

## ANNEX A

### About the Lantern Sets

Nine captivating lantern sets illuminate Gardens by the Bay this year, with highlights being the magnificent floating lantern set **Celebrations** (同欢童乐蜻蜓月) on Dragonfly Lake, and **The Shophouse** (骑楼下的中秋) at Golden Garden, which evokes the charm of Singapore's heritage with its depiction of the traditional shophouses and five-foot ways.

#### **Celebrations** (同欢童乐蜻蜓月)



Designed by Singaporean illustrator Ah Guo (otherwise known as Lee Kow Fong), this lantern set measuring 20m long and about 6m tall, is inspired by the serene beauty of Dragonfly Lake and the luminous moon above.

Towering at two storeys tall, it weaves together over 23 elements synonymous with the Mid-Autumn Festival, including colourful cellophane lanterns and traditional snacks like mooncakes, piggy biscuits and gem biscuits. Ah Guo's beloved characters Kiddo, Momo, and Xiao P are joined by a new friend, Binbin, a charming rabbit created exclusively for the Mid-Autumn celebration at Gardens by the Bay — and whose name is inspired by the first word in the Gardens' Chinese name.

**Where:** Dragonfly Lake (蜻蜓湖)

#### **The Shophouse** (骑楼下的中秋)



Shophouses reflected traditional building architecture in Singapore. These typically two or three-storey structures featured narrow frontages often complemented by a covered walkway known as the five-foot way. Initially serving commercial and residential purposes, shophouses have evolved into vibrant community hubs. Also featured in this lantern set are Ah Guo's signature characters — Kiddo, Momo, and Xiao P, along with Binbin.

**Where:** Golden Garden (金园)

### Dragon Playground (童年游乐场)



For Singaporeans of the 1970s and 1980s, HDB estate playgrounds were cherished childhood havens. Designed with local culture in mind, these play spaces were more than just equipment; they were reflections of our heritage. The dragon, a mythical symbol deeply rooted in Asian lore, is a prime example of this integration.

The iconic Dragon Playground of Toa Payoh, built in 1979, is among the last remaining nostalgic playgrounds in Singapore. For many Singaporeans, it is a portal to their carefree childhood days. Also featured in this lantern set are Ah Guo's characters, Kiddo and his friends.

**Where:** Supertree Grove (擎天树丛)

### Wishes Beneath the Moonlight (大嘴鹈鹕的美好世界)



Another nostalgic icon of Singaporean childhoods, the Pelican Playground once stood proudly on Dover Road. Although demolished, it still holds significant sentimental value for many Singaporeans.

Known for their close bonds and collaborative behaviour within their flocks, pelicans mirror the Chinese cultural emphasis on harmonious relationships.

Featured alongside the pelicans in this lantern set are chrysanthemums and quails — a common pairing in Chinese art symbolising peace, harmony, and prosperity. This lantern design embodies the spirit of the Mid-Autumn Festival, conveying heartfelt wishes for well-being. Ah Guo's characters, Kiddo and his friends are also featured in this set.

**Where:** Supertree Grove (擎天树丛)

### Bubbles Bliss (幸福泡泡乐)



Childhood is filled with simple pleasures: playing with toys, family gatherings, ice cream, and the pure magic of bubbles. The simple joy of bubble play brings back fond memories of childhood — the sense of awe and wonder as bubbles rise and burst, coupled with the excitement of chasing and popping them as they float away. These recollections often evoke feelings of warmth, nostalgia, and carefree joy, providing shared experiences that bind families together. Ah Guo's characters — Kiddo, Xiao P and Momo also make an appearance in this set.

Relive childhood and enjoy bubbles at this lantern set at 8.15pm and 9.15pm nightly, each session lasting five minutes.

**Where:** The Meadow (绿坪)

### Colourful Blossoms (缤纷花园)



Deemed the king of flowers in Chinese culture, the peony is revered for its elegance, beauty, and symbolism of wealth, honour, love, and prosperity. Inspired by the Chinese phrase 花攒锦聚, meaning a colourful and prosperous scene, this floral arch is made up of over 20 lantern peonies.

**Where:** Supertree Grove (擎天树丛)

## Joyful Childhood Memories: Folk Games from Korea

(快乐的童年回忆：韩国民间游戏)



Presented in collaboration with the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Singapore, the lantern set celebrates the vibrant heritage of Korean culture through three iconic children's folk games. These games, more than mere pastimes, carry deep cultural significance, passed down through generations.

- *Dak-ssaum* (닭싸움, Cockfight) is a game where two or more children mimic the movements and sounds of fighting roosters, hopping on one leg while trying to knock each other over.
- *Jegichagi* (제기차기, Jegi Kicking) is a traditional outdoor game involving kicking a *Jegi*, resembling a shuttlecock. Players go on a friendly competition to keep the *Jegi* in the air the longest using their feet.
- *Kkamak-Japgi* (까막잡기, Hide and Seek) is a beloved traditional game where the tagger covers his eyes and tries to catch others. Instead of hiding quietly, players attract the tagger by clapping their hands and he must catch them only by following the sound.

**Where:** Supertree Grove (擎天树丛)



### Vertical Mid-Autumn (小不点竖中秋)



The Mid-Autumn Festival is a festival of many customs and an occasion for family gatherings. “Vertical Mid-Autumn” refers to a unique way of displaying lanterns where each household ties various decorated lanterns to bamboo poles and erects them several feet high on the trees or on high platforms around the house, heightening the festive atmosphere.

**Where:** Supertree Grove (擎天树丛)

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### Colonnade of Lights (灯廊)



The Colonnade of Lights is a vibrant showcase of some 1,000 beautiful paper lanterns created by the community. Get up close with these colourful lanterns, designed and hand-painted by people from various walks of life, as you enjoy a stroll along the Colonnade. Be sure to snap a photo with your favourite lanterns!

**Where:** Supertree Grove (擎天树丛)