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Fact Sheet: Overview of National Day Parade (NDP) 2025

Theme

1. This year's theme "Majulah Singapura" embodies our nation's enduring spirit and aspirations. As we commemorate 60 years of independence, it calls on Singaporeans to reflect on our collective achievements while inspiring us to face future challenges and uncertainties with optimism and resilience. Drawing from our National Anthem, the theme also emphasises the values of trust, inclusivity, and mutual support, encouraging every citizen to play their part in Singapore's continued growth and success.

Logo



2. This year's logo features a fun and distinctive design that resonates with our theme "Majulah Singapura" as we celebrate Singapore's 60th birthday.

i) "60" and "GO". The creative fusion of "60" and "GO" serves as a rallying call for Singaporeans to move forward together, embodying the spirit of "Majulah Singapura".

ii) Five Shooting Stars. The five shooting stars, arranged in an upward arrow formation, represent our nation's ideals of democracy, peace, progress, justice, and equality. They symbolise Singapore's continued advancement towards a brighter future.

3. For the first time, NDP 2025 is introducing a special co-creation initiative, featuring 25 individuals from diverse backgrounds across Singapore. Each participant will create their own interpretation of the logo, using the "60" numeral as a canvas to express their vision of the Singapore Dream and their aspirations for the nation. Together, these 25 variants form a collective representation of our Singapore Dream, highlighting the creativity and diversity of our people. The co-created logos will be progressively unveiled on the official NDP website (www.ndp.gov.sg), Facebook (www.facebook.com/NDPeeps), TikTok (@NDPeeps) and Instagram (@NDPeeps) in the lead-up to National Day.

NDP 2025 Celebrations

4. The NDP 2025 celebrations will encompass the theme "Majulah Singapura", honouring our past while embracing the future. Singaporeans can look forward to expanded National Day celebrations this year, extending from the Padang to the Marina Bay area in the lead-up to and on 9 August itself, followed by Heartland Celebrations across five heartland sites on 10 August.

NDP at the Padang

5. The Pre-Parade segment will take Singaporeans on a musical journey with a hint of nostalgia. For the first time, the segment will open with a "Go-Live" music video featuring an original composition that transitions seamlessly into a live music and dance performance at the Padang. In the inaugural Jump of Unity, the Red Lions and the Republic of Singapore Navy's naval divers will descend at the Padang and Marina Bay, respectively. The segment culminates with "Our Singapore Wish", where Singaporeans share their aspirations for themselves and their community, accompanied by a performance from the Combined Schools Band that bridges to the Parade and Ceremony (P&C) segment.

6. The P&C segment will feature a live choir performance and the largest number of contingents, with traditional crowd favourites including the State Flag Flypast, Salute to the Nation and Presidential Gun Salute. To commemorate SG60, a special aerial tribute by the Republic of Singapore Air Force will conclude the segment. Prior to the main parade, the Uncasing of Colours ceremony[1] will take place at Marina Square, bringing the celebrations closer to the public.

7. The Mobile Column, themed "Our Strength, Our People, Our Future", will return to the Padang for the first time since 2019, showcasing a combined drive-past of assets from the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) and Home Team. This segment will be integrated, for the first time, with an aerial flypast over the Padang and a maritime display at the Bay.

8. The Show segment will present four Acts, each inspired by a verse from our National Anthem. It reflects on our collective journey as a nation and inspires Singaporeans to reimagine our future Singapore. The segment will bring together a talented lineup of local artistes including Charlie Lim, Dick Lee, Kit Chan, Rahimah Rahim, Ramli Sarip and Mohamed Raffee, together with his band Vasantham Boys. They will be accompanied by performers from the People's Association, SOKA Gakkai Singapore, Institute of Technical Education, Republic Polytechnic, and MOE schools, among others.

[1] The Uncasing of Colours is a solemn and dignified ceremony that takes place when the State Colours and Regimental Colours are paraded at important occasions like the NDP and SAF Day Parade, where they are accorded the highest honour and respect. The ceremony involves the careful removal of the protective casing that shields the State Colours and Regimental Colours when they are not in use. It is performed with precise military bearing and dignity by designated Colours escorts and sergeant majors.

9. The Show will also take place over an expanded canvas, with the live show at the Padang expanded to the Marina Bay for the first time. The Show at the Bay, which includes water floats, performances on a new mobile floating stage and the lighting up of the city skyline through fireworks and light projections, will be synchronised with the live show at the Padang. This creates an immersive experience for both live spectators and broadcast viewers.

NDP Celebrations at the Bay

10. To allow more Singaporeans to participate in the National Day celebrations, live NDP screenings will be held with LED screens and audio systems at the Bay, complemented by interactive booths and activities. Through partnerships with NTUC, SAFRA, Gardens by the Bay, PUB and Kallang Alive Sport Management, the NDP 2025 Executive Committee (EXCO) will extend the Bay Celebrations to five additional locations around the Bay in the lead-up to and on 9 August: The Promontory, Bayfront Event Space, The Meadow at Gardens by the Bay, Marina Barrage, and Singapore Sports Hub. More details on the Bay Celebrations will be released subsequently.

