

Dear Fellow Docents,

Hope you and your loved ones are keeping healthy and safe.

With the gradual reopening of Singapore, we can now meet a few friends, go shopping and even enjoy a meal in a restaurant. As Singapore moved into phase two “safe transition” period Singapore museums, art and heritage institutions opened their doors to visitors on 26 June. The reopening is subject to safe management measures and the museums are conducting temperature screening, contact tracing, extra cleaning/ sanitization of spaces, managing visitor density etc. to keep visitors, volunteers and staff safe.

Given the safety measures being implemented, low community spread and FOM volunteer feedback to NHB survey indicating a desire to return to guiding, FOM council has decided to resume guiding from 24 August 2020. This may change of course if the situation changes. Guiding is not mandatory. Sign up to guide only if you are comfortable being with visitors. Before signing up, please consider the following safety procedures put in place by NHB that all docents have to abide by when taking visitors on a guided tour:

- Visitor group size to be limited to five people, excluding docent on duty.
- Docent should maintain a 1m spacing from participants and group should maintain a 1m spacing from other groups. There should be no mingling across groups.
- Visitors and docents have to wear masks at all times.
- Participants and docent to use hand sanitizers or wash their hands with soap and water prior to start of tours and avoid handshakes.
- Conduct a pre-tour briefing to remind visitors to adhere to safe distancing measures.
- Avoid speaking loudly to reduce risk of transmission through aerosol.
- Total time with a group of visitors to not exceed one and a half hours.

Even with these safe management measures in place and taking precautions, there is a risk of COVID-19 transmission so please guide only if you are comfortable with doing so. If you decide to sign up to guide and do not feel comfortable with your decision on the day or feel unwell, please stay home and inform the front desk of the museum.

Have a safe and rewarding guiding experience,



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