

2025

# ECHOES

AT THE FORT

1 - 25 May 2025  
Fort Canning Park



# FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

|                   | DATE                                 | TIME                            | PROGRAMME  |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| WORKSHOPS         | Thursday,<br>1 May                   | 10am – 12pm                     | Sweet Traditions -<br>The Resilient Story<br>of the Sweet Potato |
|                   | Saturday,<br>10 May                  | 10am – 12pm                     | A Legacy of<br>Flavours - The<br>Craft of Spice<br>Mixing        |
|                   | Saturday,<br>17 May                  | 10am – 12pm                     | A Taste of the<br>Ancient Garden                                 |
|                   | Saturday,<br>24 May                  | 10am – 12pm                     | Moss, Mould &<br>Monument: A<br>Microcosm-Making<br>Lab          |
|                   | Saturday,<br>24 May                  | 10am – 12pm,<br>2pm – 4pm       | Crafting Botanical<br>Soap and Spice<br>Garden Tour              |
| GUIDED TOURS      | Saturdays,<br>3, 10, 17<br>May       | 10am –<br>11.30am               | Spice Garden   |
|                   | Sundays,<br>4, 11, 18,<br>25 May     | 10am – 12pm                     | Heritage on the<br>Hill  |
| ART EXHIBITION    | 1 – 25 May                           | -                               | Echo Pavilion  |
|                   | Now – 29<br>June 2025                | 10am – 5pm<br>(Last entry: 4pm) | Portals  |
| ALL-DAY PROGRAMME | 1 – 25 May                           | 10am – 5pm                      | Craft Activities   |
| TENANT PROMOTIONS | Weekdays<br>(excl. PH)<br>1 – 25 May | 3pm – 5pm                       | Le Jardin  |

# WORKSHOPS



## Sweet Traditions: The Resilient Story of the Sweet Potato

1 May | 10am – 12pm | Function Hall,  
Fort Canning Centre

Explore Fort Canning Park's rich history through the resilient sweet potato in this hands-on workshop. Drawing inspiration from the fort's role as a symbol of protection and the sweet potato's significance as a wartime staple, this session connects culinary traditions with historical resilience.

Participants will learn to make ang ku kueh, incorporating sweet potato as a key component, symbolising resourcefulness and adaptability.

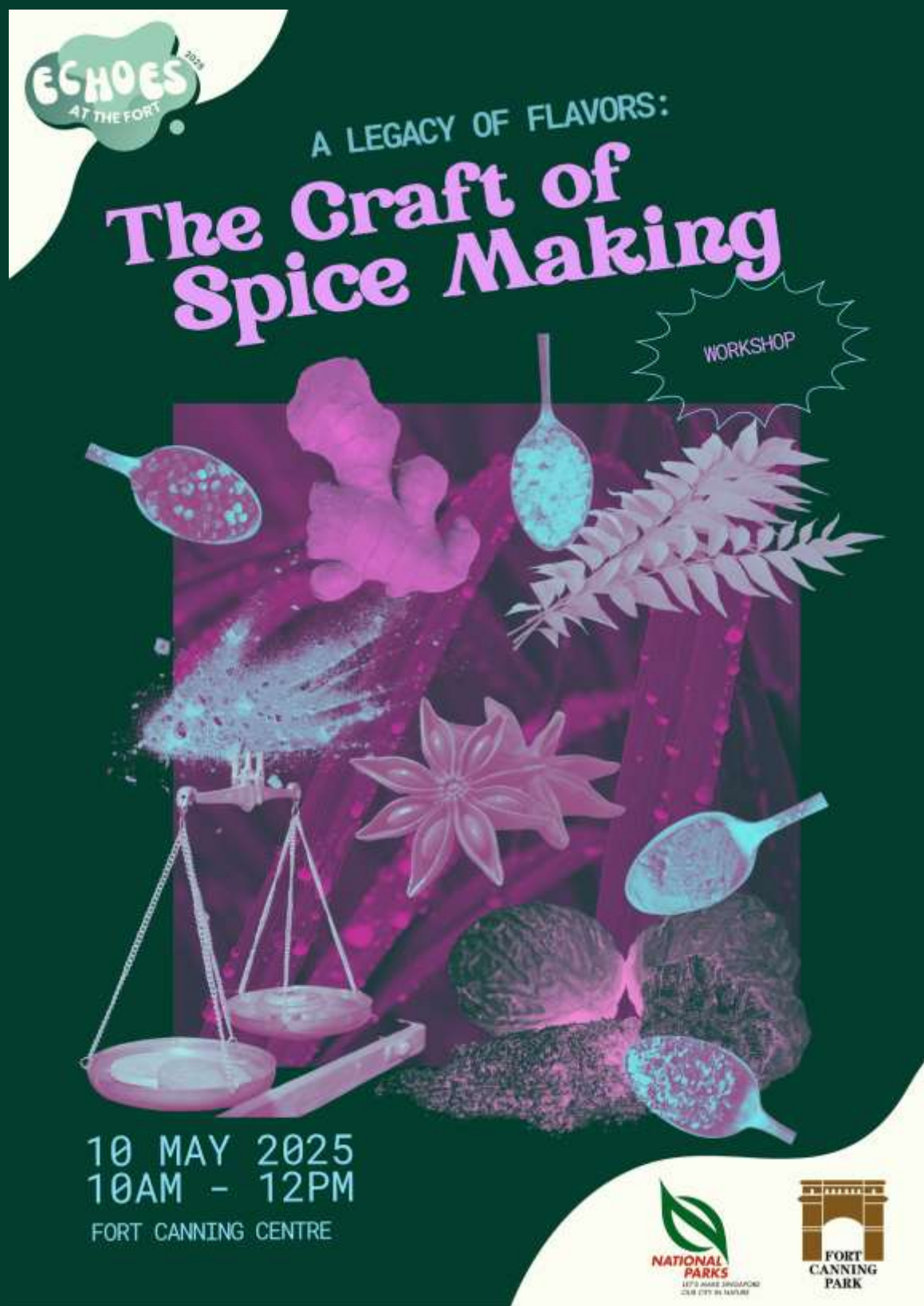
Attendees will receive a recipe card featuring sweet potato dishes inspired by Singapore's culinary heritage, along with insights into Fort Canning's history. This workshop offers a meaningful blend of history, tradition, and hands-on creativity, ensuring the sweet potato's legacy and the stories of Fort Canning Park continue to inspire and endure.

