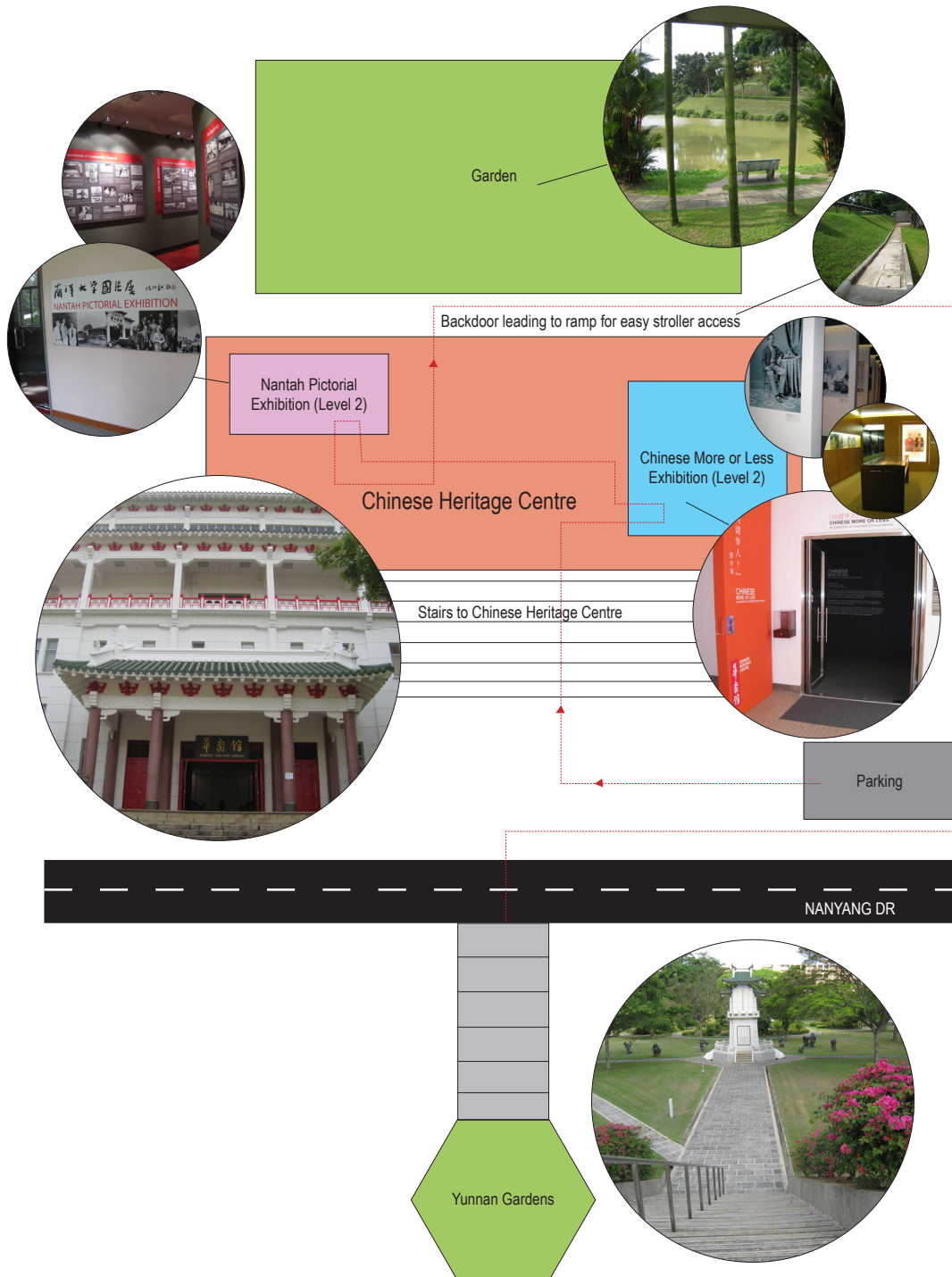


CHINESE HERITAGE CENTRE



1. Chinese Heritage Centre at a Glance

When planning a trip to visit the Chinese Heritage Centre, pack a picnic lunch as well since the Yunnan Gardens is right in front of the Centre. Although not completely stroller-friendly – you would have to walk some stairs to Yunnan Gardens – don't let it stop you from visiting this beautiful and quiet garden with your family.

The exhibition rooms are open weekdays from 9.30am to 5pm and 10am to 5pm on weekends (closed on public holidays). You could visit the two exhibitions at the Chinese Heritage Centre first in the afternoon and then head on over to the garden for your picnic so that you can enjoy the cooler late afternoon weather while you are outside.

Admission to the exhibitions are free but there are guided tours that cost \$3 per adult and \$1 for students and senior citizens. If you have pre-schoolers with short attention span with you, a guided tour might not be necessary since you'd probably want to move through the exhibits pretty quickly. However, if you have a baby in a stroller, consider arranging for a guide to maximise your learning opportunity of. Requests for guided tours must be made at least one week in advance. Call 6790 6176 or email chc@ntu.edu.sg.

2. Chinese More or Less Exhibition: An Exhibition on Overseas Chinese Identity

According to the Chinese Heritage Centre, the goal of this exhibition is to explore the diversity of Chinese people outside China and question if a person's "Chinese-ness can be quantified". If you are a born and raised Chinese in

Singapore with significant exposure to Western media and influences, you'll enjoy how this exhibition brings you back to your roots on what it means to be Chinese.

The exhibition starts out with a "Self" theme where you will observe how Chinese see themselves through their self-portraits taken in the 19th and 20th centuries. For example, the 19th century portraits show Chinese holding books, which are considered a symbol of success during that time. You will also see how westerners viewed the Chinese in those days.

Other exhibits include "Other Chinese", "Generations", "Appeal of Chinese Nationalism", "Chinese and Beyond", and "Cosmopolitans".

3. 1927-1940 Video

Don't miss this rare lifestyle footage of a Chinese Indonesian family, taken during 1927-1940, a period when many could not afford video cameras. In the video, see if you can spot Yue Hwa Emporium and enjoy the old scenes of Singapore when horse-drawn carriages, trishaws and electric trams lined the streets.

4. Nantah Pictorial Exhibition

Don't miss the opportunity to learn about Nantah's history through this pictorial exhibition located in a separate area in the building.

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