

Temenggong 18/20 Bridging Borders, Building Communities



Singapore 28 February 2018 – A new arts centre dedicated to the promotion of cross cultural exchanges will open in Singapore this May.

Called *Temenggong 18/20* and located at two historical black and white bungalows 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) Ltd is possibly the first such centre in Singapore solely dedicated towards these purposes.

Dedicated cultural space within a sustainable and inclusive arts ecosystem

Explains Mr Tan Tee Tong, Director, TRCL: “Temenggong 18/20 aims to be part of a comprehensive roadmap developed by TRCL to build a sustainable and inclusive arts ecosystem for all. To date, we have reached out to more than 16,000 children and youths from financially disadvantaged backgrounds and have made a difference to their lives through the arts.

“The opening of Temenggong 18/20 marks a next stage in TRCL’s development. Now, our beneficiaries can embark on a journey with us to become cultural entrepreneurs, a progression to build a career out of their artistic passions.”

Founded in 2014, TRCL comprises a group of companies which focuses on providing arts education, arts and culture platforms, managing creative spaces and advancing digital technology for arts, culture and creative industries.

TRCL’s core mission is that of harnessing the potential of the arts for the benefit of underserved children and youths within Singapore community through the creation of an end-to-end roadmap that provides holistic and sustained engagement in the arts, culture and creative industries.

TRCL currently manages arts training centres –The Little Arts Academy and 10 Square, and provides free arts training to young people aged six to 19 across four locations islandwide. TRCL also operates a co-working and exhibition space for creative entrepreneurs at The Pavilion@Far East Square.

A Cultural Sanctuary bridging borders, building communities

Elaborates Mr Phan Ming Yen, director of Global Cultural Alliance Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of TRCL which will be managing the programmes of Temenggong 18/20: “The programmes of Temenggong 18/20 will comprise talks, exhibitions, performances and workshops. We hope to highlight the diversity of cultures and how exchanges between communities of different cultural experiences and backgrounds can promote understanding and build cultural intelligence to foster a connected Singapore. Through these programmes, we hope to develop Singapore as the premiere cultural hub for the exchanges of ideas and knowledge that will enrich our society.”

Temenggong 18/20 will officially open on 25 May 2018. Visitors can look forward to a suite of signature events which will be unveiled closer to the date.

The venue will comprise facilities such as function rooms, dining and verandah areas which can cater to a wide range of events and programmes.

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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.

About Global Cultural Alliance

Global Cultural Alliance (GCA) is a Singapore-based not-for-profit creative enterprise that acts as a cultural catalyst between arts, culture and businesses. We create arts and culture-related platforms that enhances exchanges and dialogues between communities within and across countries. GCA is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The RICE Company Limited.