Media Release
For Immediate Release

ARTEFACTS FROM THE COMMUNITY STRENGTHEN THE STORY OF DR. SUN YAT SEN’S ROAD TO REVOLUTION
Over 30 artefacts on display for the first time in the Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall’s newest exhibition

SINGAPORE, 8 June 2012 – Unknown to many, Dr Sun Yat Sen’s revolutionary achievements and ideals did not cease with the success of the 1911 Revolution. They continued to serve as a source of inspiration for Chinese all over the world, including the early Chinese community in Singapore and Malay Peninsula. Discover all this and more at the Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall’s (SYSNMH; 晚晴园 — 孙中山南洋纪念馆) newest special exhibition -- Remembering Dr. Sun Yat Sen (南岛记忆 — 战前新马华社对孙中山及辛亥革命之纪念).

2 A collaboration between the heritage institution managed by the National Heritage Board and local organisations and private collectors, Remembering Dr. Sun Yat Sen will feature more than 30 rare artefacts contributed by members of the community. Most of these have never been displayed before. From 9 June to 9 December 2012, the exhibition will highlight the efforts and activities of various Chinese groups such as schools, clan associations and private organisations in early Singapore and the Malay Peninsula in commemorating Dr. Sun Yat Sen and the 1911 Revolution.

3 General Manager of the SYSNMH, Mr Shaun Phua, says: “Since NHB took over the management of SYSNMH in 2008, this exhibition is the result of our inaugural partnership with the local community, private organisations and individuals, and we are honoured to be able to feature their contributions alongside SYSNMH’s collection. They provide an important extension to the story of Dr. Sun Yat Sen’s success in the 1911 Revolution. More importantly, the inspirations and thoughts of Dr. Sun had profound influence on the local Chinese community in Singapore back then, as well as our local pioneers such as Teo Eng Hock, Tan Chor Lam and Lim Nee Soon, who contributed greatly to the establishment of schools, clan associations and the building of Singapore that we know today."
Among the exhibits on display are never-before-seen commemorative memorabilia from schools, associations, and organizations that celebrated the 1911 Revolution, such as a commemorative plate printed with the Will of Dr. Sun Yat Sen loaned by local collector Mr. Tan Lai Huat, who generously contributed many of the artefacts on display. Other lenders include Chung Shan Association and United Chinese Library. (Please refer to Annex A for a list of exhibition highlights.)

Mr. Tan Lai Huat says: “I am pleased to be able to share my collection with the public through this exhibition which embodies the morale and spirit of unity in the early Chinese community here. Together with other artefacts in the exhibition, the collection will be able to tell a more comprehensive story for the benefit of Singaporeans today, and I hope visitors will be able to find out more about Dr. Sun Yat Sen’s contributions.” (Please refer to Annex B for more information about the exhibition.)

Up and Coming Activities at SYSNMH

1. Free admission to the SYSNMH on 9, 10 and 23 June 2012 to view SYSNMH’s newest exhibition, Remembering Dr. Sun Yat Sen, for free!

2. SYSNMH’s first Dumpling Festival celebration on 23 June 2012: A community collaboration with the Moulmein-Kallang GRC, visitors can look forward to free Chinese art and craft demonstrations, school performances, dumpling-wrapping sessions and other exciting programmes for the whole family. (Please refer to Annex C for more details of upcoming activities happening at SYSNMH.)

END

For media enquiries, please contact:
Robyn Lee
Senior Account Executive
Fulford Public Relations
Tel: +65 6324 2534
Mobile: +65 9771 2823
Email: rlee@fulfordpr.com

About the Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall (SYSNMH)
Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall (SYSNMH), a heritage institution under the National Heritage Board, traces Dr. Sun's revolutionary activities in the Southeast Asian region and highlights the impact of the 1911 Chinese Revolution on Singapore as well as Singapore's contributions to the Revolution.
The SYSNMH was re-opened to the public on 9 October 2011 after one year of renovation works. The revamped Memorial Hall features a new storyline and new galleries that introduce key community leaders in the early 20th century; highlights Nanyang as a base for Revolution; and explores the impact and influences of the 1911 Chinese Revolution on the Singapore Chinese community.

