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# **HBO GO to Stream Award-Winning Mediacorp Titles for the First Time**

**Singapore, 29 July 2021** – Drama fans in eight territories across Asia will soon be able to catch intriguing, award-winning Singapore stories on <u>HBO GO</u>, as the premium content streaming platform acquires Mediacorp titles, *The Little Nyonya, Last Madame*, and *Titoudao* for its regional audience for the first time.

The three dramas, which share a common theme of women overcoming adversity during preindependence Singapore, will be available to audiences in Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam. This will start with *Last Madame* and *TiTouDao* which will stream on <u>HBO GO</u> starting from 1 August, while *The Little Nyonya* will be available from 1 September.

Set in the 1930s, *Last Madame* tells the story of Chi Ling, a banker, who returns from Hong Kong to settle an inheritance from her great-grandmother, Fung Lan, the last brothel owner in Singapore. She then uncovers the secrets and mysteries behind the inherited shophouse, and reconciles with her roots. The popular series took home the honour of Best Asian Drama at the prestigious Asia Contents Awards 2020, which recognises outstanding TV and OTT drama series throughout Asia.

*Titoudao* chronicles the ups and downs of celebrated wayang star Oon Ah Chiam who had to climb her way up to stardom. In the midst of this, she finds herself in a love triangle with two eligible men. The 13-episode series bagged the Best Original Screenplay award at the Asian Academy Creative Awards, while also taking home the Production of the Year and Best Original Script accolades at the Life! Theatre Awards.

The Little Nyonya tells the story of how a Peranakan lady overcame different struggles living in a traditional family, along with a jealous cousin who was envious of her many suitors. This highly successful series, which has received wide acclaim overseas, clinched several awards including Best Drama Series at the Asian Television Awards 2009, and was later re-adapted for the Chinese market.

For detailed synopses of the above titles, please refer to the Annex.

To enjoy the three classic series by Mediacorp, sign up for a HBO GO plan on meWATCH today for only \$13.98 a month or \$119.98 for an annual subscription. Go to mewatch.sg/hbo-go for more details.

Interested subscribers can also download the <u>HBO GO</u> app at <u>App Store</u> or <u>Play Store</u> or access it at <a href="https://www.hbogoasia.sg/">https://www.hbogoasia.sg/</a>. HBO GO is available on Android TV, Apple TV, LG TV and Samsung Smart TV - and comes with AirPlay and Google Cast functionality.

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## Annex – Synopses

### **Last Madame**

Shrouded with secrets and mysteries, a run-down shophouse in Singapore draws attention to banker Chi Ling who returns from Hong Kong to claim its inheritance. As she discovers the drudgeries and intrigues of her great-grandmother's world – in a brothel set in early 1940s Singapore – she is pushed to decide the fate of the building and to reconcile with her roots and history. The Last Madame is a story that intertwines two seemingly opposite generations through the fascinating story of Chi Ling and her great-grandmother, Fung Lan.

A story of the past and present – The Last Madame tells the story of the last brothel owner, Fung Lan, in 1940s Singapore. Set in 2019, the successful but cold-hearted Chi Ling returns from Hong Kong to settle an inheritance from her great-grandmother, Fung Lan – only to discover that therein lies deeper and controversial histories behind house.

## Titoudao《剃头刀-阿签传奇》

From a poor village girl to a famous wayang (Chinese Opera) star, *Titoudao* chronicles the colourful and turbulent life of celebrated wayang star Oon Ah Chiam. Born into a poor family of 12 children, Ah Chiam's father was always trying to get rid of her. She had to constantly prove herself in order to fight for chance to stay in the family. Fate brought her and her sister Ah Dui into the famous Sin Sai Hong wayang troupe. There she rose through the ranks through hard work and grit to become their top star. But not before she had to protect her sister from a lecherous trainer and fight off a scheming competitor Ah Ngor. And will she find love with the troupe master's son Ah Zai or a pushcart hawker Ah hock? Catch this 13-episodes show produced by Oak 3 Films.

## The Little Nyonya《小娘惹》

The 34-episodes series tells of a story that spans several decades, it tells the life of Yue Niang (Jeannette Aw), a pretty little Nyonya who is skilled in Peranakan, also known as Straits Chinese, cooking and sewing. Growing up in a traditional family, she is discriminated against as the granddaughter of a lowly second wife, a situation made worse by her mother's disapproved union with a Japanese photographer. Yue Niang's beauty and kindness attracted the attention of many suitors, but incur the jealousy of her cousin. She soon catches the eye of a rich, young man who had just returned from overseas, but she loves only Chen Xi (Qi Yu Wu), a rich man disguising as a 'penniless' driver. He is touched by her innocence and kindness, and falls deeply in love with her. But under immense pressure, he is forced to marry Yue Niang's cousin instead. Yue Niang, on the other hand, is sold to a local gangster, Liu Yi Dao (Yao Wen Long). She impresses him with her fearlessness, and becomes his sworn sister. She embarks on a journey to carve out her own life and succeeds despite several setbacks. However, there is still no sign of a man she truly loves.

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