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**The National Museum introduces video installation, *A Moment of Unity*,
in remembrance of Singapore's first Prime Minister, Lee Kuan Yew**



A Moment of Unity, a video installation by Royston Tan

Thursday, 17 March 2016 – On 23 March 2016, the National Museum of Singapore will feature a video installation titled, *A Moment of Unity*, by local filmmaker Royston Tan, one year after the passing of Singapore's first Prime Minister, Lee Kuan Yew. The video uses images captured by photographers on the ground: Aik Beng Chia, Edwin Koo, Lim Zerui, Loh Keng Fun, Mindy Tan, Ronald Lee, Shintaro Tay as well as photojournalists at The Straits Times Picture desk.

A Moment of Unity reflects upon the coming together of Singaporeans and the indomitable spirit they showed during the week of mourning. Rain features as a central element, serving as a recollection of the downpour that marked the State Funeral Procession on 29 March 2015. The three-minute installation is part of the Museum's special exhibition, *We Built A Nation*, which looks at the first ten pivotal years of independence (1965–1975) that shaped Singapore's history, and the important roles played by the founding leaders in developing Singapore's economy, foreign policy and diplomacy, security and defence, education and infrastructure.

A Moment of Unity will run at the Concourse Gallery, Level 1 of the National Museum of Singapore from 23 March till 2 October 2016 from 10am to 7pm daily. Admission is free for Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and children under the age of six.

Note: *One of the artillery shell casings from the 21-gun salute during the state funeral procession of the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew will also be displayed in the Concourse Gallery, Level 1 of the National Museum of Singapore from 23 March till 2 October 2016.*

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About the National Heritage Board

The National Heritage Board (NHB) was formed on 1 August 1993. 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. NHB manages the national museums, heritage institutions, the Language Councils Secretariat 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, Youth and Sports. Please visit www.nhb.gov.sg for more information.

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 re-opened in December 2006 after a three-year redevelopment, and celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2012. The Museum refreshed its permanent galleries and re-opened them on 19 September 2015 for Singapore's Golden Jubilee. For more details, please visit www.nationalmuseum.sg.