About the National Heritage Board
The National Heritage Board (NHB) was formed on 1 August 1993 under the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts (MICA). Its mission is to foster nationhood, promote identity building, and champion the development of a vibrant cultural and heritage sector in Singapore. As the custodian of Singapore’s heritage, NHB is responsible for telling the Singapore story, sharing the Singaporean experience and imparting our Singapore spirit. Through the national collection, NHB curates heritage programmes and presents exhibitions to connect the past, present and future generations of Singaporeans through a shared experience. NHB manages the national museums, Heritage Conservation Centre, National Archives of Singapore and Preservation of Monuments Board. Please visit www.nhb.gov.sg for more information.
Exhibition highlights

1. A century-old wooden plaque “香邑馆” that belongs to the Chung Shan Association (1845)
On loan from Chung Shan Association

The Chung Shan Association in Singapore was founded in 1821 and organised several commemorative activities and celebrations on a regular basis in the pre-war period. In 1937, the Chung Shan Association changed its name from Xiang Shan Association to its current name as a means of commemorating the founding of the Republic of China by Dr. Sun Yat Sen. Currently located at Keong Saik Road, the Chung Shan Association is one of the oldest clan associations in Singapore.

2. Commemorative tea set featuring the “18-Star Flag” and “Five-Colour Flag” (1912)
On loan from Mr Tan Lai Huat

This commemorative tea set featuring the “18-Star Flag” and “Five-Colour Flag” was produced in 1912 in the Chaoshan County in Guangdong to mark the first anniversary of the 1911 Revolution.
3. Marriage certificate printed with the “Five-Colour Flag” (1928)
On loan from Mr Tan Lai Huat

In its initial years, as the Republican government was unable to institutionalise the national flag and different flags including the “Five-Colour Flag” and “18-Star Flag” were used instead. This marriage certificate featured the “Five-Colour Flag” which represented the five major ethnic groups in China. The solemniser for the marriage was Mr Tan Ean Kiam, a prominent local Chinese leader (who bought back Wan Qing Yuan in 1937 with five other Chinese leaders).

4. Commemorative ceramic plate printed with the Will of Dr. Sun Yat Sen
On loan from Mr Tan Lai Huat

This commemorative ceramic plate printed with the last words (also known as the Will) of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, bore a seal of Ju Ren Tang at the bottom left hand corner. Located in Beijing, Ju Ren Tang was previously named Hai Yan Tang where Empress Dowager Cixi used to host her female guests. During the early Republican era, it became Yuan Shih Kai’s office. Between 1912 and 1916, when Yuan Shih Kai was the President, Guo Bao Chang was appointed to oversee the Department of Chinese pottery and ceramics. A series of ceramic ware printed with the seal of Ju Ren Tang was produced in Jingdezhen, Jiangxi Province, to
emulate the long established practice by past Chinese emperors of appointing an official pottery to produce wares exclusively for imperial use.

5. Commemorative medallion commissioned for the funeral of Dr. Sun Yat Sen (1929)

On loan from Mr Tan Lai Huat

Dr. Sun Yat Sen passed away on 12th March 1925 in Beijing. Three years later, the committee for Dr. Sun’s funeral began the preparation to move Dr. Sun’s body to Nanjing for burial. The Medallic Art Co. in New York was commissioned to produce 20,000 pieces of this commemorative medallion badge, to be given to participants at the funeral on 1st June 1929. The front of the badge featured the image of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, while the back depicted the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Mausoleum in Nanjing. The words “funeral of Dr. Sun Yat Sen on 12th March, 18th year of the Republic of China” in Chinese were inscribed on it.
Annex B

