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***The Temenggong Parties***  
**New Arts and Cultural Centre Opens Doors for**  
**Music, Cross- Cultural and Arts and Healing Collaborations**

- Not-for-profit organisation, Global Cultural Alliance will develop, create and curate content for programmes at Temenggong 18/20.
- The Stephen Riady Group of Foundation makes a donation of \$100,000 in support of programmes which focus on the role of arts in healing at Temenggong 18/20.

Singapore, July 20 2018 - A new arts and cultural centre with a specific focus on cross-cultural exchanges, music, the role of the arts in healing opens its doors this July.

Located within two historic black and white bungalows on the slopes on Mount Faber, programmes at Temenggong 18/20 will be managed by Global Cultural Alliance Ltd (GCA), a not-for-profit arts organisation which focuses on developing original content and platforms for Singapore artists, as well as engages in cross cultural programmes.

Explains Ms Janice Zhang, Senior Manager, GCA: “The programmes at Temenggong 18/20 will be based on this artistic philosophy – that of bridging borders and building communities. Here, we will be embarking on programmes that will bring communities from all over the world to come together and share their cultures and identities. Of equal importance is our belief in the role that the arts play in the process of healing. This is an area which over the past decade has been receiving much attention from both arts and health practitioners.”

Themed “The Temenggong Parties” - alluding to the idea of a housewarming party and parties held in private residences in the past - the official opening of Temenggong 18/20 will be an evening of music, art and performances. Guests can expect to enjoy choral music from the Philippines Cordillera Chamber Singers, a dynamic range of music from around the world from Singapore’s Ireson Latin Band and an exhibition by Hong Kong-

born Singapore-based visual artist Yoko Choi who was recipient of the Most Promising Artist of the Year in the Emerging Artist Category at the 2016 UOB Painting of the Year awards. Guests can also take part in a series of visual arts and music workshops.

Elaborates Ms Zhang: “Surrounded by lush greenery, Temenggong 18/20 makes an ideal setting for a cultural sanctuary where arts and cultural practitioners can find time and space to do and showcase new work, art practices and initiatives that seeks to expand our understanding of human nature and society.”

Following its opening, Temenggong 18/20 will see an exhibition, A Message from Outside featuring art works created by inmates from Changi Prisons’ Visual Arts Hub and residents from a home for the elderly, United Medicare Centre (Queensway), as well as a month of workshops by artists on art and healing in collaboration with partners such as Art Apart, a boutique art fair showcasing contemporary art.

To this end, Stephen Riady Foundation has made a donation of \$100,000. The donation of \$100,000 is made from Dr Stephen Riady, Executive Chairman of OUE Limited, through the Stephen Riady Group of Foundations to The RICE Company Limited in support of the programmes which focus on the role of arts in healing at Temenggong 18/20.

Temenggong 18/20 is an initiative of not-for-profit organisation The RICE Company Ltd (TRCL) which focuses on identifying and developing opportunities for all in the arts and creative industries.

Says Ms Lynne Kok, Head, Space Management TRCL on Temenggong 18/20’s strategic significance to the organisation: “Central to TRCL’s mission is the development of an end to end roadmap that provides opportunities, content and employment for the arts, culture and creative industries. An arts centre such as Temenggong 18/20 would serve a platform for industry practitioners and professionals from Singapore and abroad to collaborate and showcase their practice.”

The opening of Temenggong 18/20 on July 20 will be graced by Professor Chan Heng Chee, Chairman of National Arts Council and Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Members of the media are invited to the official opening of Temenggong 18/20, on July 20 2018, Friday, 7pm -9.30pm, at 18 Temenggong Road, Singapore 098771.

## Programme

7.00 - 7.30pm: Registration

7.30 - 7.50pm: Speeches:

Mr Lee Suan Hiang, Chairman, Board of Directors, GCA  
Prof. Chan Heng Chee, Chairman of National Arts Council and  
Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Cheque presentation

7.50 - 9.30pm: Open House - performances and activities in Temenggong 18/ 20

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### **About The RICE Company Limited**

The RICE Company Limited (TRCL) is a not-for-profit organisation that harvests the potential of the arts and culture for the development of human lives and connects communities in Singapore with the world. TRCL's core areas of expertise lies in enlivening places and spaces through place making and content creation; building cultural capital through the engagement of arts with business; and developing linkages with communities around the world.

TRCL currently manages two social funds (The Business Times Budding Artists Fund and Sing50 Fund), five creative spaces (The Little Arts Academy City and North Campus I & II, 10 Square at Orchard Central and The Pavilion at Far East Square) and two subsidiaries (Global Culture Alliance and Millet Holdings). For more information, visit [www.therice.sg](http://www.therice.sg).

### **About Global Cultural Alliance**

Founded in 2014 and a wholly owned subsidiary of The RICE Company Ltd (TRCL), Global Cultural Alliance Ltd (GCA) is a not-for-profit arts and cultural organisation which aims to develop Singapore as the premier cultural hub for the exchange of knowledge

and shared experiences to foster a harmonious Singapore in an increasingly connected and globalised 21st century.

GCA conceptualises and creates conducive and open platforms for the confluence of shared experiences of local and international communities. For more information, visit <http://www.globalculturalalliance.sg>

### **About Temenggong 18/20**

*Temenggong 18/20* are two historical black and white bungalows located on the slopes of Mount Faber at Temenggong Road, the new centre will serve as a conducive environment for the confluence of shared experiences between communities around the region to promote Singapore as an arts and cultural hub in an increasingly globalised world.

This initiative of The RICE Company Limited (TRCL) in partnership with Global Cultural Alliance (GCA) Limited is possibly the first such centre in Singapore solely dedicated towards these purposes.