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NDP 2022 – 'The Story Of Us': Telling Our Singapore Story Of Resilience, Adaptability and Unity

- 1. The National Day Parade 2022 (NDP 2022) Show segment celebrates the resilience and adaptability of Singaporeans in overcoming the odds, as well as our spirit of unity in supporting each other to emerge from the pandemic.
- 2. NDP 2022 Show will be helmed by Creative Director Adrian Pang. This will be Mr Pang's first NDP. Explaining his inspiration for this year's Show, Mr Pang said, "Navigating our way through the pandemic as a people, we have shared some meaningful experiences and learnt some important lessons. I feel that the NDP is a good opportunity to reflect on these experiences and lessons communally, as a tribute to our Singapore spirit."
- 3. NDP 2022 Show will tell 'The Story Of Us' the collective journey of Singaporeans over the last two years as we battled and gradually emerged from the pandemic together. More than 2,000 performers which include students and community groups such as TOUCH Community Services and Soka Gakkai Singapore will participate in the live performance at The Float @ Marina Bay. It will be hosted by Joakim Gomez, Sonia Chew, Siti Khalijah and Rishi Budhrani.
- 4. This year's Show sees one of the largest participations from some 1,300 youths, from secondary school to tertiary institution students, being involved in the Show. These include on-stage performers, make-up artists and audience motivators.
- 5. The five-chapter Show will pay tribute to the different sectors of society that have played a part in enabling Singaporeans to weather the pandemic. This includes frontliners, social and community groups, and our families. It will also celebrate the adaptability of Singaporeans who showed their resilience and pivoted to contribute in different ways when their industries were adversely affected. Marking 2022 as the Year of Celebrating SG Families, performers from People's Association and Families for Life will put on a display that recognises the strength our families give us.
- 6. Interwoven with the live performance is 'Connections', a film written and directed by award-winning Singaporean filmmaker Ken Kwek. 'Connections' shows the interconnectivity among individuals, families and communities who, though impacted by the pandemic in different ways, are united in their resolve to help one another tide over the crisis. It highlights the resilience and solidarity that Singaporeans have displayed over the last two years and shows how small acts of kindness can have big effects on those in need.
- 7. Chairman of the Show Committee Colonel Mikail Kalimuddin hopes that every Singaporean will be able to see themselves represented in the Show and realise that they



played a crucial part in giving strength to those around them through difficult times: "Just as the NDP 2022 Show would not have been possible without the collective effort of schools, community groups, and public agencies, Singapore's strength during the pandemic would not have been possible without all Singaporeans playing a part. This year's Show tells us that when it comes to dealing with challenges, we can do it because we have done it before, and Singaporeans should have every confidence for the journey ahead. Stronger Together, *Majulah!*"

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