



MEDIA RELEASE

70,000 PARTICIPANTS TREATED TO A UNIQUE SENSORY EXPERIENCE AT THE SAFRA SINGAPORE BAY RUN & ARMY HALF MARATHON 2012

Singapore, 9 September 2012 – Some 70,000 runners were treated to more lights and colours along the Marina Bay this morning as they participated in the 21st edition of SAFRA Singapore Bay Run & Army Half Marathon (SSBR & AHM).

Jointly organised by SAFRA and the Army, the event kicked off at 5.15am with participants of the 21km Army Half Marathon running past the newly opened Bay South Garden at Gardens By The Bay for the very first time. The new running route also offered a different sensory experience with lighted SuperTrees, illuminated distance markers and glow-in-the-dark wristbands emitting a mesmerising glow along the way.

Minister for Defence Dr Ng Eng Hen graced the event as Guest-of-Honour and flagged off the SAFRA 5km Fun Run before joining in the run with participants. He was also joined by Acting Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports and Senior Minister of State for Defence Mr Chan Chun Sing, who is also the newly appointed President of SAFRA.

Twenty-one-year-old NSman, Soh Rui Yong, took home the top honours for the 21km Army Half Marathon Men's Closed category with a timing of 1:12:25. He shared, "I was up against strong competition, so I'm really quite surprised to win the race. I am actually a short distance runner so running the half marathon is a challenge for me. I felt that I ran well, and kept to a comfortable running pace throughout the race. The new route passing by Bay South Garden at Gardens By The Bay was very nice."

A total of 730 father-and-child pairs participated in the Dads For Life 800m Father-and-Child Challenge. This is a 19 percent increase as compared to last year and some also donned interesting and colourful costumes to add to the fun and bonding experience. Participants were flagged off from Esplanade Bridge by Dr Mohamed Maliki Bin Osman,

Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Defence and National Development, and Deputy President of SAFRA.

Father-and-child duo, Ang Teit Kiet, 49-year-old, and Daryl Ang Sheng Kong, 14-year-old, took part in the Dads For Life 800m Father-and-Child Challenge for the second year running. Mr Ang commented: “The new Best Costume Contest, introduced at this year, was great fun. We constructed our Superheroes themed costumes together. I sourced for recyclable materials, sticking them together, while Daryl contributed with his drawings. The whole family was present to support us, and we had a good time bonding at the event.”

During the run, participants were also entertained by various street-side festivities along the running routes ranging from cheerleaders and stilt walkers to a host of vibrant percussion group performances to provide an extra boost to runners.

Brigadier-General Perry Lim, Chairman of the Organising Committee of SSBR & AHM 2012 and also Vice President of SAFRA, shared, “The SAFRA Singapore Bay Run & Army Half Marathon is an important platform where active servicemen, NSmen and their families can all come together for a day of fitness and bonding. We are glad with the strong turnout and we are certain that runners will have a memorable experience with all the lights and colours added to this year’s race in celebration of 45 years of National Service and SAFRA’s 40th Anniversary.”

After the race, participants and their families also enjoyed a host of games and family bonding activities at the Carnival at the Padang.

Please refer to the following attachments for more information:

- Annex A – Fact Sheet
- Annex B – Winners List

About SAFRA National Service Association

SAFRA was formed in 1972 to provide for the social and recreational needs of NSmen and their families through quality sports, social, educational and cultural programmes to recognise NSmen for their contributions to National Defence.

SAFRA currently has a network of four clubs conveniently located in Jurong, Mount Faber, Tampines and Yishun; the oldest SAFRA club located in Toa Payoh is being redeveloped and is due to open by October 2012. Complementing the modern facilities at SAFRA clubs is a host of quality membership benefits and activities specially packaged for over 200,000 members and their families.

