

# PERANAKAN GEM HUNT

## KATONG-JOO CHIAT WALKING TOUR



Hello! My name is *Nyonya Lily*. Join me as I take you on a tour through Peranakan culture and uncover the wonders of my heritage!

This booklet belongs to:

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# EMBARK ON A WHIMSICAL JOURNEY OF PERANAKAN WONDERS!

Welcome, brave explorers, on an adventure through the vibrant tapestry of Peranakan culture! Step into a world where colours come alive, stories whisper from fancy windows, and history dances through the streets. Our self-guided walking tour is your golden ticket to unlocking the secrets of Peranakan heritage, tailored just for curious minds like yours!



**Peranakan Houses**  
287 Joo Chiat Road,  
Singapore 427540



**Jalan Jalan mural**  
357 Joo Chiat Rd,  
Singapore 427602



**The Ferryman mural**  
333 Joo Chiat Road,  
Singapore 427588



**Medley Alley mural**  
105 East Coast Road,  
Singapore 428798



**Kway Guan Huat  
Joo Chiat Popiah**  
95 Joo Chiat Rd,  
Singapore 427389

## LOCATIONS

This tour can be done  
in any order, refer to  
the map on next page



# Map

1. Peranakan Houses
2. *Jalan Jalan* mural
3. *The Ferryman* mural
4. *Medley Alley* mural
5. Kway Guan Huat Joo Chiat Popiah



Are you ready, brave explorers?

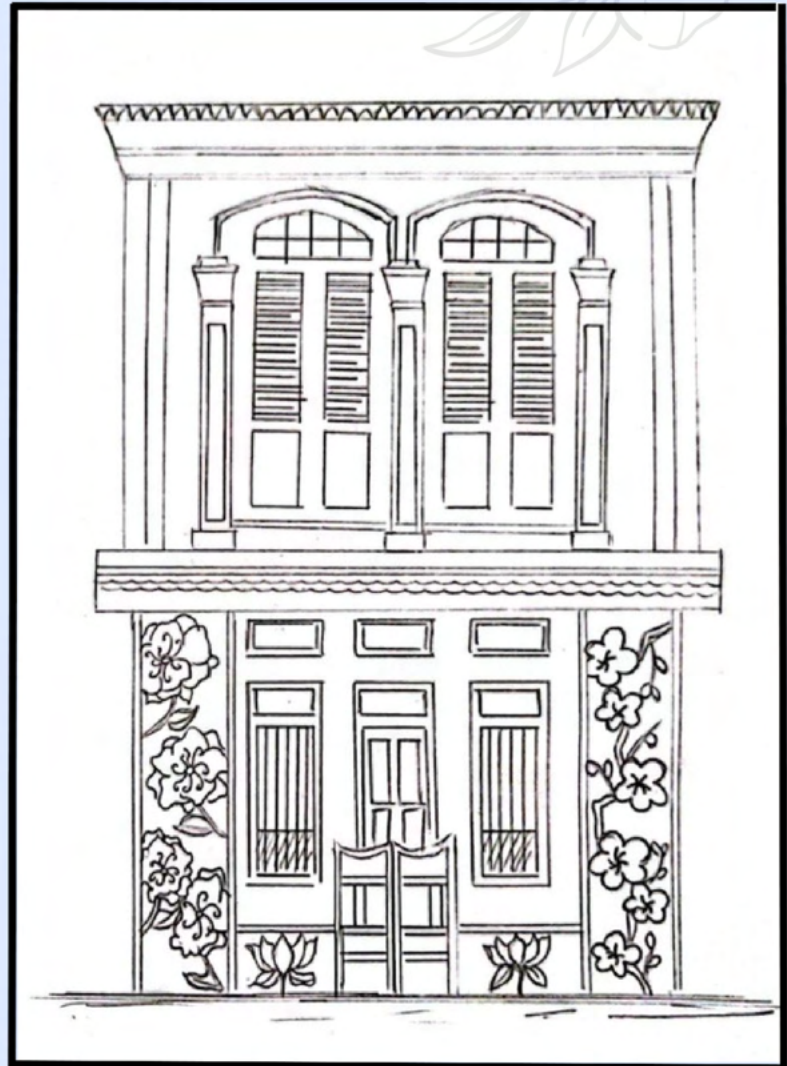
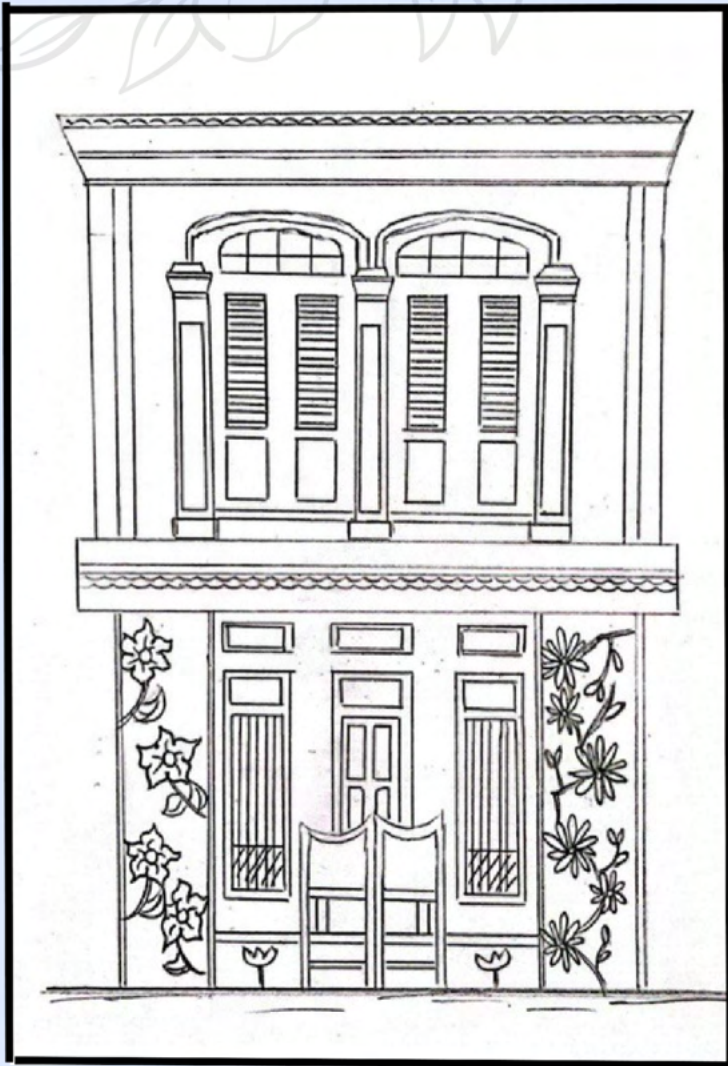
The Peranakan world awaits your eager footsteps!



