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**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SINGAPORE COMMEMORATES SINGAPORE'S
OLYMPICS 2024 MEDAL WITH THE COLLECTION OF MAXIMILIAN MAEDER'S BIB**
*The bib, donated by Maeder, symbolises an important milestone in Singapore's sporting history
– the country's sixth medal at the global sports meet*

Singapore, 23 August 2024 - In commemoration of kitefoiler Maximilian Maeder's bronze medal win at the Paris Olympics 2024, the National Museum of Singapore will be adding the bib worn by Maeder during the Men's Kite Final to the National Collection.

Donated by Maeder, the nation's youngest Olympic medallist, the bib holds a strong significance to both him and Singapore, representing many 'firsts' in our sporting history. Apart from being the bib linked to Singapore's first podium finish of the Paris Olympics 2024, it also marks the country's first Olympic medal on National Day, and Maeder's first Olympic win – a new feat for the two-time kitefoiling world champion.

The collection of the bib is part of the Museum's *Collecting Contemporary Singapore* initiative, which aims to showcase and expand the Museum's contemporary collection of objects relating to Singapore's history. This donation was facilitated by Professor David Tan from the National University of Singapore, with the addition of Maeder's bib aimed at preserving this significant moment and documenting the event that put Singapore on the global map in the sport of kitefoiling.

"It's cool and unexpected that something I wore while racing can be part of our country's wonderful collection. I hope that the bib allows visitors to think back fondly of the times where Singaporeans came together because of sports, and the great experience on National Day where I managed to bring a present for Singapore," said Max Maeder.

Chung May Khuen, Director of the National Museum of Singapore, said, "The extraordinary performance by our youngest Olympic medallist is a moment worth remembering for generations to come. As we continue to tell Singapore's evolving story through meaningful additions to the Museum's collections, Max's donation preserves this significant milestone in our sporting history and the collective aspirations of all our athletes and their dedication to be at the top of their game. Congratulations once again to Max, and we believe that this is just the beginning of even greater things to come."

Once the bib is accessioned into the National Collection, the Museum will be considering opportunities to showcase the donation as part of the ongoing revamp of its permanent galleries. The bib also joins the collection of sports-related donations such as Joseph Schooling's

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autographed swimming racing suit and cap, and autographed running shoes worn by Shanti Pereira during the historic 19th Asian Games, where she brought home Singapore's first athletics gold medal since 1974.

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About the National Museum of Singapore

With a history dating back to 1887, the National Museum of Singapore is the nation's oldest museum with a progressive mind. Its galleries adopt multi-perspective ways of presenting history and culture featuring important artefacts that tell the stories of Singapore and the world to redefine the conventional museum experience. The museum is home to thought-provoking exhibitions and hosts exciting events all year round including the Singapore Night Festival. For more details, please visit www.nationalmuseum.sg.

About Collecting Contemporary Singapore initiative

The National Museum of Singapore's Collecting Contemporary Singapore initiative aims to build upon the museum's collection to encompass a broader social history of Singapore and major moments in the nation's recent history, revealing different perspectives of contemporary Singapore. The initiative focuses on different themes each year to encourage Singaporeans to contribute to the project and reflect upon life in Singapore in recent times.