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Suntec Singapore Celebrates a Beary Christmas by Organising the “Teddy Bear and Stuffed Toys” Round Up Drive

Singapore, 3 December 2008 – *“It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air”* as W.T. Ellis commented.

This holiday season, Asia’s leading convention and exhibition centre will sparkle with festivities packed with entertainment, excitement and goodwill.

Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre, an iconic venue known for its established CSR programmes, is spearheading a charity drive to support the pre-school children from the Metta Welfare Association by embarking on its first-ever “Teddy Bear and Stuffed Toys” Round Up Drive.

The goal of the campaign is to collect used or partially used teddy bears and stuffed toys to spread the holiday cheer and to comfort the children with special needs.

To kick-off the charity drive, staff members of Suntec Singapore and their families have started championing the cause within the organization, collecting a little over 150 teddy bears and stuffed toys since the start of the campaign on 1 December 2008.

“The Teddy Bear and Stuffed Toys initiative is part of our ongoing commitment to sustainable development and building goodwill in the community. At Suntec Singapore, we have an active CSR programme that supports various causes and we understand the importance of giving back to our community. This is a community effort and we look forward to seeing everyone come forward and join us in this worthy cause,” says Ms Anjna Nihalani, Director of Marketing and Communications at Suntec Singapore.

The Metta Pre-School is a non-profit institution for children aged three to six years from various races and religions who are diagnosed with mild to moderate autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and/or intellectual disabilities. The charity was founded in 1992 by Venerable Shi Fa Zhao, Abbot of the Golden Pagoda Buddhist Temple. In accordance with The Great Compassionate Vows of The Buddha of Medicine, Metta aims to provide the best health care and welfare services for the needy and less fortunate, regardless of race or religion.

“It’s very encouraging to see Suntec Singapore uphold the spirit of giving with such forthcoming gestures. The goal of its charity drive is clearly aligned to our beneficiaries’ needs. I believe our preschoolers will be overjoyed to see a Christmas tree fully adorned with presents!” says Mr Ee Tiang Hwee, Deputy Executive Director of Metta Welfare Association.

Members of the community are encouraged to come forward and contribute by donating their used teddy bears and stuffed toys. The toys can be dropped off at the lobby of Suntec Singapore between now and December 21 from 7am to 11pm daily. All the toys collected will be fashioned into a Christmas tree and presented to the children.

On top of the goodwill initiative and to drum up the excitement of the festivities, Suntec Singapore is also celebrating the holiday season with:

- **Christmas Medley on Piano**

Enjoy a soothing medley of Christmas carols every afternoon and evening at the lobby of the convention centre at 12.30pm and 6.00pm through Christmas Day.

- **Epicurean Delights @ Pearl River Palace Cantonese Restaurant**

There is something for everyone to enjoy at Pearl River Palace. With its authentic Cantonese fare and tantalizing Christmas offerings, Master Chef Mok promises to delight even the most discerning palate from an array of Oriental-inspired Christmas dishes such as *Stir-Fried Shredded Turkey with Rice Sauce*, *Christmas Turkey Salad* to *Specialty Log Cakes* and many more. For something more traditional, tuck in to our specialty dim sum favourites. Priced at \$30.80++ for lunch on 25 December, and \$38.80++ for dinner on 24 and 25 December, the

menu also includes a Peking duck live station. For the health conscious, the restaurant has also come up with Light Bites such as the *Steamed Full Wheat Bun with Honey Maple Turkey*, *Stewed Duck Meat Poppiah wrapped with Lettuce*, *Signature Pastry Walnut Tart with White Peach Paste* and many other offerings. For dining reservations and enquires, please call 6332 9733.

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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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