About the Exhibition

Remembering Dr. Sun Yat Sen exhibition

Exhibition dates: 9 June 2012 to 9 December 2012
Venue: Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall, 12 Tai Gin Rd, Singapore 327874
Website: www.wanqingyuan.org.sg
Enquiries: 6256 7377 / NHB_WQY@nhb.gov.sg
Admission charges:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Singaporeans and PRs</th>
<th>Foreigners</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Adults</td>
<td>$4.00</td>
<td>$4.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Senior Citizen* (60 years old and above)</td>
<td></td>
<td>$3.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Students*</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Child (under 12 years old)</td>
<td>Free Admission</td>
<td>$2.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NSF* (with valid 11B pass)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MOE Teachers*</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Opening hours: 10am to 5pm, Tuesday to Sunday

How to get there:

By Bus 21, 130, 131, 139, 145 or 186
Alight at the bus stop at Zhong Shan Park along Balestier Road, after the Kwan Im Tng Temple.
By Train & Bus
From Toa Payoh (NS19) Station, make your way to Toa Payoh Bus Interchange, take bus service no. 139 or 145 and alight 3 stops later at bus stop beside Zhong Shan Park after Kwan Im Tng Temple.

From Novena (NS20) Station, make your way to the bus stop opposite Novena Church, take bus service no. 21 or 131 and alight 3 stops later at the bus stop beside Zhong Shan Park after Kwan Im Tng Temple.

By Train & On Foot
If you prefer to walk from the MRT station, please note that the memorial hall is a 15 – 20 minutes walk from Toa Payoh (NS19) and Novena (NS20) Stations.

From Toa Payoh (NS19) Station, walk towards Toa Payoh Town Park, and cross the overhead bridge next to Toa Payoh Sports Complex, walk along Ah Hood Road and turn right on Tai Gin Road.

From Novena (NS20) Station, walk to Irrawady Road and continue along this road until you have reached Balestier Road, cross the road to continue onto Ah Hood Road and turn left on Tai Gin Road.
Details of Upcoming Activities at SYSNMH

- **Youths Take Over @ Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall**
  
  **Date:** 9 & 10 June 2012  
  **Time:** 10am – 5pm (Refer to website for more detailed timings of the activities)  
  **Venue:** Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall  
  **Tel:** 6256 7377  
  **Admission:** Admission to the museum and all programmes are free  
  **Registration:** Registration for workshops is required. Call +65 6256 7377 or email us at NHB_WQY@nhb.gov.sg.  
  **Website:** For more detailed timings of the activities, please refer to http://www.wanqingyuan.org.sg/ENG/  
  **Activities are part of NHB’s Children’s Season 2012**

Students from ITE Bishan are taking over the Memorial Hall and organising free fun-filled games and activities, as part of Children’s Season 2012. Visitors can also enjoy free admission to the Memorial Hall.

Participate in our mask painting, puppet making and dance workshops, as well as storytelling-through-puppetry and sing-along sessions! These activities are developed and organised by ITE Bishan students for children aged 6 to 12 years old.

An initiative by a group of business students from ITE College Central (Bishan).

- **Dumpling Festival 2012 @ Wan Qing Yuan**
  
  **Organised by:** Moulmein-Kallang GRC and Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall  
  **Guest of Honour:** Mr Lui Tuck Yew, Minister for Transport & Second Minister for Foreign Affairs, Grassroots Adviser and Member of Parliament for Moulmein-Kallang GRC.  
  **Date:** 23 June 2012  
  **Time:** 10am – 5pm  
  **Venue:** Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall  
  **Tel:** 6256 7377  
  **Admission:** Admission to the museum and all programmes are free  
  **Registration:** Registration for workshops is required. Call +65 6256 7377 or email us at NHB_WQY@nhb.gov.sg.  
  **Website:** http://www.wanqingyuan.org.sg/ENG/  

Join us in this unique Dumpling Festival celebration, and look out for free Chinese cultural arts and crafts demonstrations, school performances, wrap-your-own dumpling activity and other exciting programmes for the whole family.  
Activities include:

- Make your own dumpling activity from 11am – 2pm  
- Chinese orchestra performances  
- Tea art, Chinese calligraphy and Chinese painting demonstration  
- Balloon sculpting  
- Student guided tours