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Suntec Singapore Receives Highest Award for Contribution to the Arts

Singapore, 26 November 2008 – On the heels of a string of awards for the month of November, Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre, Singapore's eminent venue for meetings, conventions and exhibitions, has been honoured yet again for another award.

The National Arts Council has conferred the prestigious Distinguished Patron of the Arts Award 2009 to Singapore's premier exhibition & convention centre. Presented by RADM (NS) Lui Tuck Yew, Acting Minister for the Ministry of Information, Communication and the Arts, the honourees were recognised for their dedication and contribution to the arts scene in Singapore. Suntec Singapore was bestowed the award in recognition of its exemplary commitment and support for the local arts community that included the Singapore Arts Festival, Singapore Biennale 2008 and Noise Festival 2008.

The Distinguished Patron of the Arts category is the highest honour given for contributions of at least S\$1.5 million and above. Anjna Nihalani, Director of Marketing & Communications of Suntec Singapore received the award on behalf of the organization.

An avid and long time supporter of the arts, Suntec Singapore has passionately committed itself to various artistic activities in Singapore. “We are pleased and truly honoured to receive this highest arts award from the National Arts Council for our efforts to help promote and develop the arts in Singapore through our venue. Art holds a special power, prompting the minds of those who view them and we see this partnership as a way of nurturing and giving back to our community at large”, said Pieter Idenburg, CEO of Suntec Singapore.

Suntec Singapore has an active CSR (corporate social responsibility) programme that includes, amongst many other initiatives, a dynamic support of the arts and the nurturing of creative talents. Despite the economic downturn, Suntec Singapore has sustained its efforts to support the arts and as part of its continuing efforts, the venue will hosts various art activities in 2010 and beyond and will include the highly acclaimed ARTSingapore, a contemporary art fair held annually and “The Affordable Art Show” in 2010. The venue has also just hosted the ICSID World Design Congress.

With more than a decade of experience in hosting a myriad of iconic events of diverse nature, the venue has actively been supporting and promoting the arts through close partnership with the National Arts Council since 2003. Suntec Singapore’s commitment to the Arts has been firmly rooted since its inception – with various commissioned artworks worth over a million dollars in the venue’s spacious public areas.

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About Suntec Singapore

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, 6 museums 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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