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**THE SPORTIEST BIRTHDAY BASH IN TOWN:
MORE THAN 23,000 CELEBRATED AT THE SINGAPORE SPORTS HUB
AND ENJOYED THE FLY PASS AND FIREWORKS**



Visitors enjoying the live telecast of the National Day Parade along the Stadium Riverside Walk accompanied with a view of the fly pass and fireworks

Singapore, 9 August 2019 – The Singapore Sports Hub welcomed more than 23,000 visitors at its third edition of the Sports Hub National Day Fiesta, in celebration of the nation's 54th birthday. This year's event paid homage to Singapore heritage, through family-friendly sporting activities and festivities that showcased elements of Singaporean culture. From as early as 7:30am to 10am in the morning, a closed door Bicentennial edition of the **Red-X Challenge** session was conducted at the OCBC Square for participants with special needs. Supported by a team of fervent volunteers, participants rose to the challenge and stretched their physical limits to complete the fitness test. From 10am onwards, the activity was opened to members of the public.

Gerald Yap, a volunteer at the closed door Bicentennial edition of the Red-X Challenge session, said: "This is a very meaningful initiative and brought positive vibes to everyone. It takes great strides to organise something like this for the community. I joined as a volunteer as a way of giving back to the society and encouraging individuals with special needs to try out sports."



Stretching one's physical limits in the Red-X Challenge



Participants enjoying themselves at Sports Hub Workout Lah!

The momentum continued into the afternoon with synchronised fist-pumping and footwork during the **Sports Hub Workout Lah!**, a cardio-fusion dance programme. A sea of participants decked in red danced to the rhythm, in a workout inspired by Singapore culture. Families streamed in by mid-day and children gravitated to the colourful, multi-station **OHANA Games**, an activity inspired by Singapore's history and makan culture, among others.

"OHANA Games showcased that we don't need expensive equipment or a lot of money to play and be active. This is an innovative way to learn about Singapore's history and culture while being active. It is very heartwarming to see many three-generation families come together and participate in OHANA Games as a family", said Vivian Eng, Director of OHANA Games.

40-year-old Ganesan Alagappan, father of a 7-year-old daughter and a 13-year-old son, said, "This is a great bonding session for my family and an opportunity for my children to experience the games that we played when we were at their age. I feel that it is important for the next generation to learn about heritage and history and this is a fantastic opportunity."



Attempting the Kueh-Ball-Sible Mission at OHANA Games

Throughout the day, visitors enjoyed a suite of family-friendly activities which included a number of stage performances and games, face painting, balloon sculpting, family bonding games, craft workshops, a local bazaar and free snacks.

In the evening, an air of patriotism filled the Singapore Sports Hub grounds as visitors sang along to the National Day songs while enjoying the dual-screen live telecast of the National Day Parade at the OCBC Square and along the Stadium Riverside Walk. Visitors also caught the dazzling fireworks from the Padang celebration along the waterfront.

Mr Yoro Tan, 28, said “We were awestruck by how beautiful this waterfront view is. There are not many places where you can get to see such a great view and enjoy the National Day Parade live telecast. There is no seat number, so we are not restricted. We can set up our own picnic area, so this is a ideal place for the whole family to gather.”

Whole month of celebration at Singapore Sports Hub

For the rest of August, visitors to Singapore Sports Hub can enjoy three exclusive SG54 packages at a special price of \$54 through the month of August: 1-hour Stingray® rides for two, Kayak Orientation Programme for two or the 30-day Fitness Class Pass for one, and bring home the limited edition Singapore Sports Hub Otter plushie with any of the SG54 packages or spend a minimum of \$80 at any of Singapore Sports Hub’s venues (except Kallang Wave Mall).

Visitors can also share their love for Singapore by penning down wishes on the giant ‘Love SG’ structure located outside Stadium MRT, Exit A. A total of 54 lucky participants will stand a chance to win a pair of Singapore Sports Hub event tickets of their choice, subject to availability.

Singapore Sports Hub is also offering complimentary 90-minute guided Sports, Arts and Heritage Trail tours throughout the month of August, for members of the public to discover Kallang’s heritage.

For more information, please visit <https://www.sportshub.com.sg/OurSG>.

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ABOUT SINGAPORE SPORTS HUB

The Singapore Sports Hub is a fully integrated sports, entertainment and lifestyle hub, with programming that ranges from recreational to competitive, from community to international, to serve the 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 designed to host Football, Rugby, Athletics, Cricket, entertainment events, and many more
- The 11,000-capacity iconic Singapore Indoor Stadium for sports and entertainment events
- A 6,000-capacity OCBC Aquatic Centre that can host international events and public swims
- A 3,000-capacity OCBC Arena with six halls that are scalable and flexible in layout
- Water Sports Centre featuring kayaking, canoeing, dragon boating, and pedal boating
- 41,000 sqm Kallang Wave Mall, including indoor climbing wall
- Splash-N-Surf facility featuring the Kids Water Playground, Stingray and Lazy River
- 100PLUS Promenade that encircles the National Stadium
- Singapore Sports Museum and Singapore Youth Olympic Games Museum
- Shimano Cycling World
- Sports Hub Library
- Daily community facilities and activities, including beach volleyball, hard courts (futsal, basketball and netball), lawn bowls, giant chess, skate park and running & cycling paths
- Large waterfront and precinct spaces (e.g. OCBC Square, Arena Park, Stadium Roar)

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