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MEDIA RELEASE

To News Editors

SPECIAL RATES FOR NSMEN'S FAMILIES TO RUN AND BOND AT SAFRA SINGAPORE BAY RUN & ARMY HALF MARATHON 2016

The SAFRA Singapore Bay Run & Army Half Marathon (SSBR & AHM) will return for its 24th edition on Sunday, 28 August 2016, after taking a break for the SG50 celebrations last year.

This year, in appreciation of the support given by family members to Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) active servicemen, Operationally Ready NSmen (ORNS) and those who have completed their ORNS training cycles, their immediate family members will get to enjoy more attractive registration packages this year. Each participating NSman will be able to nominate up to five immediate family members to participate together with them at a special SAF Family rate. For example, families of NSman registering for the 5km category will only need to pay \$9 each, enjoying a bigger discount of more than 60 percent. NSmen's family members who are competing in the 21km and 10km categories will also receive the limited edition Army running singlet.

Colonel (NS) Simon Lim, Director of National Service Affairs, Ministry of Defence, and Chairman of the SSBR & AHM 2016 organising committee, commented: "Having strong family support provides the peace of mind for our NSmen to give their best when they serve their national service commitments."

"The extension of the enhanced registration packages to NSmen's families is our way of thanking them for their continued support to our NSmen and at the same time encourage more NSmen and their families to participate in the event together. We are also looking at new initiatives to further enhance the family bonding and running experience during the event," he added.

As the signature sporting event of both the Army and SAFRA, SAF Operationally Ready NSmen and those who have completed their ORNS training cycles will continue to enjoy a significant discount of over 75 percent on registration fees for the 21km, 10km and 5km categories.

NSmen who are fathers can also look forward to the return of the Families for Life 800m Challenge to bond with their children.

Registration for the event will open on 2 May 2016, noon.

The SSBR & AHM is jointly organised by SAFRA and the Army with the aim of promoting fitness and bonding among SAF active servicemen, NSmen and their families. The event attracted about 46,000 participants in 2014.

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

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 six clubs conveniently located in Jurong, Mount Faber, Punggol, Tampines, Toa Payoh and Yishun. Complementing the modern facilities at SAFRA clubs are a host of quality membership benefits and activities specially packaged for over 370,000 members and their families.

*Issued on behalf of the SAFRA Singapore Bay Run & Army Half Marathon 2016
Organising Committee*

SAFRA SINGAPORE BAY RUN & ARMY HALF MARATHON 2016

FACT SHEET

Event Details

Date: Sunday, 28 August 2016

Venue: Flag-Off at Esplanade Bridge
Finishing 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 Men's Open	All male participants who are not eligible for the above categories; including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SAF Active Servicemen and SAF NSmen's (ORNS, MR & Ex-NSmen) family members - Non-SAF active servicemen & NSmen - Singaporeans/ PR - Foreigners
21KM AHM Women's Open	All female participants who are not eligible for the above categories; including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SAF Active Servicewomen's family members - 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 Men's Open	All male participants who are not eligible for the above categories; including: -- SAF Active Servicemen and SAF NSmen's (ORNS, MR & Ex-NSmen) family members - Non-SAF servicemen & NSmen - Singaporeans/ PR - Foreigners
SAFRA 10KM Race Women's Open	All female participants who are not eligible for the above categories; including: - SAF Active Servicewomen's family members - Non-SAF servicewomen - Singaporeans/ PR - Foreigners
SAFRA 5km Fun Run	
SAFRA 5KM Fun Run	Participants must be aged 6 years old and above on race day
Families for Life 800m Challenge	
Families for Life 800m Challenge	Open to both fathers and mothers. Child must be aged 4 years old to 12 years old.

Registration Fees & Period

A) Early Bird Registration: Mon, 2 May to Sun, 3 July

Categories	Rates (per person)			
	SAF NSmen*	SAFRA Members	SAF Family Members⁺	Public
21KM AHM	\$13	\$43	\$48	\$60
SAFRA 10KM Race	\$9	\$30	\$34	\$42
SAFRA 5KM Fun Run	\$6	\$18	\$9	\$25
Families For Life 800m Challenge	\$10	\$10	\$12	\$20

B) Normal Registration: Mon, 4 July to Thu, 28 July

Categories	Rates (per person)			
	SAF NSmen*	SAFRA Members	SAF Family Members⁺	Public
21KM AHM	\$13	\$53	\$59	\$70
SAFRA 10KM Race	\$9	\$35	\$41	\$50
SAFRA 5KM Fun Run	\$6	\$18	\$9	\$25
Families For Life 800m Challenge	\$10	\$10	\$12	\$20

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 five immediate family members to enjoy this rate.