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REDEVELOPMENT OF REFLECTIONS AT BUKIT CHANDU

30 August 2018 – The National Heritage Board (NHB) will embark on the redevelopment of Reflections at Bukit Chandu (RBC) later this year to refresh the site's infrastructure, content and offerings. RBC will be closed to the public for redevelopment from 1 October 2018, and is expected to reopen to the public in the first quarter of 2021. This marks RBC's first major redevelopment in more than 15 years.

2 RBC is a World War II centre housed in a restored colonial bungalow close to the former battle site which witnessed the legendary Battle of Pasir Panjang, where 1,400 brave soldiers from the Malay Regiment heroically took the last stand and defended against an overwhelming force of the invading Japanese army in 1942. Located at 31-K Pepys Road, the bungalow was first redeveloped into a World War II centre named "Reflections at Bukit Chandu" by the National Archives of Singapore in 2002. NHB took over the management of RBC in 2012, and has been running it since then.

3 Dedicated to recounting the events that unfolded in Pasir Panjang before and during World War II, RBC inspires and engages visitors by commemorating the courage, valour, and resilience of the Malay Regiment in the Battle of Pasir Panjang.

4 The upcoming redevelopment will include essential infrastructural upgrades to the bungalow and site to enhance visitors' experience, while the narrative and display will also be broadened beyond the story of the Malay Regiment during World War II, to include the history of the surrounding area of Pasir Panjang. After the redevelopment, visitors can expect an immersive and engaging experience that will invite them to explore the history of the colonial bungalow, the hill and its surroundings before World War II, and learn more about the heroic acts of distinguished individuals in the Battle of Pasir Panjang. The centre will continue to convey values of resilience and fortitude during one of the darkest but most defining chapters of our history, while also reflecting on how far Singapore has come as a nation.

5 The revamp of RBC follows the redevelopment of the Changi Chapel & Museum as part of *Our SG Heritage Plan*, which aims to ensure the accessibility of museums and heritage institutions under NHB, and provide different touch points to milestones of Singapore's history.

The National Museum of Singapore, under NHB, will manage the redevelopment of RBC, given the National Museum's strong focus on the World War II narrative. Its refreshed content will complement the overall World War II narrative as told by other World War II centres in Singapore, such as the Changi Museum and the Former Ford Factory.

6 Visitors can continue to visit RBC from now till the centre closes for its revamp on 1 October 2018. For enquiries, please email RBC@nhb.gov.sg.

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NHB's mission is to preserve and celebrate the shared heritage of our diverse communities, for the purpose of education, nation-building and cultural understanding. It manages the national museums and heritage institutions, and sets policies relating to heritage sites, monuments and the National Collection. Through the National Collection, NHB curates heritage programmes and presents exhibitions to connect the past, present and future generations of Singaporeans. NHB is a statutory board under the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth. Please visit www.nhb.gov.sg for more information.