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Suntec Singapore Disburses 'Rilla & Warren J. Buckley Meetings Industry Scholarship' Singapore's first MICE Scholarship

Singapore, 27 May 2008 - Suntec Singapore will disburse Singapore's first MICE scholarship fund in what it expects will be a catalyst for the development of the industry, from the ground up.

The first tranche of the 'Rilla & Warren J. Buckley Meetings Industry Scholarship' Fund will make its first disbursement to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (Singapore) for six of its students to attend the 6th Asia-Pacific (ApacCHRIE) Conference and THE-ICE International Panel of Experts Forum 2008 in Perth, Australia.

The 'Rilla & Warren J. Buckley Meetings Industry Scholarship' Fund, established in December 2007 to honour Warren J. Buckley, the former Chief Executive Officer of Suntec Singapore, was set up to help and provide students of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (Singapore) who want to pursue a MICE or hospitality education. The programme was set up to signify Mr. Buckley's and Suntec Singapore's continued commitment to shaping the MICE industry, both locally and internationally.

"We are proud to set this milestone and we believe this contribution will give the development of Singapore's MICE industry a nudge, identifying talent that will contribute and develop the market," said Pieter Idenburg, Chief Executive Officer of Suntec Singapore. "It's our way to give back to the MICE industry in a positive way."

The Apac CHRIE, a Chapter of I-CHRIE is an academic non-profit organisation for vocational colleges and universities offering programs of study in tourism and hospitality. With almost 1,400 members world-wide located in 57 countries, I-CHRIE is a tremendous source of interaction, information and influence for everyone committed to tourism and hospitality education. The Apac CHRIE conference will

hold its next conference in May 2009 in Singapore and at Suntec Singapore. As part of its values as well as for the learning experience of the students at UNLV Singapore, six students majoring in Hotel Administration with a double major in MICE (meetings, incentives, conventions and exhibitions) and Events have been selected to attend the Apac CHRIE conference in Perth to enable them to pick up useful tips as Conference Ambassadors as well as to plan, market, schedule, supervise and manage the conference next year. This educational trip will further help the students to understand the conference and learn how to manage the conference next year when it is held here in Singapore next year.

“Suntec Singapore's support for our students through the "Rilla & Warren J. Buckley Meetings Industry Scholarship" fund has provided educational opportunities that will help them gain experiences that are not possible in the classroom. Participants at this year's APacCHRIE Conference in Perth have all commented that this is a great way for students to apply what they learn in the classroom to the real world,” said Dr. Andy Nazarechuk, Dean of UNLV Singapore. “APacCHRIE's 2009 conference will be held at Suntec Singapore and our UNLV students will be responsible for planning all aspects for this conference. Everyone is excited and looking forward to next year's conference in Singapore. Without Suntec Singapore's financial support for this international MICE educational program - this experience would not be possible.”

Suntec Singapore, Asia's leading convention centre, has always supported students pursuing MICE-related education. During the IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings in 2006, 400 students from Temasek Polytechnic served as student volunteers at Suntec Singapore. We also offer internship programmes that have helped kick-start the careers of a number of individuals as they pursue jobs within Singapore's MICE industry.

To qualify for the scholarship, students must, amongst other criteria, meet the minimum GPA requirements for their courses. For more information on the scholarship, please call the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (Singapore) at +65 6332 9538.

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Suntec Singapore is a world-class venue located at the heart of Asia's most integrated meetings, conventions and exhibitions hub. With 100,000sqm of versatile floor space over six levels, this award-winning facility can cater to events from 10 to 20,000 persons. In addition, Suntec Singapore - Asia's Convention City offers direct access to 5,200 hotel rooms, 1,000 retail outlets, 300 restaurants and the region's newest centre for the performing arts, Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay. While only 20 minutes from Changi International Airport, Suntec Singapore is conveniently located adjacent to the Central Business District and just minutes from the city's entertainment and cultural attractions.

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