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More performers, heartland engagement for Chingay 2015

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Next year's Chingay parade, to be held over one month, will see 11,000 performers from 150 organisations taking part.

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A total of 11,000 performers from 150 organisations are expected to take part in Chingay 2015. (Photo: Haikal Latiff)

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SINGAPORE: Chingay 2015 will be an even better spectacle next year – and will be the biggest and grandest in the parade's history, announced Mr Ang Hak Seng, Chief Executive Director for the People's Association (PA) on Thursday (Oct 16).

For the first time, the parade will be held over one month in February next year. A total of 11,000 performers from 150 organisations are expected to take part – up from the 8,000 who took part in this year's parade. More than 60 schools and at least 40,000 students will also participate as volunteers and ambassadors.



Themed "We Love Singapore" in celebration of SG50, the parade will showcase one million handmade "flowers" made from recycled plastic

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bags. More than 300,000 Singaporeans and households have already made 600,000 "flowers" to be used on floats and costumes.



Floats visiting the five heartlands will allow members of the public to board them at the start and end points of each heartland parade. More local content will also be featured as part of the parade's aim to engage residents.

Mr Ang added: "Chingay next year will be special. It is a gift from our people to our people. Through Chingay as our international festival, Singapore will also share the joy of celebrating our 50th anniversary with our friends all over the world."

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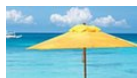
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