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Fireworks Spectacular for River Hongbao 2019 – Bicentennial Edition

In line with Singapore's bicentennial commemoration in 2019, the upcoming edition of River Hongbao in February 2019 will feature the most spectacular fireworks in the event's 33-year history.

18 October 2018 - Some of the top pyrotechnics wizards from around the world will congregate in Singapore to deliver spectacular fireworks shows for the bicentennial edition of River Hongbao 2019, which will be held from 3rd to 10th February 2019 at The Float @ Marina Bay.

Hailing from Australia, China, USA and Italy, these global award-winning fireworks experts not only offer spectators diversity in the different types of fireworks and choreography each specialises in, they have amassed a dazzling portfolio of work for world-class events. Please refer to **Annex A** for information on fireworks companies.

As the fireworks have always been a stand-out event for fans of River Hongbao - which is free for entry - the organisers want to make sure that the special "Fireworks Spectacular" can be enjoyed by as many people as possible.

Visitors will be able to enjoy the fireworks, which will last for at least three minutes, on all eight nights of River Hongbao. On four special nights (February 3, 4, 9 and 10), visitors will be more than triply dazzled by 12 minutes' worth of fireworks spread over three time slots per night, as shown in **Annex B**.

The main sponsor for the fireworks is POSB, and 3rd February has been designated as POSB Night. Singapore Press Holdings Chinese Media Group is the sponsor for the fireworks on the eve of Chinese New Year.

Chairman of the River Hongbao organising committee, Jurong GRC MP Ang Wei Neng, said, "2019 is a very special year for Singapore. As one of the first big events of the year, River Hongbao is the perfect platform to not only usher in the Spring Festival, but also to kick-start the string of activities that will continue with the rest of our bicentennial commemoration throughout the year."

Fans of River Hongbao can expect the usual larger-than-life lantern displays, interactive fun, a food street, and nightly performances. More information will be shared at a later stage.



Said Mr Ang, "The River Hongbao – bicentennial edition will not only be a joyous occasion celebrated by the Chinese, but will also be suitable for all races, all cultures and all ages, especially the amazing fireworks display."

Ticket Registration

Tickets for the fireworks displays on 3rd, 9th and 10th February 2019 are still available. Registration for the free tickets will open at 9:00am on 20th October 2018 (Saturday) at www.riverhongbao.sg.

Tickets for 4th February 2019 (eve of Chinese New Year) will be made available to the public in early November 2018.

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About River Hongbao

As a part of Singapore's Chinese New Year festivities since 1987, River Hongbao is organised by the Singapore Federation of Chinese Clan Associations, Singapore Press Holdings, the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Singapore Tourism Board and People's Association.

For more information, please visit: www.riverhongbao.sg and <https://www.facebook.com/riverhongbaosg/>



ANNEX A

Fireworks Companies Featured in River Hongbao 2019

AUSTRALIA - Howard & Sons Pyrotechnics

Started in 1922 as a one-man show, Howard & Sons Pyrotechnics have grown over four generations into a company specialising in large-scale pyrotechnic and firework displays. They routinely put up fireworks shows over the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge for major events like Australia Day, and the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

For more information, please visit <https://howardsfireworks.com.au/>

CHINA - Tang Hua Fireworks

With over 30 years of experience, Tang Hua Fireworks have been deployed at major events including the Beijing and London Olympic Games. Its fireworks have dazzled people all over the world in Europe, America and Asia.

For more information, please visit <http://www.tanghuafireworks.com/>

USA - Pyro Spectaculars Inc

With a 42-year history, Pyro Spectaculars is one of the largest fireworks companies in the United States. Its hallmark displays throughout the years include Summer and Winter Olympics events and 4th July celebrations.

For more information, please visit <https://www.pyrospec.com/>

ITALY - Parente Fireworks

Founded in 1905 and boasting over 110 years of history, the company has put up shows in over 26 countries, from national to sports events to concerts. In 2012, the company entered the World Guinness Record Book with the production of the largest fireworks of the world during the celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the Arab emirate's Constitution held in Kuwait City, Kuwait.

For more information, please visit <http://parente.it/>



ANNEX B

Duration of RHB Fireworks Displays (3-10 February 2019)

Date / Time	3 Feb*	4 Feb#	5 Feb	6-Feb	7-Feb	8-Feb	9-Feb*	10-Feb*
8:00 PM	1 min						1 min	1 min
9:00 PM	1 min						1 min	1 min
10:00 PM	10 min	1 min	3 min	3 min	3 min	3 min	10 min	10 min
11:00 PM		1 min						
12 midnight		10 min						
Total Duration	12 min	12 min	3 min	3 min	3 min	3 min	12 min	12 min

Notes:

Dates highlighted in **yellow** are the nights with international choreographed fireworks

Dates not highlighted are the nights with local choreographed fireworks

* Seats will only be reserved for the ticket holders until 7.45pm

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