



Old Raffles Institution Building

The oldest school in Singapore, Raffles Institution, was once centrally located where City Hall MRT station now sits. Sir Stamford Raffles himself laid the foundation stone in 1823, but the school was only completed 14 years later to welcome its first batch of boys in 1837. While the iconic school building with its brick-red gabled roof, whitewashed walls, arched pillars, and stately banyan tree no longer stands here, its current campus in Bishan retains many of its historical elements that remain beloved throughout the generations.



CHIJMES

Originally established in 1854 as an orphanage and the first Catholic girls' school in Singapore, Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus (CHIJ), CHIJMES today stands tall in Singapore's civic district as a popular wedding and dining venue. It is renowned for its intricate stained glass windows and five-storey chapel spire.



Old National Library Building

Opened in 1960, the red-brick National Library Building that once stood at Stamford Road was a beloved landmark. The library's sturdy aesthetic represented British architecture of its time. It was eventually demolished in 2004 to make way for the Singapore Management University campus and the Fort Canning Tunnel. The iconic entrance pillars were saved and erected at the site, as a reminder of the library.



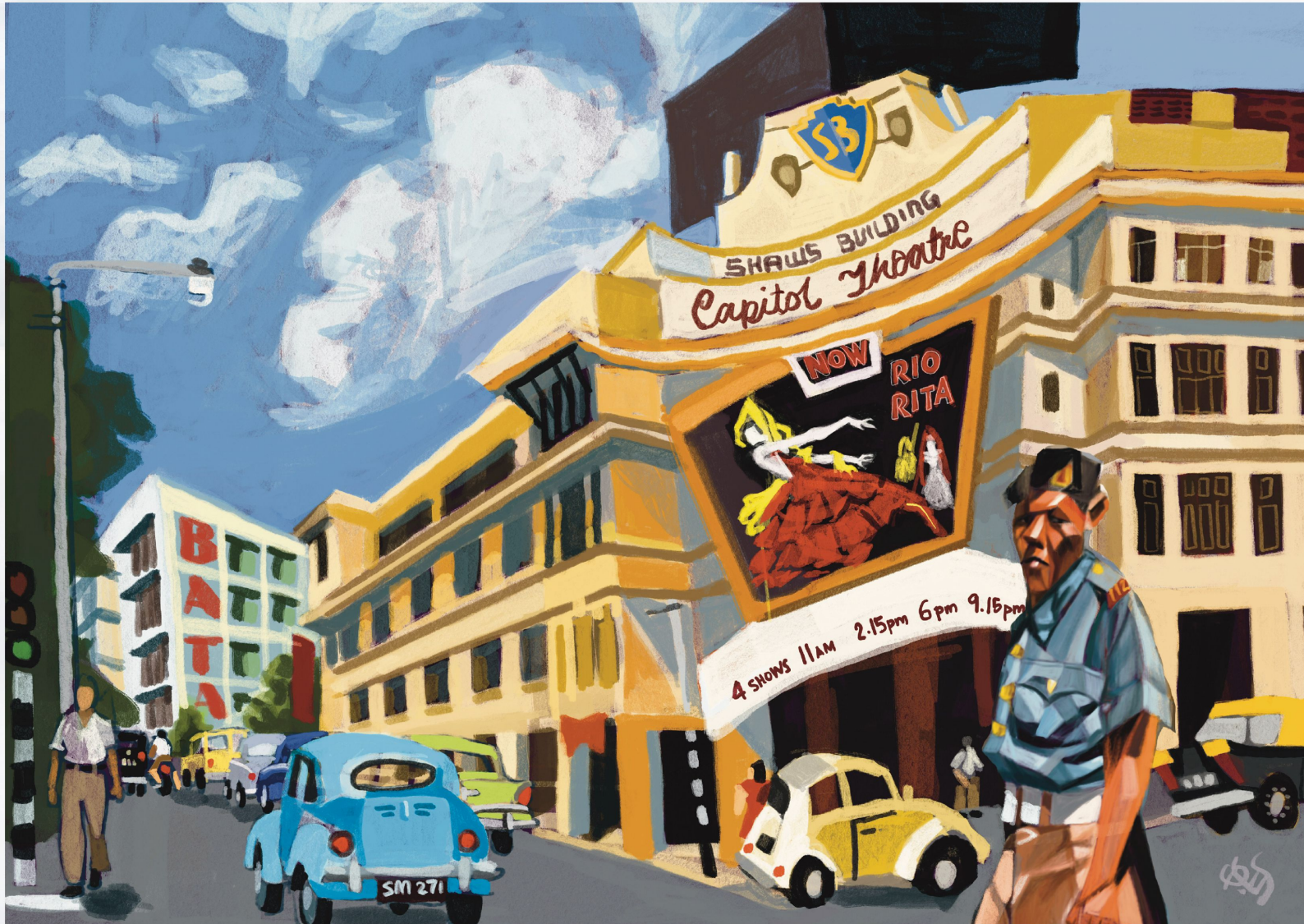
Central Fire Station

Standing guard at the foot of Fort Canning Hill on Hill Street since 1909 is Singapore's oldest surviving fire station, Central Fire Station. Over the decades, it has accommodated firefighters who bravely participated in national rescue efforts, like the Bukit Ho Swee fires in 1961 and the collapse of Hotel New World in 1986. It is still fully operational today. An imposing 110 feet tall watchtower overlooks the row of rescue vehicles, ever ready to heed the call of duty.



Lim Bo Seng Memorial

Nestled in the peaceful greenery of Esplanade Park is the Lim Bo Seng Memorial. It is Singapore's only memorial to an individual war hero in World War 2 and a poignant tribute to Major-General Lim Bo Seng's unwavering loyalty to his comrades in Force 136. Four bronze lions stoutly stand guard around the 3.6 metre high octagonal pagoda, distinctively topped with a three-tiered bronze roof.



Capitol Theatre and Building

Watching a movie was an exciting affair at Capitol, back in its heyday. Situated at the buzzing junction of North Bridge Road and Stamford Road, absolutely no one could miss the glamorous Capitol Building, with its eye-catching billboard and iconic Neoclassical exterior fronting the adjoining Capitol Theatre. As Singapore's largest and grandest cinema in 1930 when it opened, Capitol Theatre was truly the place to be for everyone who wanted to catch the latest film in town.