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## OVER 20,000 LIGHT UP THE SEASON OF GIVING AT SINGAPORE SPORTS HUB

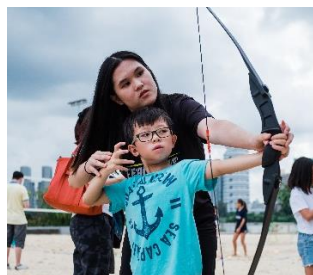
- Singapore Sports Hub and Republic Polytechnic announced a MOU on facilitating collaboration
- Participants kept engaged with sports try-outs and charity runs, while giving as they wish
- Stage performances and a Christmas light-up provided the festive vibes for visitors



(From left) Ms Jessica Yu, Director, Singapore Sports Hub; Mr Lim Teck Yin, CEO of Sport Singapore; Mr Oon Jin Teik, CEO of Singapore Sports Hub; Ms Sim Ann, Senior Minister of State for Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth; Dr Michael Koh, Deputy Principal, Republic Polytechnic; Ms Goy Soon Lan, Director of School of Sports, Health and Leisure



B60 runners kicked off the day with a 7am run around the Singapore Sports Hub



Taking a shot at archery during a try-out session



Official ChariTree light-up of the Stadium Riverside Walk

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**Singapore, 1 December 2018** – Visitors to the Singapore Sports Hub revelled in the festive ambience of the Christmas light-up, as over 20,000 played, participated and gave to charity on the first of the two-day festive edition of the Sports Hub Community Play Day. Themed “Season of Giving”, visitors participated in a host of activities including a series of

carnival rides and games, an inflatable playground, sports try-outs, film screenings, stage performances and an inclusive runway show with opportunities to donate to charity.

Guest-of-Honour Ms Sim Ann, Senior Minister of State for Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, graced the event and oversaw the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Singapore Sports Hub and Republic Polytechnic (RP). The MOU sets the framework for the collaboration between both organisations, in facilitating training of RP students and staff through the support of Singapore Sports Hub's events initiatives.

Mr Oon Jin Teik, Chief Executive Officer, Singapore Sports Hub, said, "The Sports Hub Community Play Day is most befitting for the signing and announcement of the MOU because both organisations have entered this agreement to facilitate the research, planning, and discussions to collaborate on activities such as Sports Hub Community Play Day. Such an event – as well as other initiatives – is a great way for students and staff to gain industry experience through the planning and execution of large-scale events."

Besides the Sports Hub Community Play Day, the MOU will see Singapore Sports Hub and RP work together on plans for the second phase of our Sports, Arts and Heritage Trail project; an Industry Attachment Scheme; the training for RP students to perform supporting roles at Singapore Sports Hub; and student internships with the Venue and Events team. Numerous students from RP have already embarked on internships with Singapore Sports Hub, and the MOU will see more opportunities for them.

19-year-old, Abdul Fattah, an intern from the School of Hospitality, said, "The internship has exposed me to many different aspects of operating a venue. It has been a challenge moving from theory to industry experience, but, overall, I would describe this experience as a fruitful one as I have learned new skills which will be beneficial for myself in the future."

22-year-old, Muhd Irfan Mazlan, an intern from the School of Sports, Health and Leisure, said, "It has been an enriching experience, learning how to plan and execute the various types of events such as the Sports Hub Community Play Day today, and the Japan Summer Festival back in September. There was a steep learning curve for me in learning how to execute events, because in school we focus more towards planning. This makes the internship extra special!"

## FESTIVE FUN AND FITNESS

Throughout the day, families and visitors of all ages toured the different booths on site and witnessed public stage performances by acts such as **Grandma Mary and Band**, whose 82-year-old lead guitarist is renowned for performing at NDP 2017, and **OnWheels Dance Group**, a wheelchair dance group. There were also opportunities for participation in the various mass fitness activities and sports try-outs:

- **Archery Target Shooting**, a test of skill and accuracy with the bow and arrow;
- **Nerf Obstacle**, an obstacle challenge involving Nerf guns;
- **Tchoukball 2-v-2**, a game combining volleyball and squash;
- and **Fitness Marathon by Giordano G-Motion**, a two-and-a-half hour exercise session that takes participants through Zumba, Cardio Blast as well as Fit-N-Joy.

The young and young-at-heart were also able to explore their creativity through arts and craft workshops involving creating one's scented stone, seashell art, and others.