*Suitable for ages 7 and above. Children aged 12 years and below must be accompanied by an adult participant.*

**Register here:**

<https://go.gov.sg/eatf-reg-sweettraditions>

# WORKSHOPS



## A Legacy of Flavours: The Craft of Spice Mixing

10 May | 10am – 12pm | Function Hall,  
Fort Canning Centre

Explore the history of Fort Canning's spice garden in this hands-on workshop. Learn the art of spice mixing, inspired by Southeast Asia's rich heritage and the global spice trade, blending history, culture, and flavour in a unique experience.

Participants will explore the fundamentals of spice mixing, from crafting wet blends to creating unique combinations that celebrate Southeast Asia's rich spice heritage. Guided by generations of traditional spice-blending techniques, the workshop connects the artistry of spice mixing to its historical significance in shaping Singapore's identity.

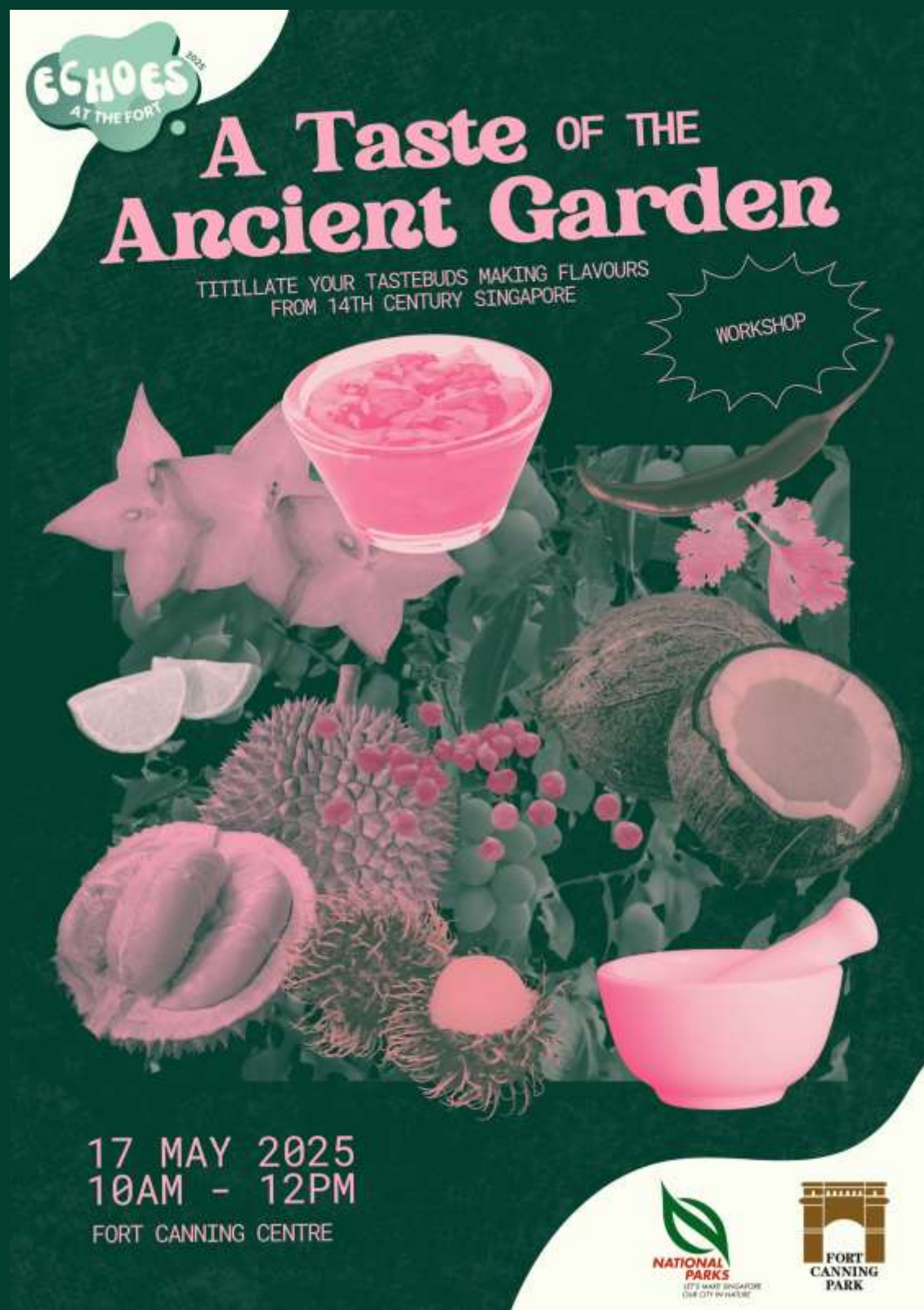
This session offers a flavourful journey into Singapore's cultural and botanical history, highlighting the global influence of the spice trade and its enduring legacy in the timeless craft of blending spices. Take home both knowledge and inspiration from this engaging experience.

