

SREE NARAYANA MISSION (SINGAPORE)

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SREE NARAYANA MISSION (SINGAPORE) HOLDS FIRST PHYSICAL GURU JAYANTHI CELEBRATIONS AFTER TWO-YEAR HIATUS ON SUNDAY,11 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT NAVAL BASE SECONDARY SCHOOL

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- DR. TAN SEE LENG, MINISTER FOR MANPOWER & SECOND MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY TO GRACE AS GUEST-OF-HONOUR
- SNM SIGNS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SINGAPORE MALAYALEE ASSOCIATION (SMA) CARE LIMITED AND TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES AS AN EXTENSION TO ITS SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY
- FIRST PHYSICAL GURU JAYANTHI CELEBRATIONS AFTER TWO YEARS OF VIRTUAL CELEBRATIONS LUNCH OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

1 Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore) [SNM] will be celebrating its Sree Narayana Guru Jayanthi celebrations on Sunday, 11 September 2022 to commemorate the 168th birth anniversary of Sree Narayana Guru; a spiritual philosopher from Kerala, India. Please refer to **Annex A** for more information on SNM.

2 Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Trade and Industry Dr Tan See Leng is the Guest-of-Honour for the event.

3 This year marks the first physical Guru Jayanthi celebrations after two years of virtual celebrations due to C19 safe management measures and will be held at Naval Base Secondary School.

4 As part of the celebrations, SNM will be hosting the "*Anadanam*" lunch (sacred offering of food) for members, community partners and the public. The lunch comprises a spread of 19 traditional Kerala vegetarian dishes served on banana leaves, which is cooked by the members of SNM.

5 The celebrations will also include a welcome dance, a presentation of education awards to tertiary institutions and cultural performances to mark the celebrations.

6 SNM will also be signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Singapore Malayalee Association (SMA) Care Limited to run a Senior Care Centre in Bedok to go beyond meeting present needs and to be well-positioned for the future as the population of seniors in the community is set to rise. 7 SNM will also be signing an MoU to establish a partnership with Tata Consultancy Services to mutually cooperate to leverage technology for the general wellbeing of individuals.

8 The signing of these MoUs will be witnessed by Dr. Tan See Leng as part of the event proceedings.

9 Your journalists and photographers are cordially invited to Naval Base Secondary School, 901 Yishun Ring Road, Singapore 768689 on <u>Sunday, 11</u> <u>September 2022 at 12.00 pm</u> to cover the celebrations.

10 Please **<u>RSVP</u>** your interest by <u>**Friday, 9 September 2022**</u>.

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ANNEX A

About Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore)

In keeping with the teachings of Sree Narayana Guru, the Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore) (SNM) is a social service agency committed to providing a range of social services for the less privileged regardless of race, language, or religion.

SNM is a registered, secular society with charity status and is a member of the National Council of Social Services (NCSS). It attained the 'Institution of Public Character' (IPC) status in 1987 and has maintained its charter since. SNM is also a proud recipient of the Charity Transparency Awards, (2018 and 2019) awarded by the Charity Council.

SNM operates a 224-bedded nursing home facility for residents who require assistance in daily living and/or have daily nursing care needs. SNM will also be managing a second nursing home facility in Yishun awarded by the Ministry of Health (MOH), for an initial period of three years. It has an estimated capacity of over 300 beds and is slated to be ready in 2025.

SNM also operates two Senior Care Centres (SCC) for the elderly, with one, colocated within the Nursing Home in Yishun and offering a Maintenance Day Care Programme. The other SCC is located at Woodlands and offers both Maintenance and Dementia Day Care Programmes.

Appointed by the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF), SNM is also the managing agent of Meranti Home @ Pelangi Village, a 200-bedded psychiatric welfare home.

Additionally, SNM also provides several community services including programmes for single mothers, educational financial assistance and befriender services for the disadvantaged community at large.

For more information, please visit https://sreenarayanamission.org/

<u>Annex C</u>

