

FACT SHEET: GRANDPARENTS' DAY



A day to pay tribute to grandparents

While Singaporeans have taken to Fathers' Day and Mothers' Day, Grandparents' Day is not a widely celebrated occasion. To encourage the public to give grandparents their due recognition, the Council has stepped up efforts to raise public awareness and participation in Grandparents' Day.

Happening on Sunday, 25 November, this year's Grandparents' Day will be celebrated in a much bigger way, with Council for Third Age reaching out to the young, as well as enlisting the support of hospitality and F&B outlets. To top off the day's activities, a walk for the young and old will also be organized.

***"My Grandparents and I"* primary school art competition**

The many ways that grandparents contribute to the family often go unnoticed. So the Council has organised a national primary school drawing competition in mid September to encourage children to reflect on their relationships with their grandparents, and to depict their special moments with them in art.

A total of 26 prizes will be awarded through 2 categories - Primary 1 to 3 and Primary 4 to 6. The six best entries will be produced as postcards, which will then be distributed to participating schools in the week leading up to Grandparents' Day.

Message to grandparents

School children will be encouraged to use and address these postcards to their grandparents to express their love and appreciation for them.

Special meals for grandparents

As the saying goes, the family that eats together stays together, but given the pace of modern life, there are rarely such opportunities for bonding. As such, the Council is working with selected hotels and F&B outlets to offer or launch food promotions on Grandparents' Day for families to enjoy a special meal together.

Take that Gentle Walk

Families can take part in a gentle and scenic 1km walk from Raffles Place, along the Singapore River - the very pulse and heartbeat of Singapore in its early days - to Elgin Bridge - the first bridge to be built across the Singapore River - before ending at the Asian Civilisations Museum at Empress Place.

Date:	Sunday, 25 November 2007
Time:	8 a.m.
Start venue:	Raffles Place Park
End venue:	Asian Civilisations Museum

At the end point, families will enjoy free admission to the Asian Civilisations Museum, be treated to an exciting morning of performances, and leave their handprints on a specially created mural to round off a day of family bonding.