

ANNEX A

PROFILES OF THE CULTURAL MEDALLION 2016 RECIPIENTS

Mr Koh Mun Hong (Age, 64) – Calligraphy Artist

Koh Mun Hong is a Chinese calligrapher, poet and ink painter who has, over the past 40 years, exhibited locally and abroad extensively, won numerous prizes from Singapore and overseas, published several articles and groomed a whole generation of calligraphers, many of whom are also prolific. In 2008, he was highlighted by Lianhe Zaobao as one of the best 10 local artists of that year.



Mr Koh has been teaching Calligraphy and Chinese Ink Painting at Braddell Heights Community Centre every weekend for the past 30 years.

Upcoming Activities

Mr Koh will be having a solo exhibition at Fullerton Hotel in October, showcasing recent and past works. He is planning to embark on a Thaipusam project, expected to take three to five years to complete.

Mdm Asiah Aman (Nona Asiah) (Age, 86) – Singer/ Actress

Asiah Aman is a singer, actress, dancer, fashion designer and educator. She is recognised for her significant contributions to the Malay Film and Music scenes in the 1940s and 50s. During the golden era of the silver screen, she was one of the most popular singers and was the vocal coach of over 300 songs, many of which were by Zubir Said. In the 70s, she produced many children's songs that are still popular today, including the "Selamat Hari Raya" song. Asiah also groomed several young talents who appeared on the iconic children television series, *Mat Yoyo*, which aired in the 1980s on the then Singapore Broadcasting Corporation. These talents included her son, the late Iskandar Ismail who was also a CM recipient, as well as other well-known artists like Najib Ali and Rilla Melati.



Recent Activities

Mdm Asiah is no longer singing, but continues to keep in close contact with her students. In 2015, Najib Ali and fellow students of Mdm Asiah held a tribute concert, *Si Cempaka Biru* at the Esplanade.