*Suitable for ages 7 and above. Children aged 12 years and below must be accompanied by an adult participant.*

**Register here:**

<https://go.gov.sg/eatf-reg-legacyofflavours>

# WORKSHOPS



## A Taste of the Ancient Garden

17 May | 10am – 12pm | Function Hall,  
Fort Canning Centre

Once the site of royal Malay palaces, this iconic hill was home to lush gardens where fruit trees such as durian, rambutan, starfruit, and duku grew in abundance, symbolising prosperity and tranquility.

This cooking demonstration brings these historic fruits to life with a flavourful Indian heritage twist. From using starfruit in refreshing chutneys to crafting a unique dessert with rambutan and coconut, the session reimagines how these fruits can be transformed into creative dishes that celebrate cultural traditions while adding a contemporary touch.

Participants will receive thoughtfully crafted recipe cards, each paired with a note on the history of Fort Canning Park and the cultural significance of the featured ingredients, creating a meaningful connection to the park's heritage and the region's culinary traditions.

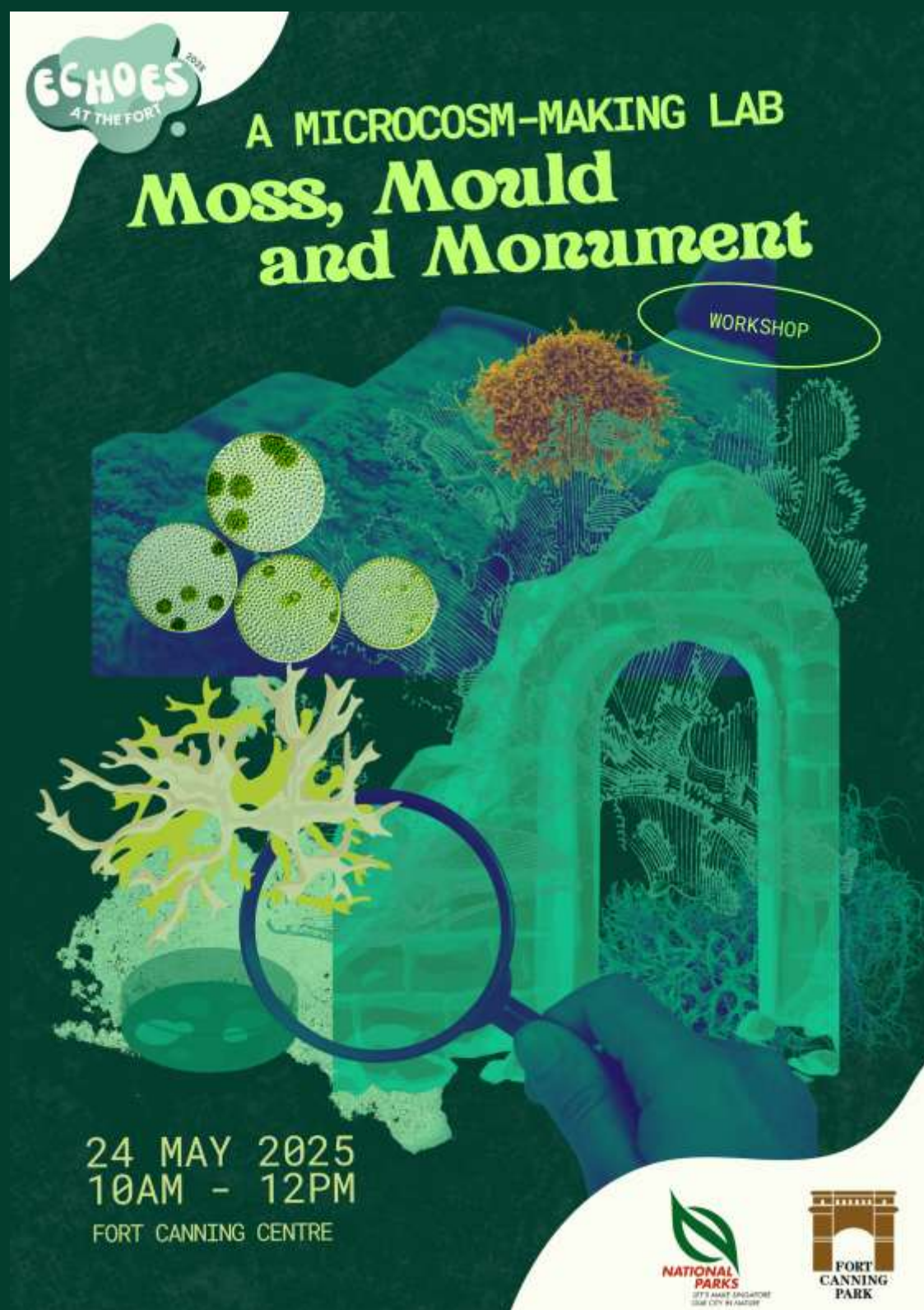
Join us for a memorable day where the heritage of the park meets the creativity of modern cuisine.

*Suitable for ages 13 and above.*

**Register here:**

<https://go.gov.sg/eatf-reg-ancientgarden>

# WORKSHOPS



## Moss, Mould & Monument: A Microcosm-Making Lab

24 May | 10am – 12pm | Function Hall,  
Fort Canning Centre

Step into the layered history of Fort Canning Park through the quiet lens of moss. Inspired by the delicate micro-ecologies that have taken root on the park's old fort walls, gravestones, and stairways, this hands-on workshop invites participants to craft their own miniature moss monument—where time, nature, and memory intertwine.

Led by a botanist and moss specialist, Dr Ho Boon Chuan, the session begins with a look at how moss slowly grows on aged stone, reclaiming built structures in the tropical climate. These gentle growths are more than decoration—they are living archives of weather, touch, and stillness.

