\$33	\$37	\$47
NS50 Team Run <i>New!</i> (5km x 10 pax)	\$12 per pax	-	-	-
SAFRA 5km Fun Run	\$9	\$21	\$12	\$30
800m Family Challenge	\$10	\$10	\$12	\$20

B) Normal Registration: 12 June to 26 July 2017

Categories	Rates (per person)			
	SAF NSmen*	SAFRA Members	SAF Family Members ⁺	Public
21km Army Half Marathon	\$18	\$56	\$62	\$75
SAFRA 10km Race	\$14	\$38	\$44	\$55
NS50 Team Run <i>New!</i> (5km x 10 pax)	\$15 per pax	-	-	-
SAFRA 5km Fun Run	\$9	\$21	\$12	\$30
800m Family Challenge	\$10	\$10	\$12	\$20

Prices stated above are inclusive of 7% GST.

*Only NSmen (Operationally Ready National Servicemen, MINDEF Reserves & Ex-NSmen) from the three arms of the Singapore Armed Forces - the Singapore Army, the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) and the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN).

⁺Only applicable to family members (parents, siblings, spouse and children) of registered SAF active servicemen and NSmen. Family members must be nominated to enjoy the SAF Family rate. Each SAF active serviceman and NSman can nominate up to five immediate family members to enjoy this rate during registration.

PARTICIPANT ENTITLEMENTS

21km Army Half Marathon

1. SSBR & AHM ARMY Singlet
(applicable only to all SAF Active Servicemen, NSmen & Family Members)
OR Event Tee (applicable only to SAFRA members & the public)
2. Exclusive Finisher Tee (21km finisher only)
3. Personalised Participant Bib & Timing Device
4. Exclusive Finisher Medal
5. Personalised e-Certificate
6. SSBR & AHM 25th Edition Shoe Bag (for SAF NSmen, family members of SAF national servicemen and the public)
7. Insurance Coverage

SAFRA 10km Race

1. SSBR & AHM ARMY Singlet
(applicable only to all SAF Active Servicemen, NSmen & Family Members)
OR Event Tee (applicable only to SAFRA members & the public)
2. Personalised Participant Bib & Timing Device
3. Exclusive Finisher Medal
4. Personalised e-Certificate
5. SSBR & AHM 25th Edition Shoe Bag (for SAF NSmen, family members of SAF national servicemen and the public)
6. Insurance Coverage

NS50 Team Run

1. SSBR & AHM ARMY Singlet
2. Personalised Participant Bib
3. Limited Edition Finisher Medal
4. Limited Edition Finisher Tee
5. Personalised e-Certificate
6. SSBR & AHM 25th Edition Shoe Bag
7. Insurance Coverage

SAFRA 5km Fun Run

1. SSBR & AHM ARMY Singlet (for all SAF Active Servicemen, NSmen)
OR Event Tee (for SAFRA members, SAF Family members and members of the public)
2. Personalised Participant Bib
3. Exclusive Finisher Medal
4. Personalised e-Certificate
5. SSBR & AHM 25th Edition Shoe Bag (for SAF NSmen, family members of SAF national servicemen and the public)
6. Insurance Coverage

800m Family Challenge

1. A pair of 800m Family Challenge Event Tees
2. A pair of Personalised Participant Bibs
3. A pair of exclusive Finisher Medals
4. SSBR & AHM 25th Edition Shoe Bag (for SAF NSmen, family members of SAF national servicemen and the public)
5. Insurance Coverage