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Media Release

To News Editors

SPECIAL RATES AND PRIORITY REGISTRATION TO BE EXTENDED TO NSMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES AT SAFRA SINGAPORE BAY RUN & ARMY HALF MARATHON

The 23rd edition of the SAFRA Singapore Bay Run & Army Half Marathon (SSBR & AHM) will be held on Sunday, 31 August 2014.

For the second year in a row, all Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) Operationally Ready NSmen (ORNS) and those who have completed their ORNS training cycles will enjoy a significant discount of more than 75 percent on registration fees for the 5km, 10km and 21km categories. Each participating NSman will also continue to be able to nominate up to three immediate family members to participate with them at a special SAF Family rate.

This comes after a successful event last year which drew more than 46,000 registered runners and a whopping 74 percent increase in participation among NSmen after the discounts were introduced for the very first time.

Brigadier-General (NS) Tung Yui Fai, Director of National Service Affairs, Ministry of Defence, and Vice President of SAFRA, commented: "We received a lot of good feedback last year and we want to encourage even more NSmen and their families to keep fit and bond through this event. The special discounts are a way for us to recognise NSmen for their service to the nation, and to thank their families for their continued support for National Service." BG (NS) Tung is also the Chairman of the organising committee for SSBR & AHM 2014.

Ning Wenlong, 37, who competed in the 21km Army Half Marathon last year is one of those who is glad that organisers have decided to continue with the special rates. He commented: "It is good that the subsidised rates are extended for a second year. It will definitely encourage more NSmen to join the run with their NS buddies and their families. I am also looking forward for my kid to reach 4 years old so that we can join the 800m Father and Child Challenge together in the future."

Besides encouraging bonding, more emphasis will also be placed on improving the running experience and preventing bottlenecks that were encountered along last year's route.

BG (NS) Tung Yui Fai explained: "We want participants to have a good running experience, so we are studying the route carefully to fine-tune and improve it further. For instance, as far as possible, we are exploring wider running routes at the Tanjong Rhu area for our runners. We are also looking at improving the flow at other segments such as The Helix Bridge, by adjusting the overall route and start times of the respective categories. We are expecting a larger turn-out this year, and we hope that these improvements will allow all our runners to have an enjoyable run at this year's event."

In recognition for their contribution towards National Defence, priority registration for NSmen and their family members opens on **Wednesday, 16 April 2014**. Registration for public will commence from **Wednesday, 18 June 2014** onwards. The SSBR & AHM is jointly organised by SAFRA and the Army.

Kindly refer to the **fact sheet** attached as **Annex A**.

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 and educational programmes to recognise NSmen for their contributions to National Defence.

SAFRA currently has a network of five clubs conveniently located in Jurong, Mount Faber, Tampines, Toa Payoh and Yishun. Complementing the modern facilities at SAFRA clubs is a host of quality membership benefits and activities specially packaged for over 500,000 members and their families.

*Issued on behalf of the SAFRA Singapore Bay Run & Army Half Marathon 2014
Organising Committee*

SAFRA SINGAPORE BAY RUN & ARMY HALF MARATHON 2014

Fact Sheet

Event Details

Date: Sunday, 31 August 2014

Venue: Flag-Off at Esplanade Bridge
Finish Point at Padang

Event Organisers: SAFRA and the Army

Race Categories

Categories	Eligibility
21km Army Half Marathon (AHM)	
21km AHM Men's	SAF Active Servicemen and SAF NSmen (ORNS, MR & Ex-NSmen) only
21km AHM Women's	SAF Active Servicewomen only
21km AHM Men's Master	SAF Active Servicemen and SAF NSmen (ORNS, MR & Ex-NSmen), age 40 years old and above only
21km AHM Women's Master	SAF Active Servicewomen, age 35 years old and above only
21KM AHM Family Men 21KM AHM Family Women	Up to 3 nominated immediate family members of participating SAF Active Servicemen/ Servicewoman and SAF NSmen (ORNS, MR & Ex-NSmen). Servicemen / Servicewoman and NSmen must register first
21KM AHM Men's Open	All male participants including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-SAF active servicemen & NSmen - Singaporeans/ PR - Foreigners
21KM AHM Women's Open	All female participants including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-SAF servicewomen - Singaporeans/ PR - Foreigners

Categories	Eligibility
SAFRA 10km RACE	
SAFRA 10KM Race Men's	SAF Active Servicemen and SAF NSmen (ORNS, MR & Ex-NSmen) only
SAFRA 10KM Race Women's	SAF Active Servicewomen only
SAFRA 10KM Race Men's Master	SAF Active Servicemen and SAF NSmen (ORNS, MR & Ex-NSmen), aged 40 years old and above only
SAFRA 10KM Race Women's Master	SAF Active Servicewomen, aged 35 years old and above only
SAFRA 10KM Race Family Men	Up to 3 nominated immediate family members of SAF Active Servicemen/ Servicewoman and SAF NSmen. Servicemen / Servicewoman and NSmen must register first.
SAFRA 10KM Race Family Women	
SAFRA 10KM Race Men's Open	All male participants including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-SAF servicemen & NSmen - Singaporeans/ PR - Foreigners
SAFRA 10KM Race Women's Open	All female participants including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-SAF servicewomen - Singaporeans/ PR - Foreigners
SAFRA 5KM FUN RUN	
SAFRA 5KM Fun Run	Open to all
OTHERS	
800m Father and Child Challenge	Open to father-and-child pairs. Child must be aged 4 years old to 16 years old.

Registration Fees & Period

A) Priority Registration: Wed, 16 Apr to Tue, 17 Jun

Categories	Rates		
	SAF NSmen*	SAF Family ⁺	SAFRA Members
21KM AHM	\$12.85	\$48.15	\$42.80
SAFRA 10KM Race	\$8.55	\$34.25	\$29.95
SAFRA 5KM Fun Run	\$5.35	\$19.25	\$17.10
800m Father and Child Challenge	\$8.55	\$12.85	\$8.55

B) Early Bird Registration: Wed, 18 Jun to Wed, 2 Jul

Categories	Rates			
	SAF NSmen*	SAFRA Members	SAF Family ⁺	Public
21KM AHM	\$12.85	\$42.80	\$48.15	\$58.85
SAFRA 10KM Race	\$8.55	\$29.95	\$34.25	\$40.65
SAFRA 5KM Fun Run	\$5.35	\$17.10	\$19.25	\$23.55
800m Father and Child Challenge	\$8.55	\$8.55	\$12.85	\$21.40

C) Normal Registration: Thu, 3 Jul to Thu, 24 Jul

Categories	Rates			
	SAF NSmen*	SAFRA Members	SAF Family⁺	Public
21KM AHM	\$12.85	\$53.50	\$58.85	\$69.55
SAFRA 10KM Race	\$8.55	\$35.30	\$40.65	\$47.10
SAFRA 5KM Fun Run	\$5.35	\$17.10	\$19.25	\$23.55
800m Father and Child Challenge	\$8.55	\$8.55	\$12.85	\$21.40

Prices stated above are inclusive of 7% GST.

*Only NSmen (Operationally Ready National Servicemen, MINDEF Reserves & Ex-NSmen) from the three arms of the Singapore Armed Forces - the Singapore Army, the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) and the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN).

⁺Only applicable for registered SAF active servicemen and NSmen immediate family members (Parents, siblings, spouse and children). Each SAF active servicemen and NSmen participating in the event can nominate up to three immediate family members to enjoy this rate.