

Our Singapore Flag



Origins:

The National Flag of Singapore is a symbol of statehood.

It replaced the Union Jack which had flown over Singapore for 140 years (1819-1959).

It was first conceived and created by the committee headed by Dr Toh Chin Chye (the then Deputy Prime Minister)

Together with the State Crest and the National Anthem, it was unveiled on 3 Dec 1959,

at the installation of the new Head of State, the Yang di-Pertuan Negara, at the City Hall steps.

Upon independence in 1965, it was adopted as the National Flag.

Meaning:

Our National Flag consists of two equal horizontal sections, red above white.

In the top left canton is a white crescent moon beside five white stars within a circle.

The features of the flag were not arbitrarily chosen.

Each feature has its own distinctive meaning and significance:

Red symbolises universal brotherhood and equality of man;

White signifies pervading and everlasting purity and virtue;

the **Crescent Moon** represents a young nation on the ascendant; and

the **Five Stars** stand for the nation's ideals of democracy, peace, progress, justice and equality.