#1

# DESIGN DETECTIVE

**LOOK CLOSELY AT THE TWO SHOPHOUSES BELOW!  
SPOT AND CIRCLE THE DIFFERENCES IN THEIR DESIGNS!**



**HINT: FOCUS ON THE PATTERNS  
ON THE SHOPHOUSES. THERE ARE  
3 DIFFERENCES!**





**DID YOU MANAGE TO SPOT ALL OF THEM?  
SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW FOR THE ANSWERS!**



**SCAN ME!**

**LOOK AT THE DRAWING OF THE SHOPHOUSE ON THE RIGHT  
AND EXAMINE THE DESIGNS!**



1



2



3

Did you know? Each of the flowers has a different meaning in Peranakan culture.

1. Peony - Wealth and Status
2. Plum Blossom - Hope and Vitality
3. Lotus - Purity

**LOOK AT THE SHOPHOUSES  
AROUND YOU, CAN YOU SPOT  
ANY OTHER DESIGNS? DRAW  
THEM OUT ON THE SHOPHOUSES  
IN THE PREVIOUS PAGE.**





#2

# WORD TO PICTURE MATCHING

Images from the Peranakan Tiles Gallery



● PEACOCK



● CRANE



● FRUITS



● ROSE



● PEONY



Did you know that each design has different symbolism to it?

## SYMBOLISM

1. **PEACOCK** - Dignity and Nobility
2. **CRANE** - Longevity
3. **FRUITS** - Peaches (Longevity), Pomegranates (Fertility) and Pineapples (Wealth and Abundance)
4. **ROSE** - Love, Romance, Happiness and Beauty
5. **PEONY** - Wealth and Status



*Jalan Jalan* by Didier Jaba Mathieu

### FUN FACT!

Did you know that the colours of this mural were inspired by those of Peranakan ceramic tiles to match the neighbourhood?