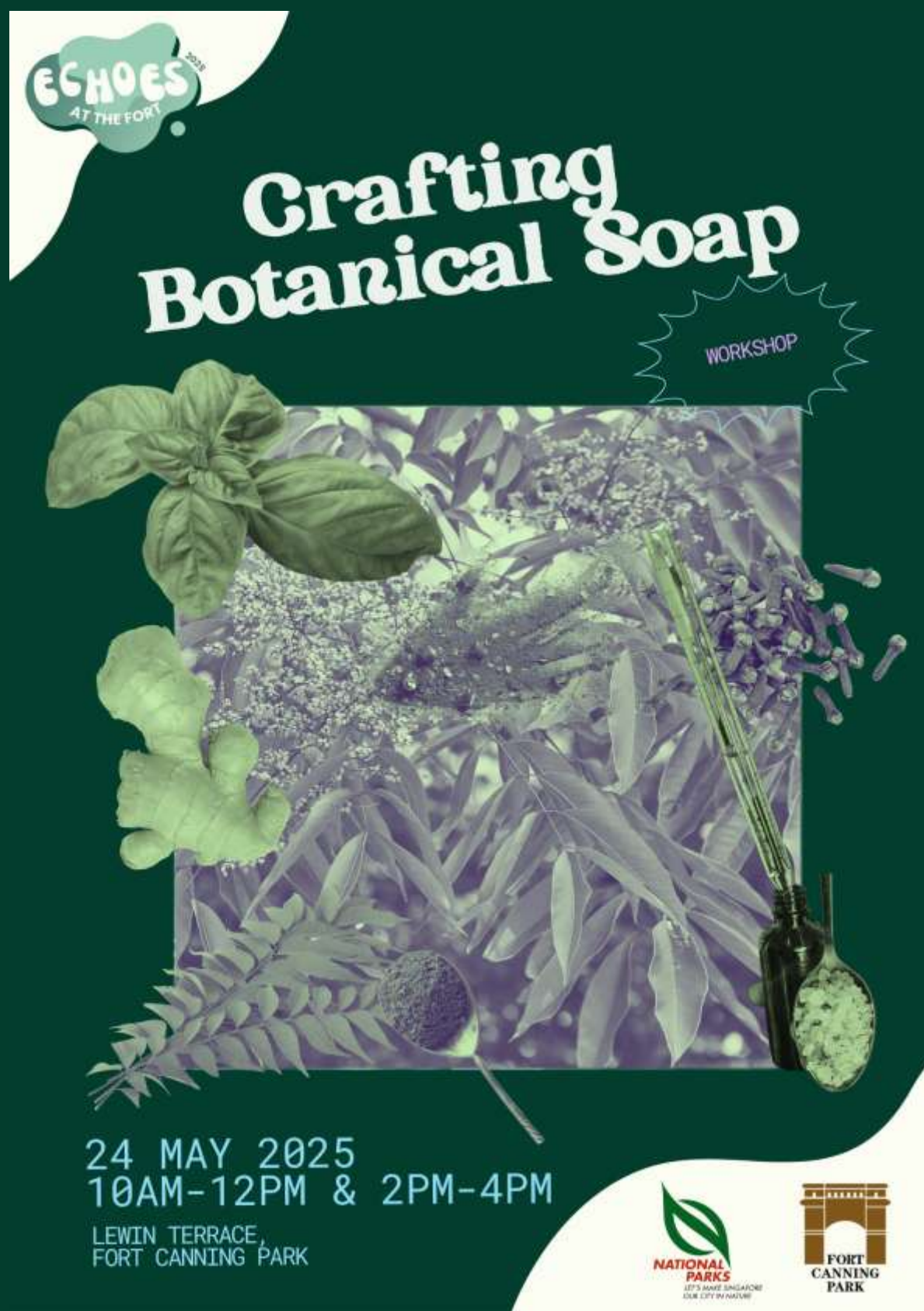
Drawing from the textures of the hill's colonial and royal past, participants will then create their own living microcosm to take home, accompanied by care notes and reflections. This workshop offers a poetic way to explore how nature softens the marks of time—and how something quiet and green can keep history alive.

*Suitable for ages 13 and above.*

**Register here:**

<https://go.gov.sg/eatf-reg-moss>

# WORKSHOPS



## Crafting Botanical Soap and Spice Garden Tour

24 May | 10am – 12pm, 2pm – 4pm | Lewin Terrace, Fort Canning Park

Join us for a delightful workshop that combines natural crafting with a sensory garden experience! Begin with a guided tour through Fort Canning Park's very own spice garden, where you'll discover local herbs and spices used in traditional remedies and cooking. Then, learn to create your own biodegradable liquid soap using soap berries (*Sapindus mukorossi*)—nature's sustainable cleaning solution. In this hands-on session, you'll craft your own liquid soap, understand the properties of soap berries, and personalise your creation with essential oils derived from plants you've just explored in the Spice Garden.

