

## **ANNEX B: BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

### **About Singapore Chinese Orchestra**

Singapore Chinese Orchestra (SCO) is Singapore's only professional Chinese orchestra. Inaugurated in 1997, the orchestra made up of more than 80 musicians took on the twin role of preserving traditional arts and culture and establishing new frontiers through the incorporation of music elements in its repertoire. SCO has impressed a broadening audience with its blockbuster presentations and is fast establishing itself among its counterparts around the world. Known for its high performance standards and versatility, the SCO is recognized through invitations to perform at numerous prestigious events locally and internationally. In line with its vision to be a world-renowned people's orchestra, SCO continues to inspire, educate and communicate through its music.

### **About NAFA**

Established in 1938, the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA), a founding member of the University of the Arts Singapore, is Singapore's pioneer and largest arts institution. Renowned for its unique identity and strength in Southeast Asian arts, NAFA's Institute of Southeast Asian Arts (ISEAA) is a global leader in Southeast Asian art practice and research. NAFA has nurtured the largest number of alumni and conferred the nation's highest accolades, with 14 Cultural Medallions and 15 Young Artist Award recipients. As the only arts institution offering a comprehensive range of educational pathways from early childhood to adulthood, NAFA inspires learning and growth through diverse programs. These include tertiary education, lifelong learning courses at the Centre for Lifelong Education, junior art classes in the School of Young Talents, and arts-enriched preschool education.

With a rich heritage dedicated to arts education, NAFA strives to live up to its mission of "inspiring learning and growth through the arts".

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