Refer to <https://archive.artwalkfest.sg/artwork/jalan-jalan/> for more information.

**SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE WORD AND PICTURE MATCHING ANSWERS!**





# WORD HUNT

#3

L K M U A T K I K S I V C A F R Y W D B M I  
 A M X O T K E P Y Y Z O Z J B L Q E C K L L  
 F C T X F G N V B T E K T T Z X M Y A Z L C  
 U F W B Z F N B Q L G Q E W K X T O F U B Z  
 E V N A I H J I L K X A L D M T Y J L Z E U  
 R Y A J Z S O G X G W N V W D I N Q N R M G  
 Z D I U B P T W A F F W U N V Z V C E I V B  
 B Q R P D P S D P X G B R W C Q F D A F C T  
 D I N A U H C K O L U J A B T V J Y I M B M  
 G Z K N V U E Q I K F H F J P O P H S F B J  
 N M M J S P Q R E S U C M M U W N N A O U Z  
 A V I A Y W J N P S L P F D V K I Z O Q T D  
 S U A N T Y A Y Y F A Y Y V D J U P M U D O  
 G Z F G A M V C M M P Y J K F R W R D D G B  
 N M N P T W H K W E E T A Q E Y Q K O A H I  
 O H V U B H M E D K P O L B U R S H U N B B  
 R O S V D R E O O O T L U D E W K L K B G B  
 E A Q O L P N A S K F T C Z W K D K B M P G  
 K U P T U X L T B B Q L Y T V N F J A O E V  
 Q H M Z Y A P N U L K K V I C G W R T X H Q  
 I C Z K X F F K R S V S H E Q V M R W E L A  
 L N K H P B C X Q Q H F N R R Q S C G V L Y



1. *Baju Lok Chuan*

2. *Baju Kurong*

3. *Baju Panjang*

4. *Kebaya*

5. *Kerongsang*

6. *Kasut Manek*



Scan the QR code to complete the word hunt online to find 6 types of Peranakan clothing!

## Fun Fact

- Peranakan attire such as the *sarong kebaya* was influenced by a fusion of Chinese and Malay cultures.
- The *sarong kebaya* was believed to have been adapted from the *baju panjang*, and is often worn by Chinese nyonyas.





The mural by Ink and Clog features elements that are Peranakan in nature.  
Can you spot them?



**THE FERRYMAN BY INK & CLOG**



Some Peranakan elements featured in this mural:

- *Kebaya*: A traditional garment worn by Peranakan women.
- *Kerongsang*: A type of bejewelled brooch that comes in a set of 3, which is used to pin the *kebaya* top together.
- *Kasut manek*: Peranakan beaded shoes.
- *Nyonya*: A Peranakan woman.
- *Majolica tiles*: Glazed tiles used by Peranakans to decorate their homes.



# PERANAKAN TILE CIPHER

#4

Read the plaque\* and answer the question to decode the message!

\*Assistance will be required for younger children



Have you read the plaque?  
Here's a question for you!  
In which year did Singapore see a revival in interest in Peranakan tiles?  
Answer: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Now, let's add the numbers together!

\_ + \_ + \_ + \_ = \_

Write this number under the letter A and continue in ascending order  
Example: if A = 1, B = 2, C = 3 and so on

A B C D E F G H I J K L M

— — — — —

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

— — — — —

Flip to the next page and decode the message!



Write the matching letters to the numbers below:



## Peranakan tiles were...

Scan the QR code to check your answers!

28 29 10 29 30 28      28 34 22 11 24 21 28



15 24 27      32 14 10 21 29 17 34



17 24 22 14 24 32 23 14 27 28

### FUN FACT!

Peranakan decorative tiles were not only displayed in homes, but also used as artistic panels on porches, shophouse facades and even courtyards! This means they were **displayed outside** for other people to see.



### THE HISTORY OF PERANAKAN TILES

- A long time ago, fancy ceramic tiles were used in European churches and holy places.
- During a time called the Gothic revival, people started displaying them at home.
- Later, machines were invented to mass-produce the tiles, making them more popular for houses and shops.
- Tiles that came to Singapore before World War One were mostly brought from England by the British.
- Chinese and Peranakan communities back then believed the tiles brought good luck because they had auspicious symbols like fish and birds on them.
- Now, the tiles hold cultural value and heritage for the Peranakan community.