40-year-old mother of two, Lisa Ng, who attended the event with her son aged 8 and daughter aged 10, said, "This is my third time at Sports Hub Community Play Day. The event is always enjoyable for myself and my family as there would be games and carnival rides for the young to enjoy, as well as activities for adults to take part in. For example, today I was able to make my own leather keychain!"

## **MAKING A DIFFERENCE FROM THE RUNWAY TO THE RUNNING TRACK**

Earlier in the day, the first of two runs scheduled for this edition of the Sports Hub Community Play Day took place in the morning. The **Believe B60 Charity Run** organised by the Warriors Running Club in support of Care Community Services Society (CCSS) does not have registration fees but runners had to make a minimum donation. All of the funds collected excluding third-party admin fees goes directly to CCSS.

A second run, **Santa Run for Wishes**, takes place tomorrow, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, at 7am. Proceeds from the run benefits the Make-A-Wish Foundation® (Singapore), with the purpose of supporting children with life-threatening conditions.

The **Fashion for a Social Cause Runway** thrilled the public in the afternoon with a special presentation by more than 60 models, including talent with special needs. The showcase featured local designs sewn by the elderly, needy and underprivileged.

Ms Lilian Lye, Marketing Director, Singapore Sports Hub, said, "Singapore Sports Hub are advocates of giving back to the community, and it was heart-warming to see our visitors and beneficiaries enjoying themselves at the event and bonding with their families. Apart from the various sporting and fitness activities which visitors can try out at the event, we also hope to encourage the public to do their part to give as a community so that it would be a meaningful experience for them."

The Sports Hub Community Play Day is a quarterly community engagement initiative aimed at bringing the community together and encouraging a more active lifestyle through sports and recreational activities. It is held in conjunction with Singapore Sports Hub Seasons of Giving from 27 November 2018 to 1 January 2019, featuring Christmas-themed activities such as Santa express mail box, Meet & Greet with Santa and a chance to win Disney on Ice tickets over the next few weekends.

For more information on the Singapore Sports Hub Season of Giving, please visit [www.sportshub.com.sg/seasonofgiving](http://www.sportshub.com.sg/seasonofgiving). For more information on the Sports Hub Community Play Day, please visit [www.sportshub.com.sg/CommunityPlayDay](http://www.sportshub.com.sg/CommunityPlayDay).

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**PHOTOS**

- 1 Dec downlink link: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/11jll7ruzrilyd0/AAAacfPzzypN8FmrRGzqb2kAa?dl=0>
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## ABOUT SPORTS HUB COMMUNITY PLAY DAY



The Sports Hub Community Play Day is a full day of play, where everyone in the community is invited and encouraged to participate in sports and fitness activities with a view to adopting an active lifestyle.

Held quarterly, the Sports Hub Community Play Day also encourages patrons to discover the various facilities and participate in the activities available at the Sports Hub, thereby aiding in the pursuit of active lifestyles. Each Sports Hub Community Play Day is held at a different venue within the campus, thereby presenting different aspects of the Sports Hub.

Typically timed to coincide with national school holidays, the Sports Hub Community Play Day also plays a dual role of promoting family and community bonding through shared sports and sporting lifestyle experiences. Every Sports Hub Community Play Day features free sports try-outs, fitness workouts, fun competitions, kids' activities and more. Most activities are also organised in collaboration with public and private sector organisations.

Collectively, the past six editions of CPDs have drawn more than 80,000 attendees and highlights of each, including a preview of the upcoming seventh edition to be held on 2 December, may be found below.

### **Sports Hub Community Play Day | Inaugural edition – 11 June 2016 @ OCBC Square (9 am to 6 pm)**

- > 8,000 participants
- Guest of Honour – Mr Lim Biow Chuan, Deputy Speaker, Member of Parliament for Mountbatten SMC
- The first session featured Sports Tryouts, Learn-to-Play sessions, Experience Sports programme activities including Pilates, Yoga, Kickboxing etc.
- The launch of Fitbit FIT-Sessions with a mass Zumba workout; the debut of Speedminton
- Collaboration with Active SG, SportSG, and private sports organisations

