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Former President S R Nathan launches new book

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The book contains a series of wide-ranging interviews where Mr Nathan reflects on modern Singapore, its history and significant achievements. He also recalls encounters with some of Singapore's pioneer nation builders.



SINGAPORE: Former President S R Nathan's life has been closely tied to Singapore's history over the past fifty years. Law Minister K Shanmugam said this on Monday (Jan 19) at the official launch of Mr Nathan's new book, titled In Conversation.

"Through the many decades of his public sector career, Mr Nathan applied himself completely to the service of Singapore and Singaporeans. And he did so with great success and distinction," Mr Shanmugam said.

"His story is not just the story about the achievements of an individual. It is also a story that is inextricably linked with the story of our nation. As a young man, he survived the Japanese Occupation, witnessed first-hand our transition to self-government, merger and eventual independence."

The book contains a series of wide-ranging interviews where Mr Nathan reflects on modern Singapore, its history and significant achievements. He also recalls encounters with some of Singapore's pioneer nation builders, and warns of the challenges that the country faces today.

"I've met many interesting people, people in my life - some young, some old. I have also always come away from these conversations

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with them enriched in some way. Often, I wanted to know more. So, at the risk of seeming presumptuous, I thought it possible that some people might like to read a wide-ranging series of conversations with me," said Mr Nathan.

"I have expressed my thoughts as they came to be, very informally. I don't pretend that this is a scholarly work of history. It's a sense of extended chats, and opinions of my own."

The book will go on sale at major bookstores from Friday. There will be a book-signing session for the public at Times bookstore at Tampines One on Saturday at 2pm.

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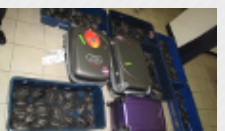


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