The tiles of this mural are painted by *Nicia Lam, Valerie Neo, Novena Angela and Yullis Lam*. This is their modern take on the traditional decorative tiles. Can you spot any patterns or motifs?

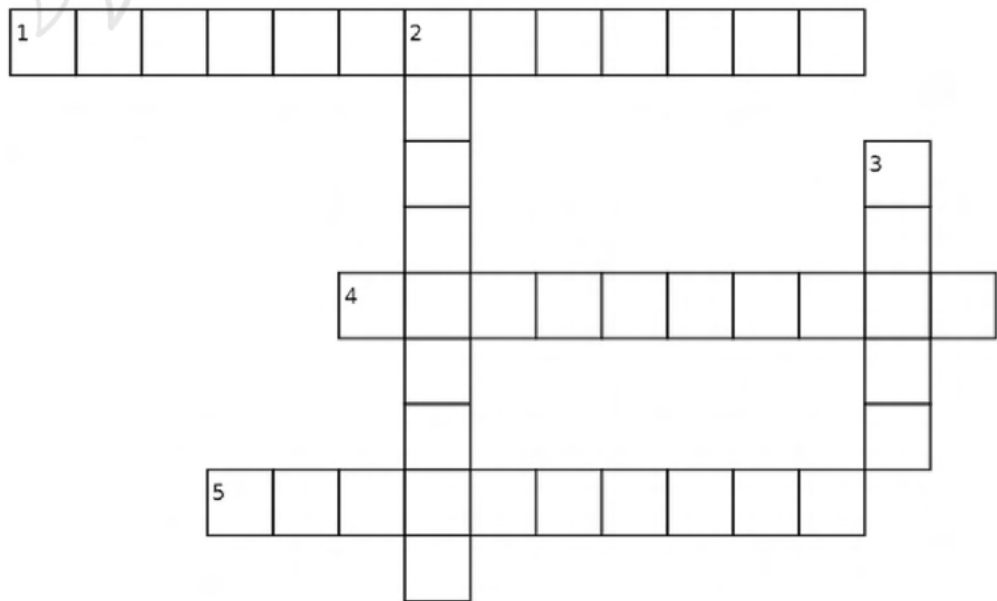




#5

# FUSION OF FLAVOURS

Whether you're at the beginning, mid-point, or end of this trail, why not stop for a snack? Solve the crossword puzzle below to find out more about traditional Peranakan dishes!



Down:

2. I am a sweet treat imprinted with the pattern of a tortoise shell. What am I?
3. I am a dish that can be found at this address: 51 East Coast Road, S4289770. What am I?

Across:

1. I am a part of a plant used as a natural dye to give Nyonya Bazhang its signature colouring. What am I?
4. I have two words in my name. In English, I am known as palm sugar. What am I?
5. I am, as the Indonesians call me, "round", and filled with the answer of Question 4. What am I?



Have you tried the delicious *kueh pie tee* or *popiah* from Kway Guan Huat Joo Chiat Popiah? Even if you have, I didn't bring you to this site *just* for the food.

Take a look at the murals on the walls. Do you see anybody in an outfit similar to mine? We *nyonys* often wear the *sarong kebaya*.

Find out what *nyonya* and *sarong kebaya* mean on page 9!





Here's your task for this site, explorers! Refer to the answers of the crossword found on the previous page.

*Take the second of the fourth, the seventh of the fifth, and the fifth of the first. What is this key ingredient of Kueh Pie Tee?*



Fill in the blanks here to find out!

T \_ R \_ I \_

Food isn't the only thing that you can find a "fusion" of here in Singapore!

While "Peranakan" is a Malay word, only a subset of the Peranakan community are the descendants of Chinese-Malay families. Do you know of other Peranakan communities that live in Singapore, such as the Arab Peranakans and the Chitty Melaka?

See if you can find out more about them!

This union allowed for generations of rich culture to follow. And with rich culture comes delicious food!

Psst! If you need some help, scan the QR code below for the answers!





# REFLECTIONS

What was the most exciting part of this adventure?

Share 3 things you've learnt about Peranakan culture.

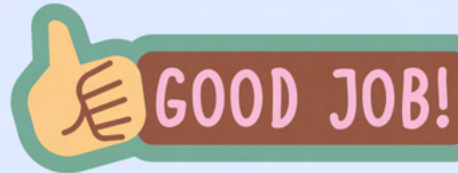
Draw your favourite Peranakan motif!



