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First established in 1968, the National Archives of Singapore (NAS) houses the collective memory of Singapore as a nation, so that current and future generations of Singaporeans will understand its different cultures, explore common heritage and appreciate how far we have come in the nation-building process.

From government files, private memoirs, historical maps and photographs to oral history interviews and audio-visual materials, NAS collects, preserves and manages Singapore's public and private archival records, some of which date back to the early 19th century. As the official custodian of the corporate memory of the government, NAS manages public records and provides advice to government agencies on records management. NAS' repository of archival materials makes it a trusted research centre for anyone seeking information about the country's history. **Outreach** NAS promotes public interest in Singapore's history and heritage through **travelling exhibitions** that are placed in schools, community clubs, shopping centres and other locations around the island. Interactive versions of several exhibitions can also be found online. NAS also holds **guided tours** and **enrichment programmes** at its two World War II interpretive centres, namely *Reflections at Bukit Chandu* and *Memories of Old Ford Factory*. These permanent galleries display artefacts and a wealth of historical information about those who fought valiantly to defend the country from the Japanese invaders and life in Singapore during the occupation that followed the fall of Singapore. **Publications** Over the years, NAS has produced many notable publications and interactive resources which are useful to students, researchers and anyone interested in the history and heritage of the nation. These publications and interactive resources are anchored on our archives and are essential tools in sharing the collective memory of Singapore.

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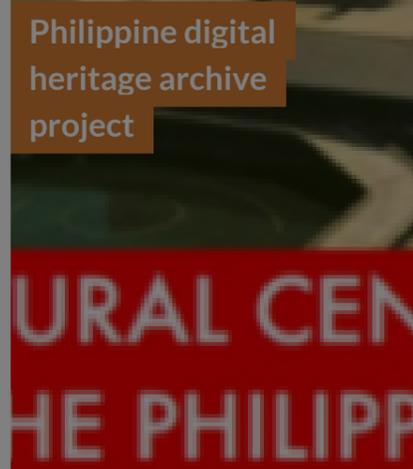
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