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HomeTeamNS Debuts an Annual Peranakan Festival at T-Play Khatib

- HomeTeamNS launched an inaugural month-long Peranakan Festival at HomeTeamNS Khatib's T-Play on 27 November 2021.
- The festival is organised in conjunction with T-Play Khatib's 1st anniversary, and it aims to promote experiential learning and family bonding in a meaningful way.
- The festival will be packed with fun-filled activities ranging from craft, music appreciation to an Amazing Race and a Peranakan Fair. Every week, there's something new for families to learn about the Babas' and Nyonyas' rich history.
- The annual festival will be held from 27 November to 25 December this year.



[SINGAPORE, 30 November 2021] — HomeTeamNS launched a Peranakan Festival on 27 November 2021 at its Peranakan-themed indoor playground, T-Play, residing in HomeTeamNS Khatib, in celebration of the facility's 1st anniversary.

The playground is a crowd favourite among children and parents, featuring interactive and experiential play elements where fun, play and learning come together to promote one's love and appreciation for culture and heritage. It has welcomed over 63,000 visitors since its launch in October 2020.

To commemorate this milestone, HomeTeamNS, together with the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF), invited a group of 50 foster children and their foster parents to the event launch. The children were treated to a free play session in T-Play Khatib and got their hands on to try out Peranakan tile painting as part of the festival's activities.

Ms Agnes Eu, Chief Executive of HomeTeamNS, said: *"T-Play is not your usual indoor playground. It is designed to engage our children's brain development, motion coordination and through fun educational play, to inspire and encourage them to learn and appreciate our unique and diverse cultures. We are glad that many parents agree with us, and as we mark T-Play Khatib's anniversary, we would like to share this wonderful space we have curated with the foster children and their foster parents. We hope to provide a platform for them to engage and bond with each other in a meaningful way. It's also our way of giving back to society and to support family bonding in Singapore, one of our main brand values at HomeTeamNS."*

About the Peranakan Festival

In collaboration with The Intan, Singapore's award-winning Peranakan Home Museum, the Peranakan Festival encapsulates all-things Peranakan with the goal to promote cultural appreciation, experiential learning, and family bonding through fun and play.



Alvin Yapp, owner of The Intan, shared that “*The Peranakan Festival is an important milestone for Peranakan Culture in Singapore. It is a wonderful way to share the beauty of the Peranakan Culture in an interactive and educational way that appeals to the young and the young at heart.*”

The Peranakan Festival spans across a month, with exciting activities that families can look forward to.

From 28 November to 24 December, on weekdays and selected Sundays, visitors to T-Play Khatib can get hands-on experience in creating various **Peranakan crafts**, such as **Tile Painting**, **Peranakan Bakul Siah**, **Batik Painting** and **Manik Beading**. For the musically inclined, don't miss out **Dondang Sayang Di T-Play: A Musical Affairs** on 4 December, where you get to explore various percussion instruments to the tune of our Baba's & Nyonya's favourite tunes. These activities are free for all paying guests of T-Play Khatib.

There are also various ticketed events such as the **Peranakan Fair (11 – 12 December)** and the **T-Peranakan Race (18 – 19 December)**, where families get to learn more about the Peranakan culture through more games, crafts and even an Amazing Race.

The festival wraps up with a **Christmas Celebration in Peranakan Land** on 25 December. Come and experience Christmas Joget-Joget at T-Play and stop by for a photo opportunity at Santa's Peranakan House.

More details on the respective programme, fees, dates, and timings can be found in **Annex A**.

HomeTeamNS Family Scheme

To further promote family bonding among our Home Team NSmen and their families, the HomeTeamNS Family Scheme launched in October 2020 offers free T-Play membership to children of HomeTeamNS members aged 12 years old and below, when they sign up their children under the Family Scheme. With the T-Play membership, children get to enjoy exclusive rates to both T-Play Bukit Batok and Khatib and special rates for birthday packages, events and activities, and free entry on the child's birthday month!



Stay tuned to HomeTeamNS' [Facebook Page](#) for the latest updates. More details on the Peranakan Festival can be found [here](#) and details on HomeTeamNS Family Scheme can be found [here](#).

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About HomeTeamNS

HomeTeamNS is a non-profit organisation set up to recognise the invaluable contributions of the Singapore Police Force (SPF) and Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) NSmen to the safety and security of the nation. HomeTeamNS aims to build a greater sense of camaraderie amongst SPF and SCDF NSmen by providing a shared environment for them to network and build bonds through sporting and social activities.

HomeTeamNS has a membership base of over 200,000 NSmen, with five clubhouses conveniently located at Balestier, Bukit Batok, Chinatown, Khatib and Tampines. For more information, please visit www.hometeamns.sg.

About T-Play Khatib

At 650 square metres, T-Play Khatib is the only Peranakan-themed indoor playground in Singapore, inspired by the pioneering spirit of early Peranakans and the vibrant colours and images the culture presents. In partnership with The Intan, Singapore's award-winning Peranakan Home Museum, HomeTeamNS was able to incorporate the rich Peranakan culture into the playground at T-Play Khatib, where parents and their children can come in to appreciate the Peranakan culture through a unique and enjoyable audio, visual and sensory experience.

