

press release

Resorts World Sentosa's Attractions Surpass 20 Million Mark *S.E.A. Aquarium to welcome 'Shark Whisperer' in August*

SINGAPORE, 17 JULY 2014 – Resorts World Sentosa's S.E.A. Aquarium will soon launch themed conservation month, aimed at raising awareness on different marine species. The **S.E.A.A. Wonders** programming will kick off with sharks in August, headlined by Ms Cristina Zenato, well known for being a 'Shark Whisperer' with her ability to calm sharks and induce tonic immobility. This and other new offerings were announced today as the integrated resort crossed another milestone, welcoming 20 million visitors through its gated attractions – Universal Studios Singapore, S.E.A. Aquarium and Adventure Cove Waterpark.

Passing through the doors of S.E.A. Aquarium, Mr Isaac Leong (梁忠道), 38, an estate planner, was welcomed as the 20 millionth attractions guest this morning with his extended family. The family not only won a gift hamper and annual passes to S.E.A. Aquarium, they also got an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour at one of the world's largest aquarium.

"This was definitely a pleasant surprise for us. We have heard so much about S.E.A. Aquarium and have been planning for a family outing to visit with our kids. It was most enriching to learn so much from the passionate staff during the tour, and I can't wait for the new exhibits and offerings. And with the annual passes now, my family and I will definitely be coming back a lot more," said Mr Leong.

Coming up over the National Day weekend, Ms Cristina Zenato will be making special appearances at S.E.A. Aquarium three times daily on 8th and 9th August, promoting shark conservation through up-close interactions. Other activities lined up for August include storytelling during the weekends as well as a Shark Adventure Trail for children with exciting lucky draw prizes to be won each week. The Aquarium will also be introducing new species including a walking epaulet shark in August. In the near future, visitors can also look forward to expansion of the Aquarium's popular offerings such as the *Discovery Touch Pool*, as well as a new shark dive programme.

Mr Jason Horkin, Vice President of Attractions at Resorts World Sentosa, said: "We couldn't have achieved this milestone without the support of our visitors from Singapore and the region. We will continue to refresh both hardware and heartware to enhance our visitors' experience, while maintaining world class standards across all our attractions here at Resorts World Sentosa."

In June, the Marine Life Park (MLP) became an accredited member of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA), recognising its role in promoting conservation and public education. The membership places Marine Life Park under the same umbrella association with leading zoos and aquariums around the world. This membership will help the park foster greater collaboration, and put Singapore on the world map in marine conservation, education and research.

MLP's Adventure Cove Waterpark also became the first in Southeast Asia to attain the *Silver International Aquatic Safety Award* by *Ellis & Associates*, putting it among the top 30% of water parks worldwide.

Over at Universal Studios Singapore, the popular Sesame Street stage show – *When I Grow Up* – will be revamped and staged at inside Pantages Hollywood Theater starting 20th September. Thrill seekers will soon face their greatest fears once again at Universal Studios Singapore's signature event – Halloween Horror Nights – returning with a vengeance for its fourth installment in October.

The theme park was most recognised by TripAdvisor's Travellers' Choice Award as the No. 1 amusement park attraction in Asia. In celebrating this award, the theme park will be rolling out special deals to thank visitors for their support.

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ABOUT RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA

Resorts World Sentosa (RWS), Asia's ultimate destination resort, is located on Singapore's resort island of Sentosa. Spanning 49 hectares, the resort opened in January 2010 and welcomed over 45 million visitors in its first three years of opening. RWS is home to two mega attractions - the region's first-and-only Universal Studios theme park and the Marine Life Park, which comprises the S.E.A. Aquarium (one of the world's largest aquariums) and Adventure Cove Waterpark. Other attractions include a Maritime Experiential Museum, an award-winning destination spa, a casino, six unique hotels, the Resorts World Convention Centre, celebrity chef restaurants, and specialty retail outlets. The resort also offers world-class entertainment, from original resident productions to concerts and public shows such as the Crane Dance and the Lake of Dreams. RWS was named "Best Integrated Resort" in 2011, 2012 and 2013 at the TTG Travel Awards which recognises the best of Asia-Pacific's travel industry. RWS is wholly owned by Genting Singapore, a company of the Genting Group. For more information, please visit www.rwsentosa.com.

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Ms Cristina Zenato, well known for being the ‘Shark Whisper’, will visit S.E.A. Aquarium in August to raise awareness on shark conservation. This is part of the Aquarium’s **S.E.A.A. Wonders – Sharks** programming, a month-long conservation themed month.



Mr Leong (rightmost) and family were greeted by Mr Jason Horkin (leftmost), Vice President of Attractions at Resorts World Sentosa, for being the 20th million visitor to the integrated resort’s gated attractions.



The Leong family was given an exclusive VIP Tour of the S.E.A. Aquarium, where they got some behind-the-scene peek into what keeps one of the world’s largest aquariums running.



Mr Leong and family learning more about marine life at the Discovery Touch Pool. The touch pool has been a popular offering and is one of the exhibits that will be expanded in the future to cater to more guests seeking to learn through engagement.

