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MAS Marks 50 Years

Singapore, 5 October 2021... The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) announced today a series of events and activities to commemorate its Golden Jubilee. MAS began operations in 1971.

2. The commemorative events will kick off with the ***Partners Appreciation Evening*** on 7 October to recognise key partners and organisations who have worked alongside MAS and made significant contributions to Singapore’s financial sector and the broader economy. Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong will be the Guest-of-Honour at this event.

3. A ***Golden Jubilee Conference*** will be held during 2-3 November, which will see eminent central bankers and academics participate in discussions on monetary policy, financial stability, and central banking in Asia.

4. MAS will launch two books to commemorate its 50th anniversary. The first book, titled ***“Resilience, Dynamism, Trust: 50 Landmark Statements by MAS Leaders”***, will be launched during the Partners Appreciation Evening. The book is a compendium of key speeches and statements by MAS leaders over the past 50 years, tracing the development of MAS’ policies and strategies as a central bank, integrated financial regulator, and promoter of Singapore as an international financial centre.

5. The second book is a specially commissioned work, titled ***“A History of Money in Singapore”***. It will be launched at the Golden Jubilee Conference. This book presents an account of Singapore’s currency and monetary history from pre-colonial times to the present day.

6. MAS has commissioned a documentary film, titled ***“The Future of Money”***, that will examine key issues in the rapidly changing world of finance, including technological disruption and climate change, and how Singapore is navigating these changes while maintaining financial stability and making finance more inclusive and sustainable. The film will be launched in January 2022.

7. Finally, the ***MAS Gallery*** will be revamped with a refreshed look and new exhibits. The fully contactless new Gallery will occupy two floors in the MAS Building. Visitors to the new Gallery will learn about how Singapore’s currency notes have evolved, how MAS conducts monetary policy, and how MAS fosters a sound and progressive financial sector, through interactive multi-media displays and games. The Gallery is expected to be opened early next year.



8. For more information on MAS' 50th anniversary events, please visit www.mas.gov.sg/who-we-are/mas50.

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