### **Sports Hub Community Play Day | Second Edition – 17 September 2016 @ National Stadium (9 am to 6 pm)**

- > 16,000 participants
- Guest of Honour – Mr Tan Chuan-Jin, Minister for Social and Family Development
- Largest Zumba workout held in the National Stadium with 3,248 participants and 66 instructors
- Record 4 million steps achieved at the Sports Hub Community Fun Stepper
- Transformation into a Community Playground with Passion Children Football Carnival, Speedminton, Dodgeball, Frisbee, Kampong Games, Family fun activities and a Flea Market
- Collaboration with ActiveSG, SportSG, HPB, MSF, NPTD, NTUC U Sports, FAS, Milo, Canon, BAS, OCBC, Singapore Slingers, ActivFitness, ESPN, Speedminton, and more

### **Sports Hub Community Play Day | Third edition – 17 December 2016 @ OCBC Arena (9 am to 7 pm)**

- > 9,000 participants
- Guest of Honour – Ms Grace Fu Hai Yien, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth
- Festive edition of Community Play Day
- Charitable activity in collaboration with the Singapore Disability Sports Council (SDSC)
- Presentation of various sports with training facilities within OCBC Arena including Fencing, Netball, Silat, Badminton as well as disability sports
- Collaboration with SportSG, and NSAs such as Volleyball Association of Singapore, Netball Singapore, Singapore Silat Federation, Singapore Chess Federation, Table Tennis, Singapore Disability Sports Council, and more

### **Sports Hub Community Play Day | Fourth Edition – 11 March 2017 @ Water Sports Centre, Riverside Walk & OCBC Arena**

- ~ 14,000 participants
- Guest of Honour – Mr S. Iswaran, Minister for Trade and Industry (Industry)
- First water-themed Sports Hub Community Play Day
- The debut of the Sports Hub-SDBA Century Race; introduction of special DB Hearts Race; Light Saber (duelling practice) and Blackminton
- Collaboration with the Singapore Dragon Boat Association (SDBA) and other organisations

### **Sports Hub Community Play Day | Fifth Edition – 17 & 18 June 2017 @ OCBC Arena (10am to 9pm)**

- ~ 21,000 participants
- Guest of Honour – Mr Baey Yam Keng, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community, and Youth
- Themed Good Ol' Wonderland to bring back the nostalgia of the pure family fun at the Wonderland Amusement park, which was located at the present site of Singapore Sports Hub from 1969 to 1988.
- Key activity highlights include Good Ol' Carnival Games and Amusement Rides, Bubble Playground & Bubble Show, Inflatable rides, Glowing Zumba and Parkour Workshop
- Collaboration with SportSG, National Heritage Board, Women's Tennis Association (WTA), Parkour Singapore, and Great Eastern Life

### **Sports Hub Community Play Day | Sixth Edition – 16 September 2017 @ National Stadium (9 am to 7 pm)**

- > 18,000 participants
- Guest of Honour – Ms Grace Fu Hai Yien, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth
- First super warrior-themed Sports Hub Community Play Day
- Key highlights include Great Eastern Warriors Challenge (obstacle course), Stepper Stair-Climbing activity, Warriors Fitness Party, Sports Tryouts and Basketball Clinic with Singapore Slingers
- Collaboration with Great Eastern Life, SportSG, Focus on the Family Singapore, Basketball Association of Singapore, Singapore Slingers, Women's Tennis Association (WTA), People's Association, 100PLUS, Coca-Cola, Nestle, OCBC Cares, Starhub, B60, ActivFitness, and Families for Life

### **Sports Hub Community Play Day | Seventh Edition – 2 December 2017 @ OCBC Square (9 am to 7 pm)**

- 14,500 participants
- Guest of Honour – Mr Chew Hock Yong, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Social and Family Development
- Key highlights include 3-generation (3G) massage workout, G-Motion Fitness Marathon by Giordano, KPOPX anniversary dance-off, ActiveSG OAC Family Adventure Race, a family games zone and festive market bazaar with local curators
- Giving theme in celebration of the Giving Week, with onsite donation drives conducted by Focus on the Family and REACH Community Services
- Collaboration with ActiveSG, SportCares, Health Promotion Board, People's Association, Great Eastern Life, Community Chest, Giving Week SG, Focus on the Family, REACH Community Services, Singapore Medical Specialist Centre, KPopX Fitness, Jump Rope Federation, Shin Zhong Taiji Quan, SuperFit, ActivFitness, Team Axis, SerendipET, Giordano, Jakarta Radiant World, Jump Rope Federation, SuperLeap, and iSwitch

