



NATIONAL DAY 2009

# The best of Singapore ... in cyberspace

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IT'S that time of the year when patriotism runs high and we take stock of the country's milestones and achievements that have put it on the global map. But what about the virtual map? This wired country of ours boasts its own landmarks in cyberspace, too. TODAY trawls the Internet and takes a look at some of Singapore's quirky cyber landmarks and figures.



Shot for a couple months with an assortment of Canon DSLRs and in Final Cut Pro 6 and Color was used for grading.

**BEST VIEW OF SINGAPORE: VIMEO.COM/3026569**  
Head to this beautiful time lapse video of Singapore to see the nocturnal side of the city immortalised in action at seemingly mundane locations. These range from the business district, the Singapore skyline, the heartlands and well, an expressway. Its creator, Mr Yeo Wee Han (tripeaksimagery.com), a director of photography with the Ministry of Education, took eight months to scout for locations and capture the footage with an assortment of DSLR cameras. The movie is pure eye-candy, and makes you see Singapore in a new light.



**NATIONAL DAY SONG (THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE): THINGS SO SINGAPOREAN (WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=BIW7loUT5Jo)**

Among netizens, this is the YouTube music video that seems to have upstaged this year's official National Day theme song written by Electrico. With lyrics penned by Judith d'Silva and a tune composed and sung by Ann Hussein, Things So Singaporean is about the quirks that make us who we are: the Kallang roar, acronyms and campaigns, reclaimed land and even the Dim Sum Dollies get a mention. It's been reported that some primary schools have started using the song in class. There's also an online group on Facebook that's trying to make it one of the songs for this Sunday's National Day Parade.

**NATIONAL ONLINE CAT: DUKEORANGE.POSTEROUS.COM**

The Merlion and Kucinta might lay claim to being our national cats but hey, there's a new feline in town by the not-so-local name of Duke Orange. This office cat has garnered quite a following online with his own blog.

Duke Orange was just a stray before his current owners adopted him and made him their office cat. Duke's everywhere – you can catch a live video stream of him napping (lately, with a Hello Kitty figurine on his belly), be his friend on Facebook, or follow his updates on Twitter (twitter.com/Dukeorange).

His blog posts – penned by his owner – are endearing (fun fact: he likes yogurt and papaya juice but hates banana) and entertaining, whether you're an animal lover or not.

In his blog, Duke explains how his excessive sleep is a "performance art", and posts information on a fellow stray kitty who was injured in a car accident so people could donate money for its medical fees. Aw.



**NATIONAL FOOD WEBSITE: WWW.HUNGRYGOWHERE.COM**

I don't think I need to explain how eating's a national past time. But where do you go to find food, served hot or cold, at any hour of the day? Like most Internet-savvy Singaporeans, your gastronomic journey will start at HungryGoWhere.com, where you'll find an endless variety of restaurants, hawker stalls and outlets ranked and reviewed by the exacting taste buds of Singaporeans. According to web metrics company Hitwise, it's the top local website when it comes to food. HungryGoWhere.com gets more than 380,000 unique visitors and about 3.4 million page views every month. That's a lot of hungry eyeballs.

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