

ANNEX A – Lim Hak Tai: Milestones of his life

- 1893** Born on May 28th in Xiamen, Fujian Province, China.
- 1915** Graduated from Provincial Art Teachers' Training College in Fuzhou, Fujian Province, China.
- 1915-1917** Taught at Siming High School.
- 1918-1929** Taught at Jimei Teachers' Training College when it was established in 1918.
- 1923** Co-Founder of Xiamen Academy of Fine Arts.
- 1936** Invited to teach in The Chinese High School, Singapore.
- 1937** Established NAFA at 167, Geylang.
Taught at The Chinese High School, Singapore.
- 1938** NAFA was officially registered in April. Besides being the Founding Principal and Dean of studies, he taught watercolor and oil painting. Much saddened due to the demise of his wife in Hong Kong. He consequently became more determined to promote Arts in Singapore.
- 1939** Due to expansion, NAFA shifted to 93, Serangoon Road.
- 1940** Graduation of NAFA's first student cohort.
- 1942** With the fall of Singapore during the Second World War, the Academy was closed. He then went to the Anti-Japanese Headquarters in the 'Chin Kang Clan Association' and assisted in the public work, gathering data for the Anti-Japanese campaign.
- 1946** NAFA reopened at 49, St Thomas Walk in 1946, after the Second World War.
- 1949** His talk on 'Art and Life' was broadcast over the Radio Malaya in Singapore.
- 1962** On June 3rd honored by the Singapore Government for the receipt of the Meritorious Award for his contribution to the society.
- 1963** Passed away at the age of 73 on 14th February at 9.15pm.