NDP Celebrations in the Heartlands

11. On 10 August, the NDP celebrations will continue into the heartlands with Heartland Celebrations at five community sites across the island, jointly organised by the NDP 2025 EXCO and People's Association. Singaporeans can look forward to a showcase of SAF and Home Team assets, along with fireworks, drone shows, performances, and family carnival activities. The Mobile Column to the Heartlands, last seen in 2020, will also journey along five routes to these Heartland Celebrations sites with selected assets. More details on the Heartland Celebrations will be released subsequently.

NDP Public Engagement and Outreach Activities

12. Building on previous NDPs' initiatives, the NDP 2025 EXCO has partnered with different organisations to launch public engagement campaigns and outreach activities leading up to National Day. These campaigns aim to foster national pride, cohesion, and unity among Singaporeans at home and overseas.

13. The nationwide Majulah Moment will take place on 9 August. Singaporeans are encouraged to participate in a collective recitation of the Pledge and singing of the National Anthem, cued by the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF)'s Public Warning System signal. Partners including CapitaLand, Changi Airport Group, Immigration & Checkpoints Authority, Land Transport Authority, the SAF, the SCDF, SMRT, Singapore Police Force, and Singapore Prison Service will organise the Majulah Moment at their premises. Overseas Singaporeans can join through the NDP live broadcast.

14. The #CelebrateAsOneSG encourages Singaporeans to celebrate National Day in their own meaningful ways through various initiatives. On a personal level, these include:

i) Fly Our Flag: From mid-June, Singaporeans and Permanent Residents can redeem one complimentary National Flag per household via the NDP Shop on Shopee. Flags can be collected at no cost from over 3,000 Shopee Collection Points nationwide and can be put up on display from July to September.

ii) Wear Our Colours: Homegrown brands The Elly Store and Love Bonito will offer specially designed or curated red and white National Day apparel. Uniqlo will also join in support of this initiative.

15. On the community level, a new "Pledge Events" initiative will support Singaporeans to organise their own ground-up community celebrations with government support from July onwards. This initiative aims to encourage Singaporeans to better connect with each other and contribute ideas towards our shared future, while fostering a more caring and inclusive society. Overseas Singaporeans may also tap on Singapore Global Network's existing Funding Programme for their ground-up community celebrations abroad.

16. Returning for its third consecutive year, the #GiveAsOneSG initiative presents "60 Days of Giving" (10 June to 10 August), promoting volunteerism and philanthropy amongst individuals and corporations as a meaningful way to celebrate National Day. Partners include the National Council of Social Services (NCSS), National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre (NVPC), GoodHood.SG, and the Singapore Red Cross. Singaporeans can participate through the #GiveAsOneSG campaign page on giving.sg.

17. More information about the various public engagements and outreach campaigns will be released on the official NDP website (www.ndp.gov.sg), Facebook (www.facebook.com/NDPeeps), TikTok (@NDPeeps) and Instagram (@NDPeeps) in the coming weeks.

NDP Theme Song

18. The NDP 2025 theme song, "Here We Are", is co-written by Charlie Lim and Chok Kerong, and produced by Dr Sydney Tan. It is performed by Charlie Lim, Kit Chan, and The Island Voices. An uplifting and heartfelt theme, it celebrates the enduring Singapore spirit and the resilience and unity of Singaporeans as we journey together beyond SG60.

19. "Here We Are" draws from the diversity of experiences that have shaped the Singapore story for over the past 60 years. Weaving together images of home, belonging and mutual care for each other, the song acknowledges the obstacles we have overcome, the challenges we continue to face, and our hopes for the future. Its lyrics articulate a deep gratitude that

our nation is a tapestry, weaving together the diverse voices and stories of all who call Singapore home.

20. The song opens with an intimate and reflective tone, underscoring the value of being seen, heard, and known. It builds into an uplifting and powerful chorus, celebrating the strength we find in unity and pride in how far we have come. The collaboration between Charlie Lim, Kit Chan and the vibrant ensemble of The Island Voices, brings a rich blend of generations and styles, symbolising the coming together of different journeys and dreams.

21. Through evocative storytelling and stirring melodies, "Here We Are" reminds Singaporeans that no matter the weather, we stand together – proud of our heritage, hopeful for our future, and rooted in the home we have built together. It is both a celebration and a reaffirmation of the ties which bind us: our spirit, our resilience, and our unwavering belief in each other.

22. "Here We Are" is not just a song for today; it is a timeless reflection of what home means to us.

NDP Music Video

23. Overview. The music video for the NDP 2025 theme song, “Here We Are”, directed by He Shuming, brings Charlie Lim and Chok Kerong’s musical vision to life through the powerful imagery of a community choir. Set in a warm, familiar environment reminiscent of a school hall, the choir of over 100 members serves as the heart of the video, representing all Singaporeans and embodying a shared sense of belonging. As the song progresses, the narrative weaves seamlessly through a series of evocative vignettes. True to its title, the video captures the connections that bind us, celebrating how far our nation has come.

