



**Girl Guides  
Singapore**

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## **Mrs Mary Tan Heralds a New Era as the Patron of Girl Guides Singapore**

Singapore, 24 November 2011 - In an installation ceremony at the Guide House on Thursday, Mrs Mary Tan, will be installed as the new Patron of Girl Guides Singapore (GGS).

Mrs Mary Tan will be hosted by the Council and Executive Committee of GGS at the Movement's head quarters at Bishan. A Guard of Honour consisting of Brownies, Guides and Young Adults will welcome the new Patron. These girls and young women represent the 3 key branches of membership of GGS.

Mrs Mary Tan will tour the premise and witness the founding and history of the Movement. She will also have the opportunity to engage Brownies who will be having their Pack Holiday Training on the premise. These 24 Brownies will be learning handicraft and playing outdoor games under the supervision of their Guiders. The Pack Holiday Training allows for greater bonding amongst the girls and caters to more focused training.

Mrs Mary Tan was born in Singapore on 5 December 1940. She graduated from the then University of Singapore in 1962 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and in 1963 with a Diploma in Education. She was a secondary school teacher before committing herself to be a homemaker. She has three sons, one daughter and five grandchildren. Mrs Tan enjoys reading, gardening and attending plays and cultural shows.

Mrs Mary Tan succeeds Mrs S R Nathan who stepped down after 12 years in office.

"We welcome Mrs Tan as the new patron of GGS as we celebrate 100 years of Guiding worldwide. Her installation is very timely as this period heralds a new era for Guiding as the organization embarks on a series of key initiatives aimed at bringing Guiding to a whole new level" said Mrs Joy Balakrishnan, President, Girl Guides Singapore.

### **Summary Role of Patron of Girl Guides Singapore:**

- Supports Girl Guides Singapore (GGS) in the Mission and Vision of the organisation.
- Promotes the Stature of GGS publicly in line with the Values and Objectives of the organisation.
- Provides advice and counsel on specific direction or activities of GGS.
- Appoints GGS President on the recommendation of Council.
- Host and/or attend fundraising events that supports GGS.
- Attends GGS public and major events as Guest-of-Honour.

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## **Programme**

- 2.00 pm : Arrival of Guests
- 2.25 pm : Arrival of Mrs Chua Yen Ching, Chief Commissioner, GGS
- 2.30 pm : Arrival of Mrs Joy Balakrishnan, President, GGS
- 3.00 pm : Arrival of Mrs Mary Tan, Patron of GGS
- 3.05 pm : Commencement of the Installation Ceremony
  - : Welcome address by Mrs Joy Balakrishnan
  - : Presentation of Patron Sash and Name Tag
  - : Presentation of Token of Appreciation
  - : Tour of Guide House and Visiting Resident Brownie Pack Holiday Training
  - : Tea Reception
- 4.00 pm : End of Programme

## **Girl Guides Singapore**

Started in 1917, Girl Guides Singapore (GGS) is a non-profit Uniformed Group that is part of the World Association of Girl Guides and Guide Scouts (WAGGGS). It has over 10,000 members in Singapore and is the largest and choice Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) group for girls. There are more than 10 million members in 145 countries today.

GGS teaches leadership, promotes resourcefulness and supports cultural diversity in today's world, for today's girls. We offer opportunities and challenges that shape each girl into a leader of courage, confidence and character. As she takes her place and makes her mark in the world, the Girl Guides experience is something a girl will carry with her for life.

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