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Strong interest in *Pioneering Women of Singapore* exhibition

Singapore 26 November 2015 - An exhibition at the National Museum about Singapore's most outstanding women has been attracting much interest since it opened on Monday 9 November.

Organised by the Singapore Women's Hall of Fame (SWHF) and the National Museum as part of Singapore's SG50 celebrations, the exhibition titled *A Salute to the Pioneering Women of Singapore* tells the inspiring stories of the 119 SWHF honourees.

Also featured are artefacts loaned by some of the honourees, such as a down suit and ice axe used by the Singapore Women's Mount Everest team when they made their historic ascent of the world's highest mountain in 2009, and the sequined dress worn by trailblazing swimmer Pat Chan when she received the inaugural Sportswoman of the Year award in 1968.

The exhibition will run for eleven weeks, from 9 November 2015 to 26 January 2016. There is a quiz for each of the eleven weeks, with two \$50 book vouchers to be won every week. Interest in the exhibition and the quiz in the first few days was so strong that the stacks of informational leaflets and quiz forms had to be replenished several times.

At a Tribute Station, members of the public are encouraged to write notes to someone who has had an impact on their life. This has proved very popular with younger visitors, with many penning messages to their mothers. One note says "Thank you for being the greatest mother and role model to me", and another, signed Valentine, is a message to all mothers in Singapore: 'You are the greatest! This nation is nothing without you!'

Details of the exhibition:

Title: A Salute to the Pioneering Women of Singapore
Date: 9 November 2015 till 26 January 2016
Time: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Venue: National Museum of Singapore, The Concourse
93 Stamford Road, Singapore 178897

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Figure 1 Entrance of the Exhibition



Figure 2 Visitors looking at the artefacts and reading the posters



Figure 3 Tribute notes posted at the base of The Flame



About the Singapore Women's Hall of Fame (swhf.sg)

The Singapore Women's Hall of Fame was launched on 14 March 2014 with 108 Inaugural honourees. Their achievements spanned two centuries and 13 fields of endeavour, ranging from the philanthropy of 19th century businesswoman Hajjah Fatimah Sulaiman to the sporting prowess of Singapore's women Olympians and Paralympians in the 21st century. The aim of the Singapore Women's Hall of Fame is to recognise and celebrate the many contributions of women to Singapore's development. Information about the inductees and the selection process is available at the SWHF website – www.swhf.sg

Citi is the Presenting Sponsor for the SWHF. The banking organisation has made a three-year commitment to supporting the SWHF.

About SCWO

The Singapore Council of Women's Organisations (SCWO) is the National Coordinating body of women's organisations in Singapore. Our 57 member organisations represent more than 500,000 women in Singapore. Incorporated in March 1980, the SCWO serves to unite the various organisations, clubs, committees, groups and women leaders together working in accordance with its various aims and objectives. The Singapore Council of Women's Organisations seeks to coordinate these associations into a national movement and to act on their behalf in matters for which it is authorised by its members. It seeks to promote the ideals of "Equal Space, Equal Voice and Equal Worth" for women in Singapore.

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