# WELL DONE BRAVE EXPLORERS!

We hope that you've learnt something new from this tour and continue to explore Singapore and its amazing cultures!

Amazing



**GO FORTH AND DISCOVER OTHER HIDDEN  
GEMS IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD!**



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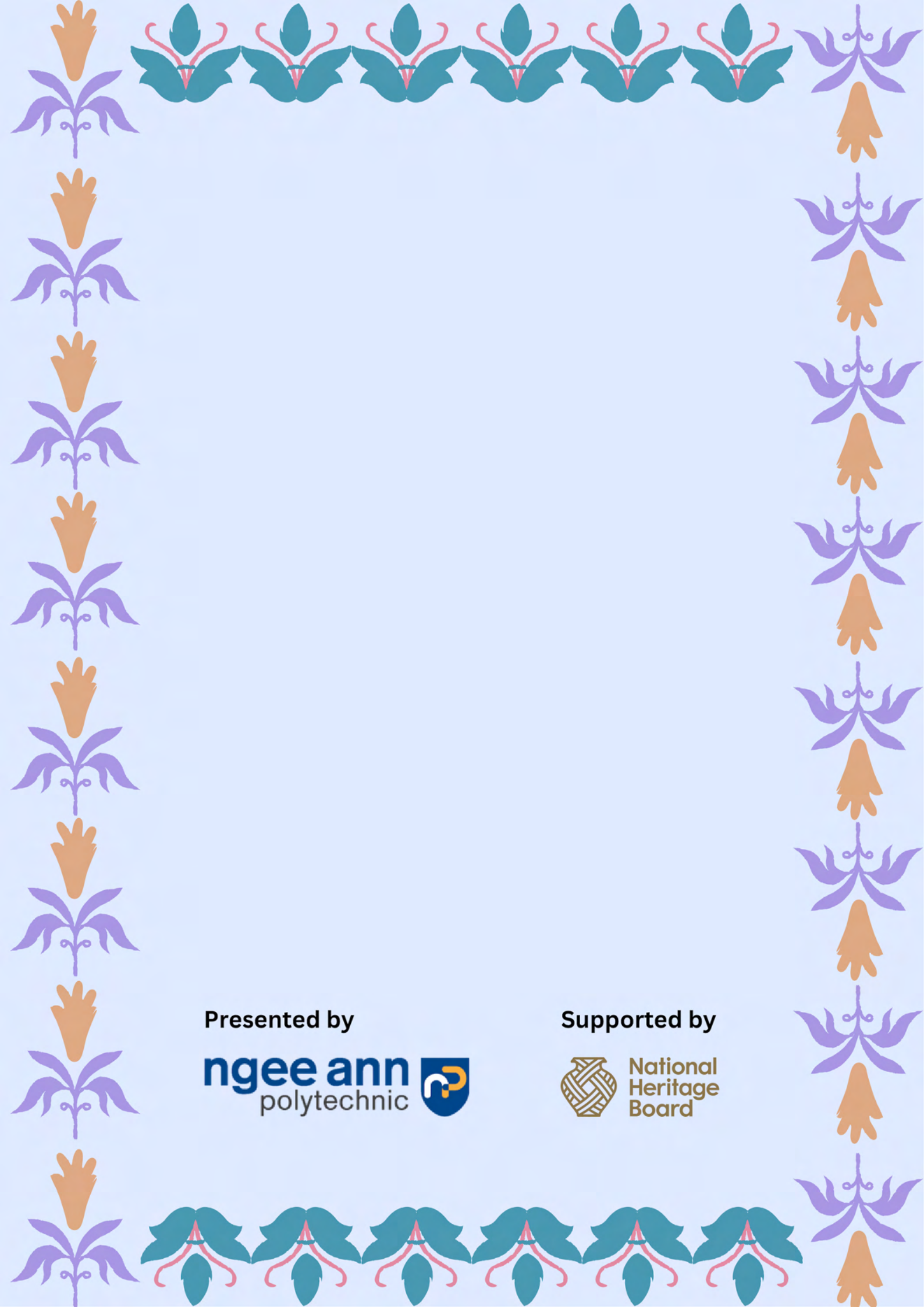


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