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Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre Receives Prestigious Art Award

Singapore, 12 August 2005 - Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre, Asia's leading convention centre, has been honoured with the prestigious Patron of the Arts Award 2005.

This annual award is given to organisations and individuals who have made significant contributions to the promotion and development of the arts in Singapore. The Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts will present the award on 13 September 2005 at the Esplanade Concert Hall.

A long time supporter of the arts, Suntec Singapore has contributed generously towards the promotion and organization of artistic activities. "We are pleased with this award which recognises our efforts in providing a platform for the development of arts in Singapore. We look forward to doing more to propel the progress of the arts scene in Singapore in partnership with the government's effort to build an international arts hub," says CEO Warren J. Buckley.

The convention centre has been actively promoting art events through close partnership with the Singapore Art Museum. An example is the 'Fernando Botero Show in Singapore', where an impressive Botero bronze sculpture was the centerpiece of the exhibition at the convention centre. A groundbreaking public forum 'Botero and Ju Ming : A Dialogue with two Masters' also took place at the venue. More dialogues are also in store for the coming months.

In addition to showcasing internationally-known work, Suntec Singapore also tied up with 'activities for the young'. Last year, Suntec Singapore collaborated with the Ministry of Education to feature outstanding art and design works from local school students.

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About Suntec Singapore

Suntec Singapore is a world-class venue located in the heart of Asia's most integrated meetings, conventions and exhibitions hub. With 100,000sqm of floor space on six levels, this award-winning facility can cater to events from 10 to 12,000 persons. In addition, Suntec Singapore - Asia's Convention City offers direct access to 5,200 hotel rooms, 1,000 retail shops, 300 restaurants and the region's new 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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