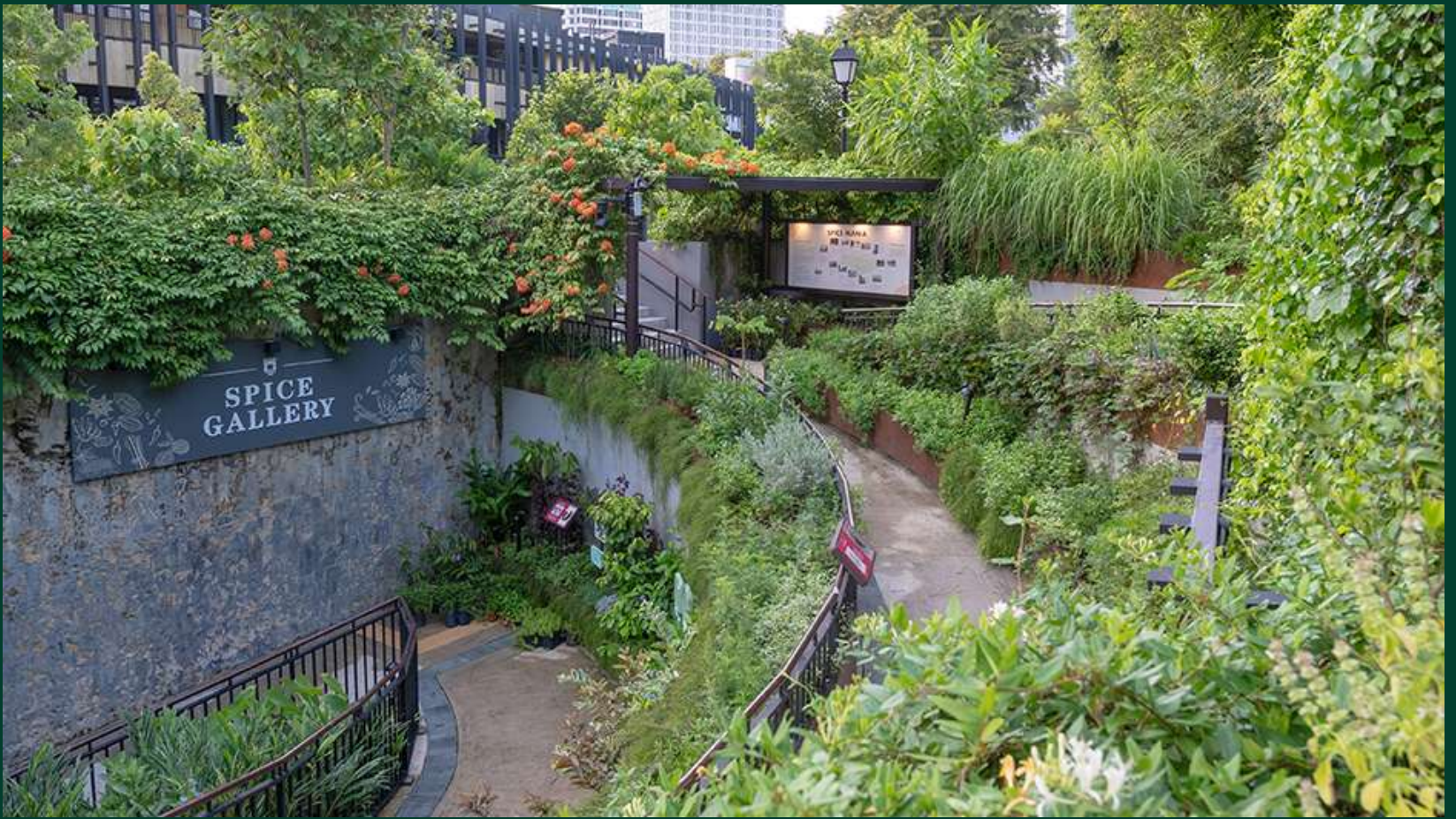
*Suitable for ages 10 and above. Children aged 12 years and below must be accompanied by an adult participant.*

### Register here:

10am – 12pm: <https://go.gov.sg/eatf-reg-soapmakingam>

2pm – 4pm: <https://go.gov.sg/eatf-reg-soapmakingpm>

# GUIDED TOURS



## Spice Garden Guided Tour

3, 10, 17 May | 10am – 11.30am | Spice Garden, Fort Canning Park

Join us for a fascinating guided tour of Fort Canning Park's Spice Garden, where you'll discover the rich history of spices and their profound impact on Singapore and the region's culinary, medicinal and economic development. Situated on the grounds of Singapore's First Botanic Garden, where more than 300 nutmeg and clove trees once flourished, the Spice Garden offers a sensory journey through its aromatic plants. Immerse yourself in the experience as you smell, touch and admire the vibrant colours of these spice plants.

### Register here:

3 May: [https://www.nparks.gov.sg/visit/events/event-detail/FCP\\_SG1/1037\\_Heritage-Festival-Spice-Garden-Tour](https://www.nparks.gov.sg/visit/events/event-detail/FCP_SG1/1037_Heritage-Festival-Spice-Garden-Tour)

10 May: [https://www.nparks.gov.sg/visit/events/event-detail/FCP\\_SG1/1038\\_Heritage-Festival-Spice-Garden-Tour](https://www.nparks.gov.sg/visit/events/event-detail/FCP_SG1/1038_Heritage-Festival-Spice-Garden-Tour)

17 May: [https://www.nparks.gov.sg/visit/events/event-detail/FCP\\_SG1/1039\\_Heritage-Festival-Spice-Garden-Tour](https://www.nparks.gov.sg/visit/events/event-detail/FCP_SG1/1039_Heritage-Festival-Spice-Garden-Tour)



# GUIDED TOURS



## Heritage on the Hill

4, 11, 18, 25 May | 10am – 12pm | Fort Canning Centre

Did you know that the history of Fort Canning dates to the 14th century? Check out the ancient artefacts from the hill, and join us on a journey that highlights the changing faces of Fort Canning, from the ancient 14th century to the colonial 19th century and beyond!

