

PRESS RELEASE

**SINGEX'S MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CREATES A NEW SINGAPORE RECORD
FOR THE LARGEST DISPLAY OF HAND-PAINTED LANTERNS**

Singapore, 22 SEPTEMBER 2015 – SingEx's Mid- Autumn Festival @ EXPO (MAF) ended on a high note with a new Singapore record for having the largest display of hand-painted lanterns. The MAF is part of the PlayLAH! series of events designed by SingEx to foster greater family bonding and community rapport in Singapore. Themed 'Journey to the East', the MAF showcased local heritage and awareness of the festival through activities, workshops, displays and performances.

The 3-day event welcomed over 10,000 visitors from different parts of Singapore, including community clubs, the expatriate communities and Members of Parliament for East Coast GRC, Ms Jessica Tan and Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman, who is also Minister of State, Ministry of National Development & Ministry of Defence and Mayor, South East District. Visitors enjoyed many fun-filled activities at the event including making their own lanterns and unique dough figurines, donning ancient costumes for photo-shoot opportunities, painting their own customised design on Chinese fans and Chinese tea appreciation workshops. The highlight of the event was the setting of a new Singapore record for the largest display of hand painted lanterns. Under the guidance of renowned local Batik artist, Ika Zahri, who shared his skills with guests, both young and old, a new Singapore record of 2,149 hand-painted lanterns was certified by the Singapore Book of Records.

Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman, while participating in the painting of the Batik lanterns said, "I am pleased to see the large turnout of my residents from all ages engaged in lantern painting using Batik designs to express their ideas, thereby reflecting the multi-racial understanding and appreciation that we have in Singapore."

Mr. Aloysius Arlando, CEO SingEx Holdings, said, “We are glad to have organised this inaugural Mid-Autumn Festival at Expo and are very encouraged that the event attracted a large turnout of visitors who experienced a variety of cultural appreciation and family activities; and played a part in the record breaking Batik painting of lanterns. We are truly grateful to our partners for their unstinting support of our efforts and look forward to collaborating with them on future programmes.”

Artist, Ika said, “I am thankful to SingEx for this opportunity and would also like to acknowledge the participants for their enthusiasm and support. This experience has been great as I watched friends and family bond over the painting of the lanterns using the Batik Art technique.”

Aida van Domselaar-Duad, a member of the public who attended the event commented on Facebook, “My family and I really had fun!!! Thumbs up for this project. Singaporeans need more family activities like this.”

As part of the MAF, SingEx had organised a lantern making competition to propagate interest in this fast disappearing craft. Many participants submitted lanterns made of recyclable material. Participants were grouped according to the following categories: Little ones aged six and under; Primary school children; Secondary school students; Tertiary and adults of all ages. Some parties also competed in groups of 5.

Entries were judged on design, creativity, environmental friendliness and durability. All lanterns submitted were displayed at Singapore Expo Hall 6 throughout the three-day event.

The winning entries were judged by Mr. Sarkasi Said, an internationally renowned Batik artist, and Professor Lim Seh Chun, Professor & Associate Provost for Students Affairs at the Singapore University of Technology and Design.

SingEx will continue to stage such exciting thematic events in the near future. Information on these events will be released closer to the date.

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