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National Art Gallery Open House dazzled close to 40,000 people over the two weekends



I want the new museum to be....

The wall was filled with visitors' aspirations for the National Art Gallery, Singapore

The much-anticipated Open House event held at the two of Singapore's most well-loved monuments – City Hall and former Supreme Court Building – ended in explosive fashion, packing the grounds with close to 40,000 people attending the event on 9 - 10 October and 16 -17 October 2010.

The street-level buzz started at 11am and stretched into the evening at 9pm. Many came as early as 10am in anticipation of the guided tours and goodie bag giveaways, as well as exciting activities such as film screenings, workshops, photography exhibitions, and bazaars. The festival culminated with a

dazzling façade light up, showcasing over 66 masterpieces by pioneer local and regional artists like Georgette Chen, Liu Kang, Iskandar Jalil, Chen Wen Hsi, Chua Mia Tee, Hendra Gunawan, Le Pho and more.

Selected images from the National Art Gallery Open House event
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Signature wall with visitors' aspirations for the National Art Gallery, Singapore



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Cosplayers were spotted; seizing the opportunity for picture moments at the City Hall building



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Dialogues being generated at the Barcamp Conference



Organisation of Illustrators Council (OIC) portrait day



Bustling flea market



Children's corner with hands-on activities and interactive games



Visitors immersed in the film screenings



Snapshots from the 160 guided tours conducted



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Dazzling splendor on façade – projection of over 66 images of artworks.

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About The National Art Gallery Singapore

The National Art Gallery, Singapore (*working title*) is a new visual arts institution which will contribute towards positioning Singapore as a regional and international hub for visual arts. It manages the world's largest public collection of modern Southeast Asian and Singapore art. The Gallery focuses on displaying, promoting and researching these artworks, relating them to the wider Asian and international contexts, and hosting international art exhibitions.

Situated in the heart of the Civic District, the City Hall and adjacent former Supreme Court building - two important heritage buildings symbolic of Singapore's nationhood - will be converted to house this exciting new visual arts venue, and is anticipated to be completed by 2013. The National Art Gallery will be a civic and creative space, established for the enrichment, enjoyment and engagement of Singapore residents and visitors from all over the world. Information on the National Art Gallery is available at www.nationalartgallery.sg.