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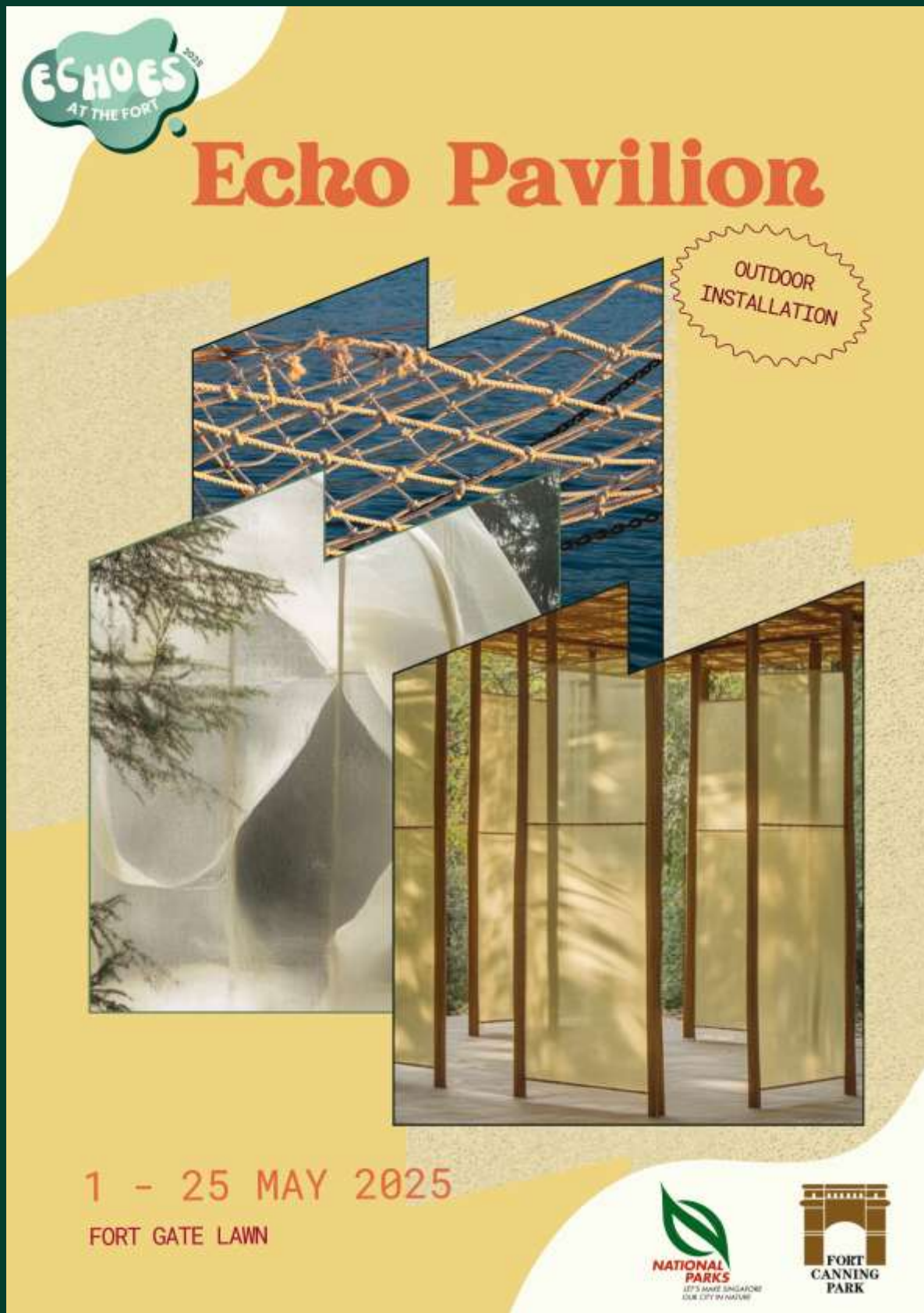
4 May: [https://www.nparks.gov.sg/visit/events/event-detail/FCP\\_HT8/1033\\_Heritage-Festival-Heritage-on-the-Hill-Guided-Tour](https://www.nparks.gov.sg/visit/events/event-detail/FCP_HT8/1033_Heritage-Festival-Heritage-on-the-Hill-Guided-Tour)

11 May: [https://www.nparks.gov.sg/visit/events/event-detail/FCP\\_HT8/1034\\_Heritage-Festival-Heritage-on-the-Hill-Guided-Tour](https://www.nparks.gov.sg/visit/events/event-detail/FCP_HT8/1034_Heritage-Festival-Heritage-on-the-Hill-Guided-Tour)

18 May: [https://www.nparks.gov.sg/visit/events/event-detail/FCP\\_HT9/1035\\_Heritage-Festival-Heritage-on-the-Hill-Guided-Tour](https://www.nparks.gov.sg/visit/events/event-detail/FCP_HT9/1035_Heritage-Festival-Heritage-on-the-Hill-Guided-Tour)

