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***Flow: Making Waves Since 1971*, Singapore Canoe Federation takes paddlers through a journey of 50 years**

Singapore, 19 April 2022 – The Singapore Canoe Federation (SCF) celebrated the launch of its 50th anniversary commemorative book, *Flow: Making Waves Since 1971*, on Sunday, 3 April 2022, 11.00am to 12.30pm, at the Singapore Sports Hub Library.

The launch saw about 40 attendees coming together for the Federation's 50th Golden Jubilee. The guests comprised the Federation's Council, pioneers, athletes, paddling enthusiasts, and partners such as Sport Singapore, Singapore Sports Hub, and PAssion WaVe, who have contributed immensely to the sport of canoeing.

Mr Desmond Lee (Minister for National Development & Minister-in-charge of Social Services Integration) and Ms Sun Xueling (Minister of State, Ministry of Education & Ministry of Social and Family Development), who are the Advisors to the Federation, were also present at the event to congratulate SCF on the launch of its 50th anniversary commemorative book. The writer of *Flow*, Ms Bridgette See, was also present as a Guest-of-Honour.

Flow commemorates the history of canoeing over the last 50 years. It covers how canoeing took root in Singapore, the challenges that the SCF faced in the early years, and how the SCF and the canoeing community overcame these obstacles and adversities. For example, the book features the story of how canoeing pioneers from the Teachers' Training College made the transition from sampans to canoes when the sport first started out in Singapore. The book also details how the SCF pushed forward with grit and resilience during challenging periods in the 1970s and 1990s when the morale of volunteers started to wane. With the support of partners like Sport Singapore, Singapore National Olympic Council and Singapore Pools, as well as many other affiliates, such as the Public Utilities Board Recreational Club and Vigilante Corps, the SCF managed to overcome its challenges through the years to develop an increasingly vibrant canoeing community in Singapore.

Through hitherto untold paddling stories, *Flow* captures the essence of the SCF's extraordinary journey of growth while documenting the rich historical and cultural sporting heritage associated with canoeing in Singapore over the last 50 years.

Canoeing has been closely tied to schools as most paddlers learn the foundations of the sport in school. With the introduction of the Kid-In-A-Kayak programme by the SCF (later taken over by ActiveSG), paddlers can learn the foundations from an even younger age. The National School Games (NSG) for canoeing recently returned from 4 to 7 April 2022, after a 2-year hiatus. It is the largest annual inter-school competition in Singapore. Through the NSG, the SCF identifies potential athletes for the National Team and supports them in their pursuits of sports excellence. The return of the NSG right after the 50th anniversary commemorative book launch was a timely boost for the paddling community.



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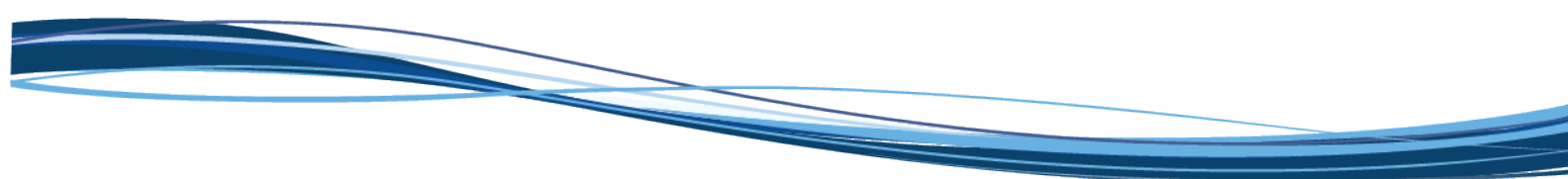
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The book launch saw approximately 40 attendees at the Singapore Sports Hub Library.



Mr Desmond Lee, Minister for National Development & Minister-in-charge of Social Services Integration, congratulated the Federation on the launch of *Flow: Making Waves Since 1971*.





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Ms Sun Xueling, Minister of State, Ministry of Education & Ministry of Social and Family Development, shared fondly on the past events she attended as Advisor of the Federation.



Ms Bridgette See, writer of *Flow*, talked about her journey and experience of writing the book.



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About Singapore Canoe Federation

The Singapore Canoe Federation (SCF) was founded in 1971 and is the National Sports Association responsible for the management, development and promotion of canoeing in Singapore. It represents the interest of its athletes and members to Sport Singapore (Previously known as the Singapore Sports Council), the Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC), the public and other International Canoeing bodies.

The SCF aims to promote opportunities for public participation in a full range of canoeing activities in Singapore with high standards of safety. Among other things, the SCF aspires to:

- Nurture and prepare its elite and potential athletes to medal at the SEA Games, Asian Games and other regional/international competitions.
- Uphold high standards of sportsmanship.
- Champion the development and enjoyment by the public of all canoeing disciplines in Singapore.
- Develop and promote Singapore as a venue of choice for regional/international canoeing championships/events.

The SCF is affiliated to the International Canoe Federation (ICF), the Asian Canoe Confederation (ACC), SNOC and the People's Association (PA). For more information, please visit www.scf.org.sg.

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