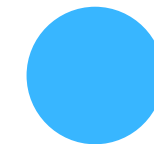
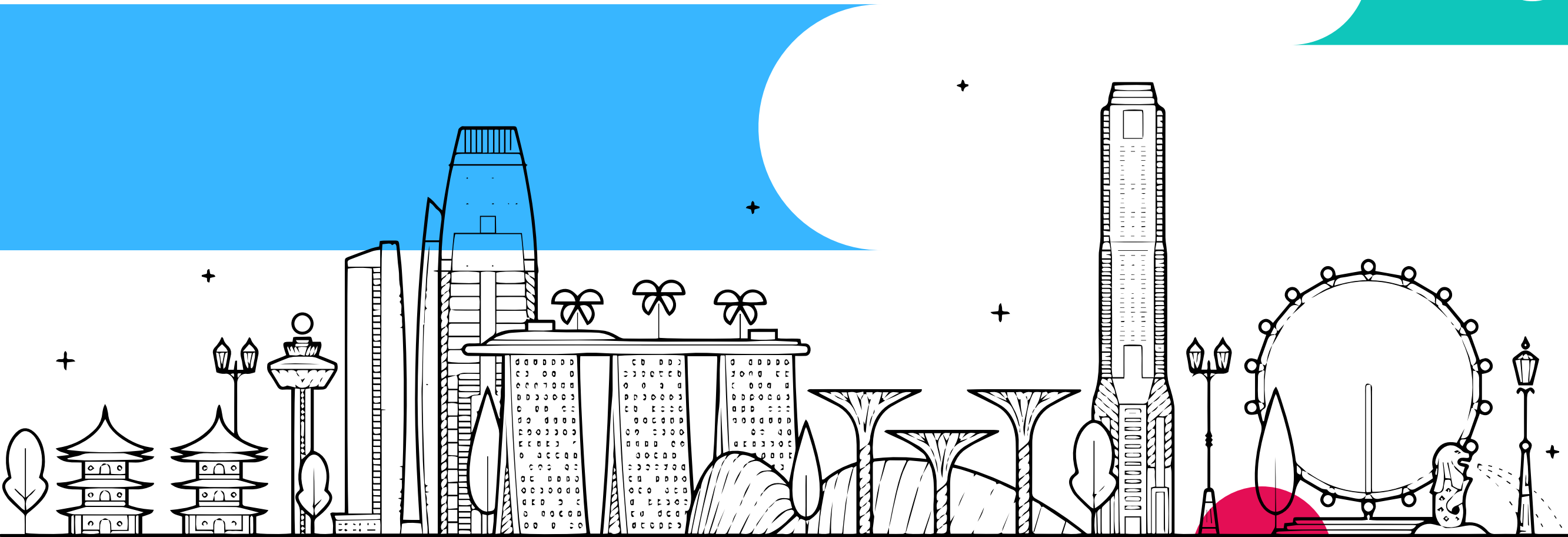


# NATIONAL DAY 2023

Engagement Package





*Image: Yusof Ishak Collection, Courtesy of the National Archives of Singapore.*

**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

The first National Day Parade (NDP) was held at the Padang on 9 August 1966.

It was a time when Singapore faced an uncertain future but our pioneers celebrated National Day with great pride, hope and optimism.

# A CHERISHED YEARLY TRADITION SINCE 1966

On August 9 each year, regardless of race, language or religion, Singaporeans come together to celebrate our independence, and to pledge our unity as one people.



Yusof Ishak Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore

Click on the link below  
to watch the video:  
<https://bit.ly/43JkK2N>

Full video available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUqpPiXBBLA>

What is your favourite NDP memory?

# A DEMONSTRATION OF OUR DETERMINATION AND RESILIENCE

Rain or shine, good times or bad, we remained united as one people to overcome challenges and emerge stronger.



Spectators and participants stood steadfast under the heavy downpour during 1968 NDP.

*Credits: (From L to R) The Straits Times, Singapore Press Holdings, Ministry of Information and the Arts Collection, Courtesy of the National Archives of Singapore.*

Restrictions from COVID-19 and a scaled-down event did not dampen spirits with many Singaporeans celebrating from the heartlands in 2020.