Issued by Tate Anzur on behalf of SAFRA National Service Association

SAFRA SINGAPORE BAY RUN & ARMY HALF MARATHON 2012

FACT SHEET

Event Details

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| Date: | Sunday, 9 September 2012 | |
| Time: | 5.15am – 11.00am | |
| Venue: | Flag-off at Esplanade Bridge Finish Point at The Padang | |
| Event Organisers: | SAFRA and The Army | |
| Main Sponsor: | Hisamitsu Pharmaceutical Co., Inc. (Salonpas) | |
| Registration Figures | Distance | Registered Participants |
| | 21km Half Marathon | 10,324 |
| | 10km Race | 17,035 |
| | 5km Fun Run | 10,858 |
| | Dads For Life 800m Father & Child Challenge | 1,460 (730 pairs) |
| Welfare Management | <p>Water Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are a total of 12 along the running routes. • For the 21km route, there will be 12 water points • For the 10km route, there will be 6 water points • For the 5km route, there will be 3 water points. <p>Medical Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure medical support, there will be a total of four (4) medical posts and seven (7) ambulance posts along the running routes. • There will also be seven (7) medical buggies on standby. | |

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| | Official Fitness Centre | EnergyOne |
| | Official Radio Stations | Power 98 FM; Jia 88.3 FM |
| | Official Magazine | RUN |
| Supported by: | Dads For Life; 45 Years of National Service (NS45); Lagoon Events Singapore; Singapore Armed Forces Sports Association (SAFSA); | |
| Partner In Sports | National Parks Board | |

For more information, log on to www.safra.sg/sbr.

SAFRA SINGAPORE BAY RUN & ARMY HALF MARATHON 2012
WINNERS LIST

21km Army Half Marathon

Men's Open (For all Male participants)

| Position | Name | Timing |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1st | Kiproo Lilan Kennedy | 1:04:23.50 |
| 2nd | Bernard Mwendia Muthoni | 1:04:24.10 |
| 3rd | Hosea Kipyego Kogei | 1:04:32.35 |

21km Army Half Marathon

Men's Closed (For Singaporean & PR Male participants)

| Position | Name | Timing |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1st | Soh Rui Yong | 1:12:25.15 |
| 2nd | Liew Wei Yen Ashley | 1:15:20.50 |
| 3rd | Mok Ying Ren | 1:16:56.30 |

21km Army Half Marathon

Men's Master (For all Male participants above the age of 40 y.o.)

| Position | Name | Timing |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1st | James Middleditch | 1:20:14.60 |
| 2nd | Gavin Bong Chun Jin | 1:25:22.60 |
| 3rd | Lexus Tan | 1:26:07.00 |

21km Army Half Marathon

Women's Open (For all Female participants)

| Position | Name | Timing |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 1st | Esther Karimi Wambui | 1:16:17.60 |
| 2nd | Jessica Gabrielli | 1:31:49.70 |
| 3rd | Kim Christine O'Flynn-Kelly | 1:43:55.40 |

21km Army Half Marathon

Women's Closed (For Singaporean & PR Female participants)

| Position | Name | Timing |
|----------|---------------|------------|
| 1st | Qi Hui | 1:23:39:30 |
| 2nd | Mok Ying Rong | 1:31:42:65 |
| 3rd | Michelle Chay | 1:34:46:90 |

21km Army Half Marathon

Women's Master (For all Female participants above the age of 40 y.o.)

| Position | Name | Timing |
|----------|-----------------|------------|
| 1st | Vivian Tang | 1:26:08.15 |
| 2nd | Alyssa Matheson | 1:30:27.00 |
| 3rd | Itsuko Tanaka | 1:33:09.95 |

SAFRA 10km Race

Men's Open (For all Male participants)

| Position | Name | Timing |
|----------|-----------------------|------------|
| 1st | Joseph Gitau Kariuki | 0:33:18.80 |
| 2nd | Wambui Paul Kimani | 0:33:55.60 |
| 3rd | Samson Kiplagat Tenai | 0:34:30.60 |

SAFRA 10km Race

Men's Master (For all Male participants above the age of 40 y.o.)

| Position | Name | Timing |
|----------|-----------------------|------------|
| 1st | Kek Hong Leng | 0:40:55.60 |
| 2nd | David James Stevenson | 0:42:19.50 |
| 3rd | Stuart McIntosh | 0:42:34.30 |

SAFRA 10km Race

Women's Open (For all Female participants)

| Position | Name | Timing |
|----------|-----------------|------------|
| 1st | Yucabeth Bore | 0:41:55.10 |
| 2nd | Ng Yu Jun Eliza | 0:47:44.05 |
| 3rd | Chen Wei Ping | 0:48:22.60 |

SAFRA 10km Race

Women's Master (For all Female participants above the age of 40 y.o.)

| Position | Name | Timing |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1st | Wee Siew Kim Sharon | 0:49:45.05 |
| 2nd | Kathryn Campbell | 0:50:22.80 |
| 3rd | Winnifred Selukov | 0:51:15.70 |