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## Items donated by the family of Haji Yusoff to NHB, MHF

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Tue, May 21, 2013 at 1:25 PM

To: "Alvin TAN (NHB)" &lt;Alvin\_TAN@nhb.gov.sg&gt;

Cc: "ZURAIDAH ABDULLAH (SPF)" &lt;zuraidah\_abdullah@spf.gov.sg&gt;, Julina Khusaini &lt;julina@mhf.org.sg&gt;, "Norsaleen SALLEH (NHB)" &lt;Norsaleen\_SALLEH@nhb.gov.sg&gt;, Khir Johari &lt;khir19@gmail.com&gt;, Zulkarnine Hafiz &lt;zulkarnine@figolive.com&gt;, Zafirah Zulkarnine &lt;mas@figolive.com&gt;

Dear Alvin,

Hope you are well!

I am following up on the matter of the items that were donated by the family of Haji Yusoff (Gedung Kuning) to the Malay Heritage Foundation (MHF). Please refer to the NHB\_Receipt\_12\_Sept\_1999 attachment.

Julina had informed me in her email of 9 April 2012 about the state of the mirrors that were donated. Madam Zuraidah Abdullah also informed me on 8 April 2012 that "We will ensure that the acknowledgement tag is attached to all donated items that are put on display at the Gedung Kuning."

In October 2012, the Malay Heritage Centre (MHC) had liaised with Khir Johari regarding the donated items that the MHC wanted to discard and the issue of storage of those items. Khir informed me that the matter had since been resolved and that MHC had retained those items (with exception from a few that were broken or destroyed due to termite infestation in the Tagore Lane warehouse).

I would like to know the following:

1. What are the final donated items that remained in custody of the MHC/MHF?

Kindly furnish me with the list (including where they are located).

2. Have the acknowledgement tags been put up?

If **No**, when will they be put up? What words go on the tags?

If **Yes**, I would like to see the items and tags to make sure.

If no tags had been made, please consider the following wordings on the tags:

Sample: Kitchen Cabinet

Donated by the Family of Haji Yusoff bin Haji Mohamed Noor (owner of Gedung Kuning from 1912-1999)

I sincerely hope that the NHB will take proper care of those items; some are more than 100 years old. The family was shocked to hear that our long dining table was punctured with holes from the big stapler used to put the skirting of a buffet table!

I would also like to clarify in case I would be accused of being a “busy-body” in this matter. Besides being Haji Yusoff’s granddaughter, I have been instructed by my uncle Abdullah Joffri who is one of the trustees of the estate of Haji Yusoff to check on this matter. In addition, I also hold the Power of Attorney of Othman bin Haji Yusoff (Haji Yusoff’s son) that allows me to check on all estate matters.

I hope you will revert on this as soon as possible. For your information, the MHC under the previous management only put up the acknowledgement tags in mid 2006, 3 years after I had requested them on 27 February 2003. Furthermore, it seems that the MHF and even Mamanda restaurant would not respond to my emails about matters regarding Gedung Kuning. Examples being the Mango Tree issue and the Rumah Bendahara name. Their non-response had propelled me to write to the press about those matters. I hope this will not happen again in the future as it would only reflect unfavourably of their management.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Hidayah

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From: **Julina Khusaini** <julina@mhf.org.sg>

Date: Mon, Apr 9, 2012 at 1:37 PM

Subject: RE: Gedung Kuning

To: Hidayah Amin <hidayah.amin@gmail.com>, Zulkarnine Hafiz <zulkarnine@figolive.com>, Masmunah Abdullah <mas@figolive.com>, Khir Johari <khir19@gmail.com>

Cc: "ZURAIDAH ABDULLAH (SPF)" <zuraidah\_abdullah@spf.gov.sg>

Noted with thanks.

Wrt to the broken mirrors... we may need to consult with our legal side, what's the best recourse....so, do allow us some time to sort this out.

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From: **Zuraidah ABDULLAH (SPF)** <Zuraidah\_ABDULLAH@spf.gov.sg>

Date: Sun, Apr 8, 2012 at 3:53 PM

Subject: RE: Gedung Kuning

To: Hidayah Amin <hidayah.amin@gmail.com>

Cc: Julina Khusaini <julina@mhf.org.sg>

Dear Hidayah


Thank you for your support and inputs on this matter.

We will ensure that the acknowledgement tag is attached to all donated items that are put on display at the Gedung Kuning.

Yours sincerely

Zuraidah

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