### **Sports Hub Community Play Day | Eighth Edition – 10 & 11 March @ OCBC Square, Water Sports Centre, Splash-N-Surf (9 am to 7 pm)**

- Almost 30,000 participants
- Guest-of-Honour – Dr Amy Khor, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources & Ministry of Health
- Key highlights include 2nd Sports Hub – Singapore Dragon Boat Association Century Boat Race, DB Hearts Charity Race, Experience Fitness by Spark Connections, Singapore Fashion Runway: Fashion for a Social Cause and Tahiti Dance Fitness performance and workout
- Collaboration with Families For Life, Health Promotion Board, National Arts Council, Public Utilities Board, Spark Connections, Nanyang Technological University, Republic Polytechnic, Singapore Dragon Boat Association, Volleyball Association of Singapore, Singapore Fashion Runway, J'Kids, Shimano Cycling World, Singapore Kidspreneurs, Singapore Medical Specialist Centre, Tahiti Dance Fitness

### **Singapore Sports Hub Festival of Football in conjunction with Sports Hub Community Play Day | Ninth Edition – 14 June to 30 July @ OCBC Square (Various timings)**

- More than 50,000 participants
- Key highlights include 4V4 football tournaments, daily football friendlies, penalty shootout games, meet-and-greets with football heroes, fitness activities throughout the festival, including footvolley exhibition matches and clinics, Glow DanceJam, Sunset Yoga, Experience Sports FIT-sessions such as Zumba, Boot Camp, Cardioblast, Yoga, and SuperFit.Community (Run), and leisure activities such as lunchtime movie screenings, Football Fan Scavenger Hunt, storytelling sessions, and Junior Playcation kids' day camp
- Collaboration with Sport Singapore, Singapore Tourism Board, National Youth Council, International Champions Cup, Football Association of Singapore, and Starhub

**Japan Summer Festival in conjunction with Sports Hub Community Play Day | Tenth Edition – 8 & 9 Sep @ National Stadium (Various timings)**

- Close to 45,000 participants
- Guest-of-Honour – Ms Tan Gee Keow, Permanent Secretary for Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, and Ms Cheng Li Hui, MP for Tampines GRC
- Key highlights include the Bon Odori Dance, Yukuta try-outs, Domo and Pikachu meet & greet sessions, Taiko Drum performance, Hawaiian Hula dance performance, the Japanese Association's game corner, and J-party Fitness mass workouts by Japanese instructors.
- Collaboration with Sport Singapore and The Japanese Association Singapore

## ABOUT SINGAPORE SPORTS HUB

The Singapore Sports Hub is a fully integrated sports, entertainment and lifestyle hub, with programming that comprises world-class recreational and competitive events, as well as community events, to serve children, youth, working adults, seniors, families, and less privileged population segments in Singapore and tourism sectors. Consisting of a unique cluster development of world-class sports facilities within the city, it plays a critical role in accelerating the development of Singapore's sports industry, excellence and participation. Its vision is to be the region's premier sports, entertainment and lifestyle destination.

Located on a 35-hectare site in Kallang, the Singapore Sports Hub includes the following facilities:

- A new 55,000-capacity National Stadium with a retractable roof and movable tiered seating
- The iconic Singapore Indoor Stadium
- A 6,000-capacity OCBC Aquatic Centre that meets FINA standards
- A 3,000-capacity OCBC Arena which is scalable and flexible in layout
- Water Sports Centre featuring kayaking and canoeing
- 41,000 sqm Kallang Wave Mall, including indoor climbing wall and Splash-N-Surf facility (Kids Waterpark, Stingray and Lazy River)
- 100PLUS Promenade that encircles the National Stadium
- Singapore Youth Olympic Museum & Singapore Sports Museum
- Sports Hub Library
- Shimano Cycling World
- Daily community facilities and activities, including beach volleyball, hard courts (futsal, basketball and netball) lawn bowls, giant chess, skate park and running & cycling paths

The Singapore Sports Hub, which is managed by SportsHub Pte Ltd, is one of the largest sporting PublicPrivate Partnership (PPP) projects in the world. It is also Singapore's largest flagship PPP project of this nature, and has won the Project Finance International (PFI) award in London in 2011, World Architecture Festival Awards for Best Future Project in the leisure-led development category in 2013 and Sports Building of the Year in 2014.

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