



The 50 designs of the SG Funpacks, which will be distributed from next month, were unveiled yesterday. Each tote bag will contain memorabilia straight out of a Singapore childhood of yesteryear. The items include games such as capteh (weighted shuttlecock) and snacks like haw flakes. ST PHOTO: KEVIN LIM

National Day goodie bag for every household from July

By LIM YI HAN

FREELANCE designer Mohammed Shahrizam Mohamed Shariff has been a part of nine National Day Parades (NDPs) since Aug 9 in 2003.

Arguably the parade's biggest fan, the 25-year-old has either performed on the field or cheered from the stands as a spectator.

This year, he has made it a perfect 10, with his artwork printed on some of the National Day goodie bags that will go to every Singaporean and permanent resident household.

About 1.2 million SG Funpacks will be distributed from next month.

Mr Mohammed Shahrizam's two designs, of a 1965 logo with motifs and of Singapore's iconic features, are among 50 chosen from more than 100 entries.

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"I feel proud and happy that I get to leave a mark in NDP, especially this significant one as it is SG50," he said.

Each tote bag will contain memorabilia that come straight out of a Singapore childhood of yesteryear. The items include games such as country erasers and capteh (weighted shuttlecock) and snacks such as muruku and haw flakes.

There will also be keepsakes

like a figurine of Singa, the iconic mascot of the Singapore Kindness Movement.

Said Colonel Frederick Choo, chairman of the NDP engagement, celebrations and mobile column committee: "We wanted to put in memories of the games that we played, the snacks that we took when we were young children, as well as... the icons we grew up with."

Each funpack cost about \$8 to produce and assemble. Parade-goers will receive a different funpack on the day.

Architect Colin Seah, 43, who contributed to two designs for the bags, said: "What I do for a living is to create landmarks in the city. But I'm creating something in someone's home now for the country's birthday, so it's really special."

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How to collect NDP tickets

FROM tomorrow, those who are successful in the ballot for tickets to the National Day Parade (NDP) and Aug 1 preview can collect their tickets at the Marina Square Shopping Mall atrium.

Successful applicants will be notified by tomorrow on the contact number provided in their applications, the Ministry of Defence said yesterday.

They will need their NRIC or original photo identification, such as a driver's licence, to pick up the tickets.

Tickets can be collected from 10am to 10pm daily until June 14, after which they will be forfeited.

The two ticketed sites are the Padang – the main venue of NDP 2015 – and the Marina Bay floating platform.

An NDP 2015 Exhibition, an interactive showcase of segments in this year's show, will be held at the Marina Square atrium from tomorrow till June 14.

Those who want to find out more about the ticket collection can call 1800-637-2015.

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Hopes dim in search for survivors

DESPITE hours of intensive rescue work after the sinking of a cruise ship in the Yangtze River, relatives prepared themselves for the worst.

Of the 456 people on board the vessel when it capsized in a storm on Monday night, 26 have been confirmed dead.

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