



**Suntec**  
SINGAPORE  
International Convention &  
Exhibition Centre

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre Conferred Distinguished Patron of the Arts Award**

**Singapore, 10 November 2008** - Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre, Singapore's premier and foremost venue for meetings, conventions and exhibitions, has been conferred the prestigious Distinguished Patron of the Arts Award 2008 by the National Arts Council.

The annual esteemed award is presented to organizations and individuals who have made significant contributions to the arts scene in Singapore. 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 from the Dr Lee Boon Yang, Minister for Information Communications & the Arts at the Esplanade Concert Hall on 21 October 2008.

A long time supporter of the arts, Suntec Singapore has fervently committed itself to various artistic activities towards the arts scene in Singapore. "We are truly honoured to receive the highest arts award from the National Arts Council for our efforts to help promote and develop the arts in Singapore through our venue. At Suntec Singapore, we have an active CSR (corporate social responsibility) programme that include, amongst many other initiatives, a dynamic support of the arts and the nurturing of creative talents," says Anjna Nihalani, Director of Marketing and Communications.

The venue was recently in the limelight for its support (as part of Singapore Biennale 2008) towards the artwork of internationally acclaimed artist Deborah Kelly, whose transient projection “Beware of the God” - a message that demanded the pondering of realities and beliefs while encountering a moment of wonder and discovery; was beamed from the roof of the ramp of Suntec Singapore.

Other notable events the venue will support include the upcoming Noise Festival 2008.

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. Other art initiatives include being a venue for various art programmes that includes the highly acclaimed ARTSingapore, a contemporary art fair held this month that featured the works of 110 art galleries from 16 countries worth over US\$30 million.

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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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