

NDP 2021:
Return to The Float @ Marina Bay As Singapore Adapts to Endemic COVID-19

1. This year's National Day Parade (NDP) will proceed at The Float @ Marina Bay on Monday, 9 August 2021 to commemorate the 56th year of Singapore's independence. NDP 2021 is organised by the Singapore Armed Force's Guards Formation, together with other public agencies and volunteer groups.

2. All Singaporeans will be able to join in the National Day celebrations safely as NDP 2021 will be brought to Singaporeans in community activities all across the island and with a livestream of the parade to those at home. Both the NDP Parade and Show segments have been designed with a home audience in mind, and viewers can look forward to seeing television-exclusive special effects during the livestream.

Adapting to Endemic COVID-19

3. Several measures will be put in place in order for a live NDP to take place. First, the number of spectators and participants at The Float @ Marina Bay for this year's Parade will be scaled down. This will ensure that safe management measures can be applied, across rehearsals and performances involving 1,200 participants at the Float, who have been further split in smaller functional groups. Second, all participants have been fully vaccinated and are required to undergo weekly rostered routine testing, to ensure that only healthy participants are allowed into rehearsal venues.

4. In recognition of their efforts, fully-vaccinated "everyday heroes"—Singaporeans who have contributed directly at the frontlines fighting COVID-19, served in essential roles, or are community volunteers who have stepped up to help fellow Singaporeans amid the pandemic—will be invited to attend NDP at The Float @ Marina Bay, with pre-event testing and safe management measures. To involve all Singaporeans in the proceedings, the Parade will be streamed live to those watching at home. NDP 2021 will harness technology and connect performances for the first ever live-virtual performance at NDP. The same technology will be repeated in the Parade and Ceremony segment where civilian entities will participate and join the parade via virtual means.

5. Over the weekend leading up to 9 August, the Red Lions will conduct freefall jumps over various heartland sites, and on 9 August, Singaporeans across the nation can look forward to catching a glimpse of the State Flag flying over the residential areas and some fireworks.

Bringing Singaporeans Together for a Meaningful NDP 2021

6. The theme, "Together, Our Singapore Spirit", calls on Singaporeans to reinvigorate the Singapore Spirit and spur ourselves on, to overcome setbacks and build a stronger Singapore. Elaborating on the theme, Chairman of the NDP 2021 Executive Committee Brigadier-General Tan Cheng Kwee said, "This year, our theme for NDP is "Together, Our Singapore Spirit". We

have chosen this theme because we want to celebrate the spirit of our people that has kept us strong. In NDP this year, we will showcase and draw out the qualities of our Singapore Spirit, such as our “can-do” attitude, our unity, and our resilience. With the proper precautions in place, we want to make NDP a milestone event that paves the way forward for Singapore to resume large-scale events in an endemic COVID-19 situation. With NDP this year, we hope to provide a rallying call for Singaporeans to come together, draw strength from our Singapore spirit, and move forward with a sense of confidence to build a better Singapore.”

NDP 2021 Social Media Campaign

7. Singaporeans are encouraged to join the NDP 2021 campaign by uploading videos and photographs, well-wishes, reflections or stories on their personal social media accounts using the hashtag #TogetherOurSGSpirit, #OurSGSpirit, #NDP2021 and #NDPeeps, as well as tagging the official NDP social media accounts on Facebook (www.facebook.com/NDPeeps) and Instagram (@NDPeeps). Additional information on NDP 2021 is also available via the NDP social media accounts, Youtube page (www.youtube.com.sg/NDPeeps) as well as official website at www.ndp.gov.sg. The NDP 2021 Executive Committee also welcomes suggestions and feedback at ndpeeps@defence.gov.sg.

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