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Factsheet – Total Defence Day 2002: Activities facilitated by Singapore Tourism Board (STB) to commemorate 60th anniversary of fall of Singapore

- AT A GLANCE -

12 Feb (Tue)

4pm

- Tea reception for Australian war veterans at the Australian High Commissioner's residence (organised by Australian High Commission)

14 Feb (Thu)

11am - 2pm

- Visit to Selarang Camp Heritage Trail organised by Ministry of Defence (MINDEF)

- Talk on Changi's history organised by Heritage Services Division, National Heritage Board (NHB)

- Interviews with POWs for Oral History Centre

- Lunch hosted by STB

1pm - 3pm, 3pm - 5pm

- Exclusive visit of Changi Prison for ex-POWs and immediate family members (organised by Prisons Department)

- Visit to Changi Murals (organised by MINDEF)

National Archives of Singapore

15 Feb (Fri)

9.00am - 11am

- Launch of Johore Battery/ Unveiling of NHB's historic site marker

2.45pm - 4.15pm

- Tea reception for British veterans at the British High Commissioner's residence (organised by British High Commission)

5pm

- 35th memorial service in commemoration of the civilian victims of the Japanese Occupation at the War Memorial Park, Beach Road (organised by Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry)

16 Feb (Sat)

10.30am

- Special guided tour of Labrador Park (organised by National Parks Board) and Fort Siloso (organised by Sentosa Development Corporation)

2 - 5pm

- Special guided tour and reception at Reflections at Bukit Chandu, a WWII Interpretative Centre (organised by NHB)

5pm - 6.30pm

- Chingay performance

17 Feb (Sun)

10am

- Visit to Singapore Philatelic Museum's WWII exhibition showcasing stamps, stationery and correspondence

5.15pm - 6.15pm

- Sunday Service at Changi Chapel conducted by Rev Henry Khoo, Prison Chaplain

- HIGHLIGHTS -

TOUR OF CHANGI PRISON (14, 15, 16, 17 FEB)

An exclusive tour of Changi Prison made possible by special permission from Singapore's Prisons Department. A historical revisit after half a century, much of the architecture in the prison remains intact. The visit is restricted to former POWs and their immediate families.

TOUR OF SELARANG CAMP (14 FEB, MORNING)

During the Japanese Occupation from Feb 1942 to Aug 1945, Selarang Barracks became a POW camp and was of historical significance for events that unfolded during WWII. War

veterans and their families will be brought on a heritage trail around the camp, followed by a talk by Heritage Services Division, NHB.

CHANGI MURALS VISIT (14 FEB, AFTERNOON)

In a room on the ground floor of Blk 151 Roberts Barracks, a POW hospital, a collection of murals by Bombardier Stanley Warren was painted as an offering of thanks for his recovery from dysentery. Rediscovered in 1959, Stanley Warren returned twice in 1963 and 1982 to restore the murals. The visit is open to former POWs and their immediate families only.

LAUNCH OF JOHORE BATTERY (15 FEB, MORNING)

Please refer to TOTAL DEFENCE DAY 2002: LAUNCH OF JOHORE BATTERY for more details.

TOUR OF LABRADOR PARK (FORT PASIR PANJANG) (16 FEB, MORNING)

As early as 1843, Labrador Park was identified by the British as one of the strategic defence sites to protect the entrance to the harbour in Singapore. The early fortification of the site was constructed in 1878, in conjunction with Fort Siloso, Sentosa. More powerful guns like the Mark VII 6-inch coastal guns of the famous Labrador Battery were introduced and upgraded before the start of WWII.

National Parks Board has created a historical trail showcasing Labrador Park as one of the surviving pieces of “Fortress Singapore”. Amidst the luscious greenery of a coastal tropical rainforest, the park is a special place with an important story to tell — the fall of Singapore and the “impregnable fortress”. Visitors will be able to appreciate the fort as one of the best-preserved British forts complete with underground tunnel complexes, casemate and observation points.

TOUR OF FORT SILOSO (16 FEB, MORNING)

Fort Siloso is the only preserved British coastal fortification in Singapore. A recreation of life at the fort, presented through the use of archival documents and footages, life-sized figures of soldiers, and simulated firing of guns, provides a unique chance to look into Singapore’s colonial past.

SPECIAL GUIDED TOUR OF REFLECTIONS AT BUKIT CHANDU, A WWII INTERPRETATIVE CENTRE (16 FEB, AFTERNOON)

The Centre will tell the story of the WWII battles in Singapore with special reference to one of the last battles fought on Pasir Panjang Ridge (the present Kent Ridge).

Please refer to TOTAL DEFENCE DAY 2002: OPENING OF REFLECTIONS AT BUKIT CHANDU, A WWII INTERPRETATIVE CENTRE AT 31K PEPYS ROAD for more information.