

Singapore Stories: Then. Now. Tomorrow

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SINGAPORE STORIES

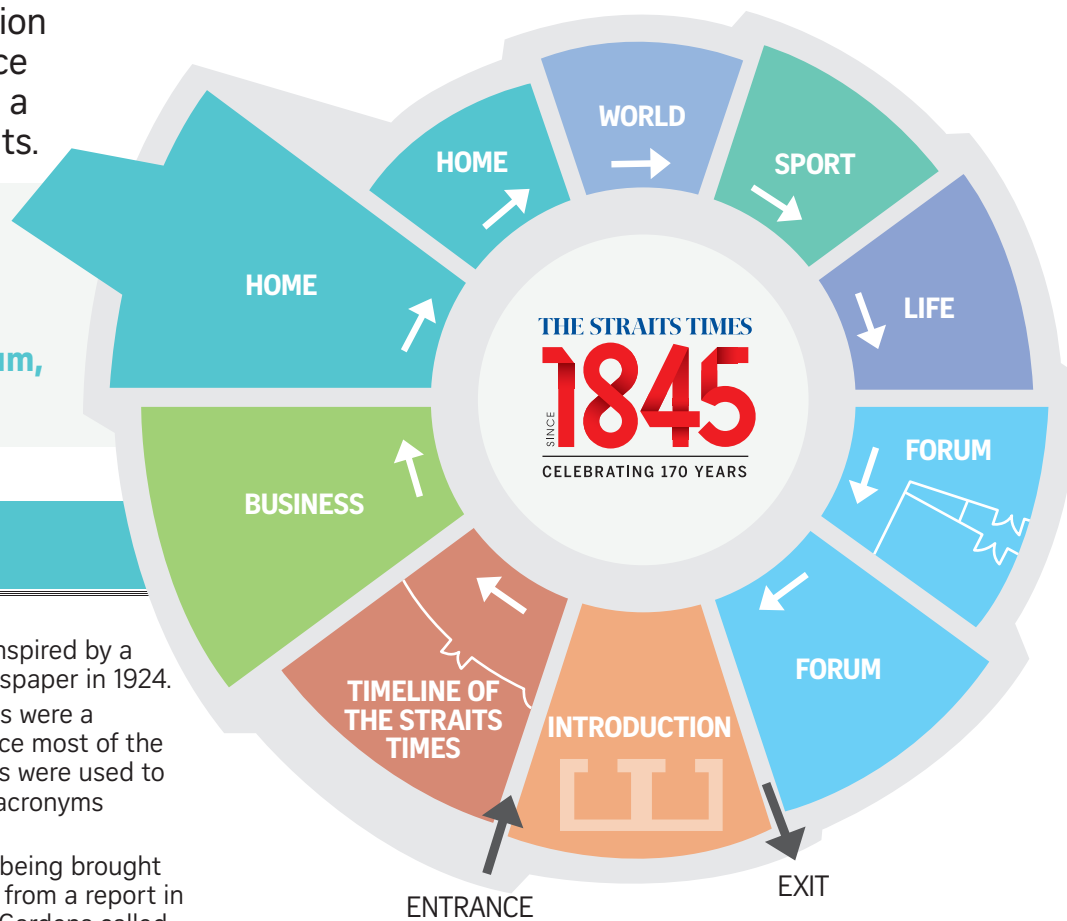
THEN • NOW • TOMORROW

The Straits Times will tell the Singapore story through an exhibition of its stories and photographs that opens today at the ArtScience Museum, as part of its celebrations to mark its 170th year. Here's a look at the different sections of the exhibition and their highlights.

WHAT'S ON DISPLAY:

50 FRONT PAGES 242 PHOTOS 189 ARTICLES AND HEADLINES 10 ARTEFACTS

Date: **Today till Oct 4, from 10am to 7pm daily**
 Admission: **Free**
 Venue: **ArtScience Museum, 6 Bayfront Avenue**



INTRODUCTION



More than 43,000 front pages since 1845, presented on four 55-inch television sets.

HOME

- A poem about the living conditions in slums – inspired by a slum in Lavender Street – contributed to the newspaper in 1924.
- The names of government agencies and policies were a challenge to remember in the past, especially since most of the population did not know English. Hence, acronyms were used to refer to their names. Test your knowledge of the acronyms through an interactive activity (below).
- Environmental protection was an issue already being brought up here more than a century ago, as can be seen from a report in 1883 in which the superintendent of the Botanic Gardens called for the protection of Singapore's forests and streams.



LIFE

- A 360-degree panorama of the inside of the National Gallery (right, above), which will open in October.
- Behind-the-scenes photos (right, below) from 1959 of Mr Lee Kuan Yew and eight ministers shooting a film at City Hall to introduce the new 1959 Cabinet. The 10-minute film was screened in all Singapore cinemas.
- Kopi Aunty, a video by The Straits Times showcasing coffee shop life and the art of ordering beverages.



June 10, 1959
 Low Yew Kong
 Film studio Cathy Keris receives a commission to shoot a film at City Hall to introduce the new 1959 Cabinet, including Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew and eight ministers. The 10-minute film is later screened at all Singapore cinemas.

TIMELINE OF THE STRAITS TIMES

- From the 1940s to the mid-1980s, The Straits Times photo assignments were recorded in books and one of them, used from Sept 25, 1949 to Dec 3, 1950, is on display. The book includes an entry on Sept 30, 1950 for an assignment to cover the wedding of Mr and Mrs Lee Kuan Yew at Raffles Hotel.
- A video featuring a behind-the-scenes look at the printing of The Straits Times at Singapore Press Holdings' Print Centre in Jurong.

WORLD

- During World War II, The Straits Times ceased publication for 1,298 days. A large print of its first post-war issue shows the jubilant mood after the country's liberation from the Japanese Occupation.
- Predict what will make headlines in The Straits Times in 2065 with an activity that allows you to write or act out the scenario as well as snap pictures.

BUSINESS

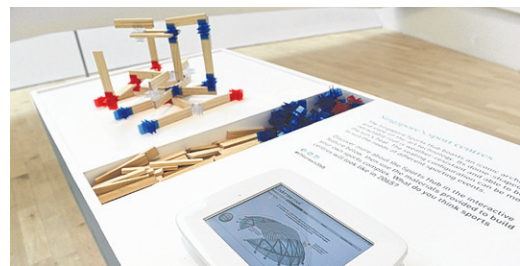
- A large print of the first issue of The Straits Times. A testament to Singapore's importance as a trading port, its front page is filled with notices on shipping activity, warehouses to let and long lists of foreign goods for sale.



- Rare pictures of tradesmen from yesteryear presented in light boxes. The work of craftsmen, hawkers and small-time businessmen contributed to Singapore's economic growth in the country's pioneer years.

SPORT

- A video of people's recollections of the old National Stadium, which was demolished in 2010 to make way for the new Sports Hub.
- Explore the Sports Hub through an interactive exhibit (above) and learn more about its unique features, such as its seating configuration, which can be modified for different events, and its dome-shaped retractable roof.



FORUM



- Two virtual-reality stations (left) that show what life could be like in the future.
- Speak into a device that shows how electrical energy can be generated from sound and perhaps be used to charge electrical gadgets.