

SURVEY PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

1. Study Information

Study on the Perceptions of Singapore's Built Heritage and Landmarks

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2. Invitation to participate in this research study

You are invited to take part in this research study. It is important to us that you take the time to read and understand the information provided in this sheet. The study will be explained to you before you take part and you may ask the interviewer if you have any questions. If you are satisfied that you understand what this study is about, and you wish to take part in it, please give your verbal consent. You will be given a copy of this Participant Information Sheet.

3. What is the purpose of this research study?

This survey aims to find out which old buildings and landmarks are important to Singaporeans and the factors that they consider in assessing the importance of a heritage site. Given the growing interest in heritage sites in Singapore, this research will help us better inform policy decisions related to heritage conservation in Singapore. The survey will be conducted from June to August 2018.

4. Who can participate in the research? What is the expected duration of my participation?

Singapore Citizens aged 18 to 70 years old are invited to participate in this survey, which will take approximately 40 minutes to complete.

5. What is the approximate number of participants involved?

Approximately 1,500 participants will be involved in this survey.

6. How was I chosen for this study?

Your address was randomly picked from the database of all residential addresses within Singapore. This sample selection service for household surveys is a public resource provided by the Singapore Department of Statistics for research purposes.

7. What will be done if I take part in this research?

Your verbal consent will be sought to participate in this face-to-face survey that seeks your input on: (1) your knowledge of heritage sites in Singapore; (2) your thoughts about these sites; (3) your views on heritage; (4) your rating on subjective wellbeing, and (5) your demographic information.

The questionnaires are available in three languages: English, Mandarin and Malay. The survey will be audio recorded for data verification purposes. The survey may also proceed without audio recording if you decide not to.

8. Is participation voluntary?

Your participation is entirely voluntary. While there is no direct benefit to you, this survey provides a snapshot of the current Singapore heritage narratives. The findings may be used as a guide for future research and inform policymaking.

9. How will my privacy and the confidentiality of my research records be protected?

Information collected for this study will be kept confidential and stored under locked conditions. Your personal information (i.e. name, contact number) will be separated from your answers to the questionnaire. Your personal information will be coded (i.e., identified with a numerical ID), your responses to the questionnaire during the interview will be linked only to this numerical ID, and the information will be kept securely. The data collected from you and other respondents will be totalled in the computer system for analysis.

Only the Principal Investigator of Social Lab Institute of Policy Studies and data administrator will have full access to the data with personal identifiers. Other Social Lab Institute of Policy Studies research analysts and the National Heritage Board will only have access to coded data (without personal identifiers). The overall research findings (without personal information) will be shared with government ministries/agencies for policy-making purposes.

By giving verbal consent, you agree to the above arrangement. If you agree to participate, the interviewer will ask you for your name and contact number. This is for the purpose of clarifying any information with you if necessary. Please be assured that your contact details will be kept strictly confidential.

Personal data will be kept for 2 years, which is the estimated total duration for this panel study. All research data collected will be kept in accordance with the University's Research Data Management Policy. Research data used in publication will be kept for 10 years before being discarded.

10. What are the possible discomfort and risks for participants?

There is no foreseeable discomfort, risk or injury to your participation in this research. It is not compulsory to answer all the questions. You do not have to answer any question that you do not wish to. You can withdraw from the research at any time without giving any reason, by informing the interviewer and all your information and responses will be discarded.

11. Will there be reimbursement for participation?

Upon successful completion of the interview, you will be reimbursed a S\$10 voucher to thank you for your time. You will not be reimbursed on a pro-rated basis if you do not complete the survey or withdraw from the research before completing the survey.

12. Who is conducting this Study?

This study is being conducted by the Social Lab, Institute of Policies Studies, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS. It is supported by the Heritage Research Grant from the National Heritage Board, Singapore.

13. Any other questions?

If you have any questions about this study, please contact the Principal Investigator, Ms Paveena Seah at telephone 6601 3835/ 8877 9905 or email: ips.soclab.ops@nus.edu.sg. For an independent opinion regarding the research and the rights of research participants, you may contact the Institutional Review Board at the National University of Singapore (Attn: Dr Chan Tuck Wai, tel: 6516 1234 or email: irb@nus.edu.sg).