

RI to curate mini-exhibition, present written tributes to Lee family

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Raffles Institution (RI), the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew's alma mater, will not only curate a mini-exhibition within the school's museum, but also present students' written tributes to his family at Parliament House, where Mr Lee's body will lie in state from tomorrow to Saturday.

The Republic's first Prime Minister died at 3.18am yesterday at the Singapore General Hospital. He was 91.

Yesterday, flags at Ministry of Education (MOE) schools flew at half-mast as a mark of respect for Mr Lee. Schools also observed a minute of silence during their morning assemblies, said an MOE spokesperson.

Today, school leaders are expected to address students and staff during assembly to reflect on Mr Lee's life and legacy.

Teachers, staff and students from government schools and post-secondary education institutions, as well as

staff from MOE headquarters will also participate in state events, such as the special Parliament sitting and State Funeral service.

RI principal Chan Poh Meng told TODAY that the mini-exhibition is expected to be ready by Thursday. His staff will put together materials and photos of Mr Lee for the exhibit at the Raffles Archives and Museum. Mr Lee was a student of the old RI at Stamford Road from 1936 to 1940.

"He is definitely an exemplary Rafflesian and he's led the way with regard to many things that he has done, and, what more, for the nation," said Mr Chan, 58.

Open only to the school's students, staff and alumni, the exhibition is expected to be up for at least half a month.

Mr Chan said the current batch of 4,500 RI students will also spend two sessions with their civics tutors to further reflect on Mr Lee's contributions and pen their thoughts.

The written tributes will be com-

plied into A3-sized documents that Mr Chan said he hoped to present to the Lee family on Saturday.

At Telok Kurau Primary School, which Mr Lee attended as a student, pupils yesterday made paper flowers during their recess breaks. The flowers will be bundled to create a bouquet that will be placed at the Parliament House tribute area, said principal Charis Wong.

The school will conduct a special assembly today to pay tribute to Mr Lee, she said.

Separately, in an email to Nanyang Technological University (NTU) alumni, its president Bertil Andersson noted how Mr Lee had taken a personal interest in the development of the university from its early days.

Mr Lee would visit the campus unannounced to observe how the initial academic buildings were shaping up and suggested various improvements for the school.

"In the passing of Mr Lee, we are reminded of the ideals we should all

aspire towards, including a dedication to nurturing the younger generation who will strengthen and sustain Singapore's success globally," said Professor Andersson.

A memorial service will be held at NTU's Nanyang Auditorium, and more details will be released in a subsequent email to the alumni.

The National University of Singapore (NUS) will hold a special memorial ceremony in Mr Lee's honour today from 2pm to 3pm at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.

NUS president Professor Tan Chorh Chuan said: "There are many things for which we thank Mr Lee, including his unwavering focus on building an outstanding educational system in Singapore. All of us at NUS mourn the passing of an eminent alumnus, an inspirational leader and a true icon of our times."

The Singapore Management University has set up a page on its website for people to post their tributes to Mr Lee.



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