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Let's Talk About Heritage!

talking shop



venue	Betel Box Living Bistro 200 Joo Chiat Road S(427471)
date time	Saturday, 25 February, 3.00 – 4.30 pm
admission	Free and open to the public
registration	http://cakapheritage.eventbrite.com (Limited to 30 participants.)

Heritage, it seems, is no longer a thing of the past. Recently, there has been a clamour to save our heritage so as to preserve it for posterity as well as provide those of us in the present with a sense of rootedness to this place we call home.

From old mosaic-tiled playgrounds to a centuries-old cemetery - what is heritage to you? What is your heritage? Why is it precious to you? Come share your thoughts with us about your heritage and why it resonates so deeply with you. This is a good opportunity for heritage enthusiasts to mingle with one another to talk about the topic that is dear to their hearts - heritage.

In this session, our guest speaker, Dr Lai Ah Eng, will kick off the discussion with a topic on the landmarks that are characteristic of our heartlands. *Kopitiams*, provision shops, food stalls and markets in our local housing communities are arguably some of the little living heritage sites that make and mark the local community. Embedded in them are vital economic,

cultural, community and heritage roles and values that



have evolved over time in local communities and their histories all over Singapore. But will they survive the intense and aggressive forces of economic competition and

change, especially with big capital moving right into local communities and with residents' changing consumer behaviours?

Enjoy the discussion in a casual atmosphere and free flow of tea and coffee at the event venue, Betel Box Living Bistro (right). Do check out the cakes



and other delicious food and beverages there too!



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