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NDP24 – President’s Engagement with NDP 2024 Pack Artists

1. The NDP 2024 Executive Committee (EXCO) has partnered SG Enable for the fifth year to bring together a group of artists with disabilities from different ages and organisations to co-create artworks for this year’s NDP Packs. This collaboration is part of I’mable, SG Enable’s public education initiative, which encourages Singapore to take positive action for disability inclusion. The initiative celebrates the abilities of persons with disabilities and envisions a nation where every individual is valued as an integral member of society.
2. President Tharman Shanmugaratnam and Ms Jane Ittogi met with many of these artists at the National Gallery Singapore today, to thank them for designing the NDP Pack artworks and to understand the inspiration behind each artwork. President Tharman said, “You can only be inspired by the artists who designed the NDP Packs. Each of them transcending his or her disabilities, each with a story to tell through their art, and each taking pride in making us all feel as one on National Day.”
3. A total of 40 artists from 22 Special Education Schools, ranging from ages eight to 18, collaborated to create the artworks for this year’s NDP Packs. This is the first time that all artworks have been done by SPED school students. The artworks expressed how they felt about Total Defence and conveyed their best wishes for our Nation’s birthday. The artists’ contributions also showed how our strengths, aspirations and shared experiences are what truly defines us as Singaporeans.
4. Chairman of the NDP 2024 EXCO, Brigadier General (BG) Low Wilson said, “The NDP 2024 theme ‘Together, as One United People’ calls upon Singaporeans from all walks of life to express their love for Singapore and to celebrate the nation’s progress. Together with our partner SG Enable, this initiative exemplifies the NDP24 EXCO’s commitment to strengthening our social fabric and fostering inclusivity in Singapore. I am glad to say that this is the fifth consecutive year that the NDP EXCO has worked with SG Enable to feature artworks by persons with disabilities on our NDP collaterals. Drawing on the artists’ unique strengths and shared experiences, they have co-created six pieces of unique artworks which will be featured on this year’s NDP Packs.”
5. CEO of SG Enable, Ms Ku Geok Boon added, “This five-year partnership between the NDP EXCO and SG Enable highlights our nation’s dedication to valuing diversity and making inclusion a cornerstone of our national identity. By celebrating the talents and abilities of all individuals, regardless of race language, religion, or abilities, we embody the spirit of ‘Together, as One United People.’ The artworks featured on the NDP Packs serve as a powerful reminder of our commitment to building an inclusive Singapore where every individual is valued as an integral member of society.”



6. These artworks will be printed on the recycled polyester tote bags of the NDP Packs that will be given to students attending the NE shows, members of the public attending the NDP Previews and the NDP on 9 August. Members of the public who have registered to visit the five Heartland Celebration sites on 10 August as well as the Bay Celebrations at The Promontory on 3 and 9 August, will also be eligible to collect the NDP Packs on-site.

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