

State gifts on show

From today, visitors can view some of the Istana's collection of state gifts at a new heritage gallery at Istana Park.



This silver cigarette box is one of the earliest recorded gifts in the Istana's collection. It was given by then Penang Governor Raja Tun Uda Al-Haj to Singapore's first president, Mr Yusof Ishak, in 1961.



This bronze medal was presented to President Tony Tan Keng Yam earlier this year by Pope Francis to mark the first state visit by a Singapore president to the Holy See, as well as longstanding diplomatic relations.



These mangosteen-shaped trinket boxes were from Brunei Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah to then Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong in 2000.

This pair of silver goblets was given by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II to the late President S R Nathan in 2006.



This rooster-shaped ornament was a gift from former Philippine president Benigno Aquino to Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong in 2011.



This is a bronze bust of an Induna, the head of a group of warriors, who is likely depicted with an ostrich feather on his head. It was a gift from Mr Nelson Mandela, the late South African President, to the late President Ong Teng Cheong in 1997.



Visitor Information

- 35 Orchard Road, Singapore 238902, directly opposite the Istana's main gate.
- Daily from 10am to 6pm, except on Wednesdays.

Getting there:

Take exit C at Dhoby Ghaut MRT station to the Istana Park.

Maximum capacity: 45 people
Admission is free.