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K-pop girl group Dal Shabet and MediaCorp celebrities headline NTU's star-studded concert

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Dal Shabet, one of K-pop's most popular girl groups and more than a dozen MediaCorp's hottest stars and deejays will be performing at the Nanyang Technological University's fiesta at the **Marina Bay Promontory** next month.

Open to the public, the free concert on **29 August** is part of **NTU Fest 2015**, the university's biggest student-run event. Comprising a day-long carnival, charity run and evening concert, the mega event marks the start of NTU's new academic year and is part of the university's celebration of the nation's Golden Jubilee.

Dal Shabet is slated to perform some of their most popular songs at NTU Fest, including Joker, the title track from their latest EP *Joker Is Alive*, which has swiftly garnered more than 4.4 million views on YouTube since April this year.

The group is thrilled to perform in Singapore. They were first here in 2011 to make their maiden overseas appearance at Singapore's Korean Music Wave concert.

Dal Shabet said, "University life holds our best memories of school, especially when we attend live concerts and have fun together. We're very excited to be in Singapore performing for such a meaningful event and we will do our best to put up a good show for all our fans here. We hope everyone will come and support NTU Fest!"

President of the NTU Students' Union, Ms Wu GuoYi, who initiated the first mega event last year, said, "We are really excited to have such high-powered celebrities devoting their time and talents to NTU Fest. This will certainly inspire our fellow student performers and volunteers to give their best. With a constellation of K-pop stars and MediaCorp artistes entertaining the crowd, this year's NTU Fest concert will be an evening to remember."

Platinum Media Partner MediaCorp contributes talents to NTU Fest

Launching the concert in the evening is Mr Heng Swee Keat, Minister for Education and Chairman of the Singapore50 (SG50) Steering Committee, who is expected to perform a National Day song, joined by the finalists of this year's The Final 1.

Three of the Eight Dukes of Caldecott Hill – Shane Pow, Jeffrey Xu, and Zhang Zhen Huan – will add their star power for the occasion.

Elvin Ng, Jeffrey Xu and Zhang Zhen Huan, who are also among the cast of Channel 8's new drama serial, *Sealed with a Kiss*, will be joined by award-winning actress Rebecca Lim on stage.

The young cast of Channel 5 drama, *Tanglin*, including Nat Ho, Eswari Gunasagar, Elfaeza Ul Haq, Charlie Goh and Jae Liew will also be sharing the spotlight with their Channel 8 counterparts.

With at least 199 episodes in the works, *Tanglin* is MediaCorp TV Channel 5's first long-form English drama that centres on the lives of multi-racial and multi-generational families living in a middle income neighbourhood. This will be the first time that fans can get up close with the stars from the TV series since the show started last month.

Hosting the concert that evening are 987FM's radio deejays Gerald Koh and Joakim Gomez, hosts of the zany show, *The Bro Code*. The 987FM Radio Star finalists will also be taking the stage.

"Music and performance have the power to bring people across generations and communities together, and we are delighted to support the NTU Fest through the participation of our artistes and personalities," said Mr Lai Mun Dart, Head, Youth Segment, MediaCorp. "This is also an opportunity for us to support NTU students in a major initiative they are running. We're truly impressed by their ideas, energy and drive to put together a great event for the community in a very special year for the nation."

In addition to the Korean and MediaCorp stars, homegrown band District 12 will also be performing that evening.

Carnival promises fun for all

Earlier in the afternoon, Education Minister, Mr Heng Swee Keat will flag off the 500m kid's run.

The carnival booths run by NTU students and vendors feature a variety of cuisines, games and fun activities for all ages.

The Straits Times, the event's Gold Media Partner, will also have a booth at the NTU Fest carnival.

NTU students will also showcase their diverse creativity and talent on stage in the afternoon, alongside local pop bands ORANGECOVE and The Paragoei.

This is the second year that NTU Fest is being organised. Last year's inaugural event at the Padang was a success, attracting more than 8,000 people and featured a slew of MediaCorp artistes and headline acts – K-pop stars Running Man's **Kang Gary** and singer **Jung In**.

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