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To News Editors

NSMAN PHOTOGRAPHERS CELEBRATE SG50 WITH IMAGES CAPTURING SINGAPORE'S UNIQUE IDENTITY AND ASPIRATIONS

More than 300 photographs featuring Singapore's unique identity and aspirations were contributed by NSmen to celebrate Singapore's golden jubilee in the 12th SAFRA Photographer of the Year competition.

Participants were challenged to capture the multiple facets of Singapore's way of life across the themes of Celebrate, Culture, Diversity, Heritage, Home, Makan, Progress, and Hopes & Dreams.

The biennale competition, organised by the SAFRA Photographic Club, attracted a record participation of 80 photographers.

Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman, Minister of State for Defence and Deputy President of SAFRA, unveiled the winning photographs at SAFRA Toa Payoh this evening and presented prizes to the winners.

Organising Chairman Mr Ken Lim commented, "We are very heartened that this year's focus on SG50 had garnered so much support from the photography community. Every photograph is a tribute to the things that make us Singaporean. They remind us of our roots and what makes this our home."

Members of the public are welcome to view the winning photographs which will be on display at the club till 29 March 2015. The exhibition will also feature the best works of more than 40 pioneer and associate members of the SAFRA Photographic Club.

Kindly refer to the following for more information:

- Annex A – Winners and winning photographs
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About SAFRA National Service Association

SAFRA was formed in 1972 to provide for the social and recreational needs of NSmen and their families through quality sports, social, educational and cultural programmes to recognise NSmen for their contributions to National Defence. SAFRA currently has a network of five clubs conveniently located in Jurong, Mount Faber, Tampines, Toa Payoh and Yishun. Complementing the modern facilities at SAFRA clubs is a host of quality membership benefits and activities specially packaged for over 350,000 members and their families.

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12TH PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR
PRIZE PRESENTATION & OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY OF EXHIBITION

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ANNEX A – WINNERS & WINNING PHOTOGRAPHS

Koh Meng Hua

SAFRA Photographic Club member
Champion



Heritage



Celebrate



Home



Culture

Leow Ek Teck

Merit



Celebrate



Culture



Home



Hopes & Dreams

Liew Tong Leng
Merit



Heritage



Hopes & Dreams



Home



Diversity

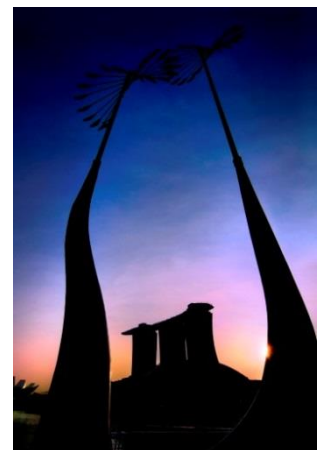
Danny Kwan Sai Hoe
SAFRA Photographic Club member
Merit



Culture



Celebrate



Diversity



Hopes & Dreams

Chua Tiew Eng (Mdm)
Merit



Heritage



Celebrate



Culture



Home

Bernard Poh Lye Kiat
SAFRA Photographic Club member
Merit



Culture



Progress



Home



Hopes & Dreams

Yeo Eng Siong

SAFRA Photographic Club member
Consolation



Hopes & Dreams



Celebrate



Heritage



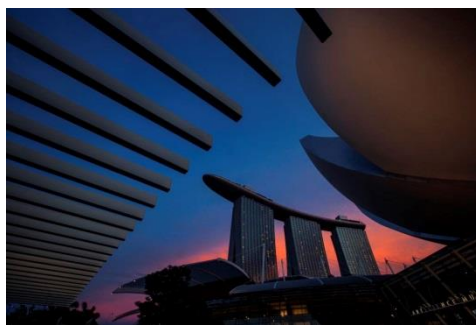
Diversity

Low Soon Leong

SAFRA Photographic Club member
Consolation



Makan



Progress



Culture



Home

Ng Kah Soon
Consolation



Heritage



Hope



Progress



Makan

Lim Yew Kwan
SAFRA Photographic Club member
Consolation



Celebrate



Culture



Progress



Heritage

Goh Teck Leong
SAFRA Photographic Club member
Consolation



Diversity



Progress



Culture



Home

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ANNEX B – FACT SHEET

Competition Structure

Participants were required to select any four of the eight specified themes and submit a set of four photographs based on the series.

1. Celebrate
2. Culture
3. Diversity
4. Heritage
5. Home
6. Makan
7. Progress
8. Hopes & Dreams

Judging Criteria

All entries were evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Creative expression
2. Composition
3. Visual communication of ideas and relevance to the themes
4. Demonstration of overall coherence and cohesiveness within the set of four photographs according to the chosen themes

Judging Panel

Mr Foo Tee Jun	Honorary Adviser, SAFRA Photographic Club
Mr Raymond Chua	Advisor, SAFRA Photographic Club
Mr Bernard Teo	Advisor, SAFRA Photographic Club
Mr Julian Wong	Owner of Julian W. Photographer Services & Julian W. Consultation LLP
Mr Stephen Cheong	Professional Documentary and Landscape Photographer

Prizes

Champion

- \$1,000 Cash
- Canon EOS 70D Kit 1
- Lowepro Flipside 500 AW
- Joby UltraFit Sling Strap
- Joby Gorillapod FOCUS
- Datacolour SpyderHD
- \$200 Cathay Vouchers

Merit (5 winners)

- \$200 Cash
- Canon Legria Mini
- Lowepro Flipside Sport 10L
- Joby Gorillapod Hybrid (Grey)
- Datacolour Spyder4EXPRESS

Consolation (5 winners)

- \$150 Cash
- Canon CP910
- Joby 3-Way Camera Strap
- Datacolour SpyderCUBE