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National Gallery Singapore Partners Leading Arts Institutions

Singapore, 6 November 2015 – The National Gallery Singapore announced its partnership with National Art Museum of China (NAMOC) in a collaborative exhibition for the new China Cultural Centre, Singapore. The exhibition, titled <<梦笔新境：纪念中新两国建交 25 周年美术作品展>>, will showcase some 50 loaned works from China and Singapore. The exhibition aims to commemorate 25 years of diplomacy relations between China and Singapore, as well as to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Singapore’s independence and the opening of the new China Cultural Centre. President Xi Jinping, together with Emeritus Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong, will officiate the opening of the China Cultural Centre on 7 November 2015.

In addition, the National Gallery will be holding a special exhibition ‘Wu Guanzhong: Beauty Beyond Form’ which opens to the public on 26 Nov 2015. This show includes 22 artworks on loan from five major museums – National Art Museum of China, China Art Museum, Shanghai, Hong Kong Museum of Art, Zhejiang Art Museum and Nanjing Museum. Comprising over 80 works, the exhibition offers a comprehensive insight into Wu Guanzhong’s prolific career, and chronicles the evolution of his style over five decades.



*Mr Luo Shugang, China’s Minister of Culture with Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, Ms Sim Ann in front of Wu Guanzhong’s works, *Childhood* (2003) and *A Fleet of Boats in Indonesia* (1994)*

Senior Minister of State for Culture, Community and Youth, Ms Sim Ann, hosted China's Minister of Culture Mr Luo Shugang for a tour of the Gallery today, signalling strong support for the collaboration between the museums from the two countries. Many of the loaned artworks will be on display for the first time in Singapore.



Ms Sim Ann, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth introducing the Padang in front of the Gallery to Mr Luo Shugang, China's Minister of Culture

"National Gallery Singapore will be an iconic arts institution for Singapore and the region, and a special place for all Singaporeans to cultivate a love for the arts. We are proud to have the first museum in the world dedicated to Southeast Asian modern art. The Gallery's strong partnerships with renowned global arts institutions, including those from China, will take the experience of visiting the Gallery to a whole new level," said Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, Ms Sim Ann.



Ms Sim Ann, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth hosted Mr Luo Shugang, China's Minister of Culture and his entourage at the National Gallery Singapore this morning

"We are very delighted to work hand-in-hand with the National Art Museum of China through our Memorandum of Understanding, to present significant and iconic artworks from China. The loan of these masterpieces not only benefits more visitors with a deeper appreciation of China's rich art history but also highlights the cultural ties that we hope to develop and strengthen with renowned art institutions around the world," said Mr. Low Sze Wee, Director of Curatorial and Collections, National Gallery Singapore.

The artworks are expected to arrive in Singapore this month and will be presented at the Gallery for public viewing from 26 November 2015.

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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 of 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 art presentations and innovative programming, positioning Singapore as a regional and international hub for the visual arts.

Situated in the heart of the Civic District, the National Gallery Singapore has been beautifully restored and transformed from the former Supreme Court and City Hall buildings – two important heritage buildings of Singapore's nationhood – into an exciting new visual arts venue. Opening in November 2015, 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.

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