*Credits: PIONEER*




**Why is it important to celebrate National Day?**

**What makes you proud of Singapore?**



# NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATES OUR UNITY AND PROGRESS AS A NATION,

The theme for NDP 2023, "Onward as One", calls upon Singaporeans to reflect on the country that we have built, and move onward together in building a shared future as one united people.



**What are your aspirations for Singapore?**

**What kind of Singapore do you want to build?**



*Credit: NDP Official Website (<https://www.ndp.gov.sg>)*

# SHOWCASES OUR WILL AND ABILITY TO DEFEND OURSELVES,

NDP 2023 will continue to showcase the SAF's and Home Team's capabilities to defend ourselves and keep Singapore safe and secure.

It will also see the return of full-scale physical marching contingents for the traditional parade segment, as Singapore returns to normalcy post-COVID pandemic.

To celebrate the Republic of Singapore Air Force's (RSAF) 55th anniversary, there will be an enhanced Aerial Display to showcase some of the RSAF's new assets and capabilities in defending our skies.



# AND INSPIRES SINGAPOREANS TO CONTINUE TO PLAY THEIR PART FOR TOTAL DEFENCE.



This year's NDP aims to unite and inspire Singaporeans to strengthen our solidarity and resolve amidst complex threats and challenges by emphasising the importance of Total Defence.



Larger-than-life models of everyday objects would be used to represent each pillar of Total Defence, to remind Singaporeans that everyone can play their part in defending Singapore.



# NDP AT THE PADANG ADDS TO THE SIGNIFICANCE

Celebrating NDP at the Padang is particularly meaningful as this is where we have marked many important “firsts”, reminding us how far we have come as a nation.

FIRST BATCH OF SERVICEMEN MARCHING IN 1968

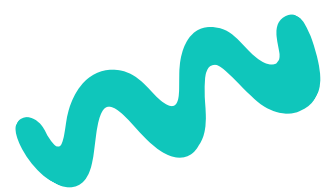


FIRST MOBILE COLUMN DISPLAY IN 1969

FIRST FLY-PAST OF THE STATE FLAG IN 1970



FIRST TIME THE SAF DIGITAL AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICE IS PARTICIPATING IN NDP IN 2023



# HOW WOULD YOU BE CELEBRATING NATIONAL DAY?



# NDP 2023 ACTIVITIES



Participate in the #GiveAsOneSG and #UniteAsOneSG campaigns



## GetActive! Singapore Heartland Festivals

Get ready for a series of National Day celebrations over the weekend of 5 and 6 Aug! Singaporeans can enjoy community activities such as sports try-outs and giant kampung games. There will also be aerial flypasts through the heartlands on 9 Aug.



Celebrate in the heartlands with sport activities, carnivals and live performances on 5-6 Aug (*tickets required*) and fireworks display on 9 Aug



Explore Singapore's trails! Check out GameOn Nila! NDP Special Edition on the ActiveSG mobile app



Catch the RSF55 Island Flypast as they make their way around Singapore

# MORE RESOURCES



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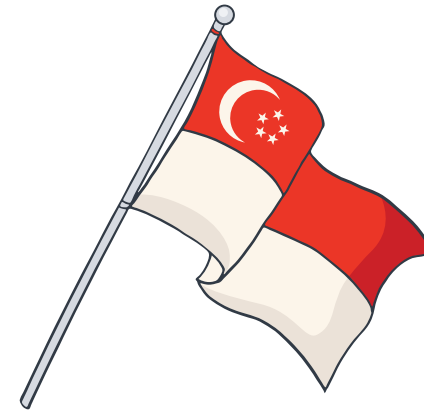


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LOOKBACK ON  
NDP FROM  
1966-2016



<https://go.gov.sg/ndp1966-2016>

COMPILATION  
OF PAST  
NATIONAL DAY  
FOOTAGES BY  
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**WE WANT YOUR  
FEEDBACK**



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