

News Release

## Singtel contributes S\$20 million to the National Gallery Singapore

Inaugural show at Singtel Special Exhibition Gallery to premiere in April 2016

**SINGAPORE, 15 June 2015** – Singtel will support the National Gallery Singapore in presenting internationally renowned artworks alongside significant Southeast Asian art with a S\$20 million contribution to the Gallery.

In acknowledging the generous gift from Singtel, the special exhibition galleries located on the third floor of the Gallery will be named the Singtel Special Exhibition Gallery. The space is dedicated to showcasing modern art that is co-curated with renowned museums from around the world.

Ms Chua Sock Koong, Singtel Group CEO said, “We are very excited to be collaborating with the National Gallery Singapore to present artworks that are rarely seen in Singapore and the region. At the same time, we feel proud to see art from home and Southeast Asia take their place alongside global offerings. We believe this will be instrumental in putting Southeast Asian art on the global map.

“Art provokes dialogue and connects people regardless of culture and country. As Asia’s leading communications group, we too connect over half a billion mobile customers across the region daily. We hope to facilitate even more connections and conversations with the exhibition presented at the Singtel Special Exhibition Gallery.”

Spanning a total floor area of approximately 20,000 square feet, the Singtel Special Exhibition Gallery comprises three areas including a double volume gallery.

National Gallery Singapore CEO Ms Chong Siak Ching said, "Singtel's generosity helps support an important goal of the Gallery which is to further the understanding of art in Southeast Asia in a global context. In addition to introducing international artworks to Singapore, we will actively ignite international interest in Southeast Asian art by co-organising and co-curating a series of special exhibitions under a collaborative framework with our partners.”

The Singtel Special Exhibition Gallery will present two international shows yearly with the inaugural show slated for April 2016. This will be co-curated by Dr Eugene Tan, Director of National Gallery, in partnership with one of the world’s most renowned art museums. Singtel's gift will enable the Gallery to undertake more of such collaborative exhibitions with other reputable regional and international art institutions.

Special Exhibitions are a critical component of the Gallery’s overall programming which include its permanent galleries which present the art histories of Singapore and Southeast Asia.

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### **About National Gallery Singapore**

National Gallery Singapore is a new visual arts institution which oversees the largest public collection of modern art in Singapore and Southeast Asia. The Gallery is dedicated to collaborative research, education and exhibitions, highlighting the importance of modern art in Southeast Asia in a global context. The Gallery also provides a unique visitor experience through its outstanding collections and innovative programming, positioning Singapore as a regional and international hub for the visual arts.

Situated in the heart of the Civic District, the Gallery is housed in the City Hall and adjacent former Supreme Court building – two important heritage buildings symbolic of Singapore's nationhood. Opening later this year, the Gallery will be a leading civic and cultural destination established for the enrichment, enjoyment and engagement of Singapore residents and visitors from all over the world. Information on the National Gallery is available at [www.nationalgallery.sg](http://www.nationalgallery.sg)

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