24. Community Choir. The community choir concept is simple yet profound: an open invitation for anyone to join in and harmonise together in song, fostering connection through the universal language of music. The use of a community choir in the music video represents how everyone’s voices can be seen, heard and known as we forge our nation’s future together.

25. Narrative Vignettes. The narrative vignettes depict the challenges that we have overcome as a nation over the past six decades. They highlight the core themes of unity, resilience, progress, and the forging of a common identity. Through these stories, we see people overcoming challenges, celebrating milestones, and looking to the future with hope. Together, they illustrate our collective spirit and shared journey as a nation.

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Annex A
NDP 2025 Theme Song Lyrics – "Here We Are"

Verse 1
Threads of a tapestry
A house full of love
Every voice is a story
Waiting to unfold

To be seen, heard and known
Our differences will make us whole

Chorus
Here we are
We're in this together
Our spirit's forever
Look how far we have come

Here we are
No matter the weather
Through the storms and changes
Wave your flag in the sun
Here we are
Through the fire
We can live our hopes and dreams

Here we are
This is what home means to me

Verse 2
Do you remember
When we sailed through seasons of change
Our journey's not over
I'm so glad you're my neighbour
We'll look to each other

As we face the unknown
Just know you're never on your own

Chorus
Here we are
We're in this together
Our spirit's forever

Look how far we have come

Here we are
No matter the weather
Through the storms and changes
Wave your flag in the sun
Here we are
Through the fire
We can live our hopes and dreams

Here we are
This is what home means to me

Bridge
Wave your flag in the sun (Here we are)
Look how far we have come (Journey's not over)
Living our hopes and dreams (Here we are)
This is what home means to me

Chorus
Here we are
We're in this together
Our spirit's forever
Look how far we have come

Here we are
No matter the weather
Through the storms and changes
Wave your flag in the sun
Here we are
Through the fire
We can live our hopes and dreams

Here we are
This is what home means to me

Coda
Here we are
This is what home means to me
(We'll wave our flag in the sun)
(Look how far we have come)
This is what home means to me

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Annex B

Charlie Lim, 37 years old **(Theme Song Co-Writer and Co-Singer)**
Charlie Lim, born in 1988, is a Singaporean singer-songwriter, musician, and producer. He displayed musical talent from a young age, singing and playing piano in church and school bands. At 15, he moved to Australia and topped the state of Victoria for music performance in his final year of college. He began writing his own songs during his National Service. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Music from Monash University. Lim broke into the Southeast Asian music scene with his self-titled debut EP in 2011. His subsequent releases, the double EP TIME/SPACE (2015) and the album CHECK-HOOK (2018), both reached #1 on the iTunes Singapore chart. TIME/SPACE was named Best Pop Album of the Year by The Straits Times in 2015, and CHECK-HOOK was awarded Best Song of the Year by Apple Music Singapore in 2018. He has performed at major festivals across the region, including Summer Sonic (Tokyo), Clockenflap (Hong Kong), Java Jazz Festival (Jakarta), and Urbanscapes (Kuala Lumpur), and has collaborated with international artists such as Kimbra and Khalil Fong. Lim was commissioned to write and co-produce an updated version of Singapore's 1987 National Day song, "We Are Singapore," for NDP 2018. His prelude to the song was developed into "Room at the Table" (2020), which opened the 2020 National Day Parade. He also co-wrote and produced "Breathing City" for NDP 2021. In 2015, he wrote two theme songs for the Southeast Asian Games and performed the closing song, "Still." In 2021, Lim received the Young Artist Award from the National Arts Council in Singapore. He is currently the Music Director of Indiego, an internet radio station focused on local artists.
He Shuming, 40 years old **(Music Video Director)**
He Shuming, born in 1985, is a Singaporean film and television director, screenwriter and film educator. He graduated from the Puttnam School of Film and Animation, LASALLE College of The Arts, Singapore. Under the Media Education Scheme (Film) Scholarship awarded by the Infocomm Media Development Authority of Singapore, he furthered his craft at the American Film Institute Conservatory in Los Angeles, California where he completed his Master of Fine Arts in Directing. His works range from television commercials, music videos, short documentaries and feature films.

He was conferred the prestigious Young Artist Award in 2019 by the National Arts Council, Singapore's highest artistic accolade. His debut feature film, AJOOMMA, premiered to acclaim at the 27th Busan International Film Festival. It garnered 4 nominations at the 59th Golden Horse Awards in Taipei, including Best New Director, Best Original Screenplay, Best Leading Actress and Best Supporting Actor. The film was Singapore's entry for Best International Feature at the 95th Academy Awards.

He directed the music video for the NDP 2020 theme song "Everything I Am". The music video, which captured themes of resilience and community amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, played a key role in shaping the emotional narrative of that year's celebrations.

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