

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Dear Editor,

REVAMP OF THE *EXPLORE* SPACE AT PLAY@NMS

The National Museum of Singapore will be revamping the *Explore* space in PLAY@National Museum. The last day that the public can visit the space is 31 December 2015, before it reopens in May 2016.

Located on Level 3 of the museum, PLAY is the first dedicated area designed for young children to take their first steps towards enjoying museums. PLAY comprises the *Explore*, *Create* and *Perform* spaces which are dedicated to providing immersive, hands-on experiences for children aged 3 to 7. *Explore* offers a specially curated, interactive exhibition experience for young children to learn about Singapore's cultures as they explore a living room, bedroom, kitchen and garden. *Create* and *Perform* are programme spaces that offer art-based workshops and facilitated performing arts programmes.

As the museum looks at new ways to engage with young audiences, *Explore* will undergo a revamp from 1 January 2016, and will re-open with a new temporary exhibition for children in May 2016, in time for the annual Children's Season and June school holidays. More details about the new space will be revealed closer to the date.

While *Explore* is closed for the revamp, young visitors can still enjoy other exhibitions at the National Museum. The *Treasures of the World from the British Museum* exhibition has two Young Explorers' Zones designed for children aged 4 to 12, featuring activity sheets and learning stations for children and their parents to explore the exhibition together. Parents can also bring their children to visit the museum's history galleries for an immersive and interactive learning experience about Singapore's history.

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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 reopened in December 2006 after a three-year redevelopment, and celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2012. The Museum refreshed its permanent galleries and reopened them on 19 September 2015 for Singapore's Golden Jubilee.

For more information, please visit www.nationalmuseum.sg.

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