The indoor children playground encourages parent-child bonding, and the structure and play elements are also specially designed to allow children to run freely. Key highlights include a



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climbing slide tunnel, sport pitch, a foam ball shooting arena, an interactive trampoline, ball pit and a ninja course, all conceptualised to engage the child’s brain development, motion coordination and sense of direction.

About The Intan

Founded in 2003, The Intan (“rose-cut diamond “in Malay), is a Peranakan heritage home-museum. The Intan offers personalized tours by the collector and the owner Alvin Yapp, which culminate into authentic Peranakan tea sessions and dinners inspired by his mother. The Intan also doubles as a unique event space, having hosted a variety of activities that included jewelry exhibitions, art shows and violin recitals.



Voted Best Overall Experience in Singapore’s inaugural Museum Roundtable Awards, The Intan has been featured internationally on CNN Travel, Discovery Channel and National Geographic.



With a vision to promote Peranakan culture beyond Singapore, The Intan’s collection has been showcased in places such as Paris, Moscow, Hawaii and Hong Kong.

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Annex A : HomeTeamNS T-Play Khatib's Peranakan Festive Programme Line Up

S/N	Activities	Date/Time	Fees
1	 <p>WEEKLY ENHANCED CRAFT SESSIONS T-Play patrons get to enjoy hands-on experience with various Peranakan crafts (Tile Painting, Peranakan Bakul Siah, Batik Painting & Manik Beading) with all logistics provided! You will get to bring home the crafts that you made and gain the knowledge on the Peranakan Culture at the same time.</p>	<p>28 November – 3 December Tile Painting</p> <p>6 December – 10 December Peranakan Bakul Siah</p> <p>12 – 17 December Batik Painting</p> <p>20 – 24 December Peranakan Accessories Beading</p>	<p>This activity is free of charge for all guests of T-Play, with a paid entrance ticket to the facility.</p> <p>Book your T-Play play session timeslots here.</p>
2	 <p>DONDANG SAYANG DI T-PLAY: A MUSICAL AFFAIR Explore percussion instruments and Babas & Nyonyas' favourite tunes of Dondang Sayang! Only available during these time slots: 12.15PM, 2.30PM, 4.45PM</p> <p>DONDANG SAYANG DI T-PLAY: A MUSICAL AFFAIR Explore percussion instruments and Babas & Nyonyas' favourite tunes of Dondang Sayang. A variety of musical instruments (such as drums, tambourines, shakers & etc) will be provided for you to try out and our music</p>	<p>4 December (Saturday)</p> <p>12.15PM / 2.30PM / 4.45PM</p> <p>(Each timeslot consists of three 20-minute sessions)</p>	<p>This activity is free of charge for all guests of T-Play, with a paid entrance ticket to the facility.</p> <p>Book your T-Play play session timeslots here.</p>

	instructor will be guiding you along on the proper techniques.		
3	 <p>PERANAKAN FAIR Join in the Junior Peranakan Adventure to discover the rich Peranakan heritage through games and crafts! 4 stations (The Collector's Story, Nyonya Kebaya, Tiffin Carries & Souvenir) will be set up with activities and crafts for you to participate in at Level 1 of HomeTeamNS Khatib Clubhouse.</p>	<p>11 & 12 December (Saturday & Sunday) 10AM – 5PM</p>	<p>Browsing is free of charge, but fees will apply for activities at the Peranakan Fair. More information available here.</p>
4	 <p>T-PERANAKAN RACE Search for clues across Khatib clubhouse and be the first team to complete the race!</p> <p>Learn more about the Peranakan Culture by completing 6 amazing stations and stand to win attractive prizes! Plus get more bang for</p>	<p>18 & 19 December (Saturday & Sunday) 9AM – 12PM (only one session per day)</p> <p>*Child participants must be accompanied by an adult during the race (1 Child + 1 Adult).</p>	<p>For T-Play Members: \$10 for a pair of ticket admitting 1 child and 1 adult. (\$20 for non T-Play members). Special bundle deal for T-Peranakan Race Ticket and T-Play membership available. Click here for more information.</p>

	<p>your buck with an exciting lineup of Peranakan-themed Challenge activities.</p>		
<p>5</p>	 <p>CHRISTMAS IN PERANAKAN LAND This Christmas, stop by Santa's Peranakan House on 25 December and enjoy a Christmas Joget-Joget with your loved ones at T-Play!</p> <p>Santa Clause will be there as well at "Santa's Peranakan House" right in T-Play Parents' Lounge. Say hi and take a photo with Santa!</p>	<p>25 December (Saturday)</p> <p>There will also be a Xmas Sing-A-Long Session with our Playground Leaders from 7pm – 9pm.</p>	<p>This activity is free of charge for all guests of T-Play, with a paid entrance ticket to the facility.</p> <p>Book your T-Play play session timeslots here.</p>

High resolution images can be found [here](#).