25 May: [https://www.nparks.gov.sg/visit/events/event-detail/FCP\\_HT9/1036\\_Heritage-Festival-Heritage-on-the-Hill-Guided-Tour](https://www.nparks.gov.sg/visit/events/event-detail/FCP_HT9/1036_Heritage-Festival-Heritage-on-the-Hill-Guided-Tour)

# ART EXHIBITION



## Echo Pavilion

1 – 25 May | Fort Gate Lawn, Fort Canning Park

Echo Pavillion is an immersive installation celebrating Fort Canning Park's layered history. Once known as Bukit Larangan, the hill was home to 14th-century Malay royalty tied to the Majapahit Empire. Artefacts like Javanese gold ornaments reflect its cultural and political significance. During the colonial era, it became a symbol of resilience, housing fortifications and Singapore's first botanical garden in 1822. Here, spices like nutmeg and clove, once as valuable as gold, marked Singapore's role in the global spice trade.

Echo Pavillion embodies this history using sustainable materials like woven fibres, fishing nets, and dried fronds, connecting the past to contemporary environmental awareness. Hanging spices evoke the nearby spice garden, while fishing net hammocks cradle visitors, offering a space for reflection. This aromatic and tactile installation invites visitors to honour Fort Canning's legacy of resilience, adaptation, and renewal, bridging its storied past with a sustainable future.

# ART EXHIBITION



## Portals

Now – 29 June | Battlebox, Fort Canning Park

Portals is a new visual art exhibition bridging Singapore's wartime history with creative technology. Set within the historic Battlebox, Portals showcase new works by seven Singapore-based artists. Portals explore the potential for technology and its systems to be agents of change, reclaiming power and place.

Portals is open from 28 March - 29 June 2025, on Wednesdays to Sundays (10am - 5pm, last admission at 4pm). Tickets are found [here](#).

Portals is produced by Global Cultural Alliance, as part of cmd.exe ('command prompt') - a new future-oriented platform that explores how the digital has prompted artmaking.

# ART EXHIBITION



## Surrounding Sounds: A Field Recording Workshop

10 May | 3pm – 5pm | Battlebox, Fort Canning Park

Join artist Huijun Lu, and capture field recordings of noise in and around Battlebox, a bunker nestled within Fort Canning Park!

*For young explorers aged 11 - 18 years old*

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.sg/e/surrounding-sounds-a-field-recording-workshop-tickets-1295656035079?aff=oddtcreator>

# ART EXHIBITION



## Artist Talk: 50 Million Grams

24 May | 4pm – 5pm | Battlebox, Fort Canning Park

Join Anthony Chin for an engaging and in-depth exploration around 'BMA' as part of Portals visual art exhibition!

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.sg/e/artist-talk-50-million-grams-tickets-1316028559849?aff=oddtcreator>

# ALL-DAY PROGRAMME

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# Craft Activities

AGES 5 AND UP

1 - 25 MAY 2025  
10AM - 5PM

ATRIUM,  
FORT CANNING CENTRE

NATIONAL PARKS  
LET'S HAVE SINGAPORE  
SUKSES BERSAMA SAMA

FORT CANNING PARK

## Drop-in Craft Activities

1 - 25 May | 10am - 5pm | Fort Canning Centre

Join us for hands-on craft activities, including planting your own plant pots, building your own 3D models of the Fort Gate, making your own spice cards, and colouring activity sheets!

# TENANT PROMOTIONS

A promotional graphic for Le Jardin's Tea Time Set. The background is white with a delicate floral pattern. At the top right is the Le Jardin logo, a stylized flower above the text 'LE JARDIN'. A light-colored banner with a ribbon effect contains the text 'TEA TIME SET'. Below the banner, the text reads 'Monday - Friday: 3pm - 5pm (Except for Public Holidays)'. The main offer is 'Choice of Drink (Black coffee / Tea) + Choice of Snack (Plain Croissant / Plain Fries / Scoop of Ice-cream)'. The graphic includes illustrations of a croissant, a newspaper titled 'Le Man', a cup of coffee, and a teapot pouring tea into a cup. A circular badge in the bottom right corner shows the price reduction: 'U.P. \$17.8' and 'Now \$9.8'. At the very bottom, a small line of text states 'ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO PREVAILING GST & SERVICE CHARGE'.

**Le Jardin – Afternoon Tea Set Promotion**  
Weekdays (excl. PH) | 3pm – 5pm | Le Jardin,  
Fort Canning Park

Enjoy 1 drink (Black Coffee/Tea) and 1 snack (Plain Croissant / Fries / Scoop of Ice-cream) for only \$9.8 (UP \$17.8)!

Available weekdays only, excluding Public Holidays.

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Scan the QR code or click on the link below to  
participate in the survey. Thank you!



<https://go.gov.sg/echoesatthefort-feedback>

