

Record 121 Patrons Give Close to S$17 Million to Singapore Heritage in 2025

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Singaporeâ??s heritage sector just got a record show of support. The National Heritage Board (NHB) recognised **121 patrons at the Patron of Heritage Awards 2025**, who together contributed close to S$17 million towards preserving and promoting the nationâ??s heritage. It is the highest number of patrons honoured since the awards began in 2006.



Image: National Heritage Board

Patron of Heritage Awards 2025: the numbers

Support for the sector widened in 2025, the year Singapore marked SG60. According to NHB:

- **121 patrons** were recognised, a record since 2006;
- Close to **S$17 million** was contributed in total;
- In-kind donations rose **81%** to **S$10.33 million**; and
- Artefact donations grew **51%** to **S$1.29 million** from the previous year.



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More than cash: artefacts, expertise and spaces

Contributions ranged from artefacts and artworks to technology, expertise, programmes and spaces, which helped create new ways for audiences to experience heritage. That mix matters: a donated artwork, a lent venue or a skilled volunteer can often do as much as a cheque.

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Safeguarding Singaporeâ??s heritage is a shared responsibility, and the record number of 121 patrons recognised this year is a strong affirmation of our communityâ??s commitment to this mission.

Ms Yeoh Chee Yan, Chairman, NHB

Ms Yeoh added that, as Singapore marked SG60 and celebrated milestones across its museums and heritage institutions in 2025, NHB is grateful to patrons for helping bring heritage to more people.



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Why it matters for Singapore readers

Heritage is not only about museums. It shows up in exhibitions, neighbourhood trails and community programmes that you can visit this season. For a recent example of heritage storytelling on your commute, read our piece on the shipwreck exhibition at Marina Bay MRT, and see our things to do this weekend list for more culture picks.

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Our take: a record patron count, with in-kind giving rising faster than cash, suggests more Singaporeans and organisations see heritage as something they can help build. *Images: National Heritage Board.*

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