

## press release

### S.E.A. Aquarium Makes a Splash with 10 Millionth Visitor

*Five years on, one of the world's largest marine-themed attraction continues to draw crowds to inspire marine conservation; Children visiting from 27 March to 9 April with one-day ticket enjoy free upgrade to annual pass which comes with a new S.E.A.A. Explorer programme*



One of the world's largest aquariums, S.E.A. Aquarium at Resorts World Sentosa, welcomed its 10 millionth visitor this morning, five years after it opened. The lucky 10 millionth visitor, Mr. Samuel ANG, aged 38 from Singapore along with his wife, Claire ANG and toddler Beatrice ANG, were presented with a S.E.A. Aquarium Annual Pass each, hamper and a personal meet and greet session with the beloved S.E.A. Aquarium mascot, Mai the manta ray, at the scenic Ocean Dome. PHOTO CREDITS: RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA

**SINGAPORE, 27 March 2017** – One of the world's largest aquariums, S.E.A. Aquarium at Resorts World Sentosa, made a splash as it welcomed its 10 millionth visitor this morning, five years after it opened. At 11.30am, lucky visitor Samuel Ang, 38, a financial services manager from Singapore and his family, 37 years old Claire Ang and toddler Beatrice Ang, 13 months old were presented with a S.E.A. Aquarium Annual Pass each, along with a hamper containing merchandise and a photo memento. For helping the aquarium cross its 10 million visitors mark, the lucky visitor also had the opportunity to rub shoulders with

Mai the manta ray mascot in a personal meet and greet session at the Ocean Dome, in the company of 40,000 marine animals representing 120 species.

To celebrate the milestone event, children visiting the aquarium from now till 9 April with a one-day ticket will enjoy a free upgrade to a child annual pass worth S\$68. The promotion is valid for all Singapore residents between the ages of four to 12 years old.

In addition to unlimited visits to the aquarium 365 days a year, children with annual passes will also enjoy membership benefits such as the newly introduced S.E.A.A. Explorer programme, where they will receive an explorer kit with hands-on tools and interactive materials for them to take on the role of junior explorers and discover the wonders of the oceans. The programme is specially developed to arouse the curiosity and capture the imagination of young minds about ocean conservation and the vulnerability of its inhabitants. Explorers can embark on six different fun-filled and educational missions all year round with rewards upon the completion of any 4 missions. During the coming weekend from 31 March to 2 April, the S.E.A.A. Explorer programme will feature a Spin & Win station with sure-win prizes and educational game boards for children to have fun while learning.

Mr Jason Horkin, Senior Vice President of Attractions at Resorts World Sentosa, said: “With our diverse collection of aquatic species and large number of visitors entering the aquarium, S.E.A. Aquarium is in a unique position to connect the public closer to marine life through its immersive learning environment. We will continue to enhance the aquarium’s educational content, refresh our events and experiences, and diversify our animal collection to increase visitors’ knowledge on aquatic ecosystems, and inspire positive change towards protecting marine species.”

Over the years, S.E.A. Aquarium has created a series of public events and festivals that combine a healthy dose of education and fun for visitors. Its annual World Oceans Day event engages both visitors and staff through an exciting array of activities such as beach clean-ups, educational trails, sharing sessions by aquarists, recycling art displays and record-breaking pledges – all aimed at promoting sustainable living to keep the oceans healthy.

Dedicated to inspire conservation through education, S.E.A. Aquarium has developed educational programmes to complement the local school curriculum, giving students opportunities to interact with marine animals and learn first-hand from marine life specialists. Taking learning beyond its blue realm, S.E.A. Aquarium has been conducting various community outreach events at Singapore’s heartlands to bring the message of marine conservation closer to the people. These events include interactive booths where residents can get a rare hands-on opportunity with marine life such as sea stars and sea cucumbers at touch pools, and craft stations where kids can learn about the threats facing ocean life.

S.E.A. Aquarium is currently home to more than 100,000 marine animals from across 800 species. Over the years, the aquarium has worked with reputable zoological institutions to introduce new animals to its

collection to raise awareness on the threats facing marine species. These include the critically endangered largetooth sawfish, rare blue lobster and brightly coloured poison arrow frogs. S.E.A. Aquarium has also successfully bred threatened species such as the shark ray and black-blotched stingray, with the aim of sustaining a healthy and diverse zoological population, and more importantly, offer hope in protecting species from extinction.

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#### **ABOUT S.E.A. AQUARIUM**

Opened in 2012, S.E.A. Aquarium at Resorts World Sentosa is one of the world’s largest oceanariums home to more than 100,000 marine animals from across 800 species. Featuring 56 habitats, S.E.A. Aquarium exhibits close to 80 threatened species including the manta ray, Clarion angelfish and a variety of beautiful corals that mimic a pristine aquatic environment. Through interactive programs, up-close animal encounters and immersive learning journeys, S.E.A. Aquarium aims to inspire visitors to protect the world’s oceans.

S.E.A. Aquarium collaborates with local and regional partners in marine conservation projects and is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) and World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA).

#### **ABOUT RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA**

Resorts World Sentosa (RWS), Asia’s premium lifestyle destination resort, is located on Singapore’s resort island of Sentosa. Spanning 49 hectares, RWS is home to four world-class attractions including Universal Studios Singapore, S.E.A. Aquarium, Dolphin Island and Adventure Cove Waterpark. Other attractions include the Asian flagship of a world-renowned destination spa, a casino, six unique hotels and the Resorts World Convention Centre. With the most number of Michelin stars in one destination, RWS offers award-winning dining experiences at renowned celebrity chef restaurants, establishing itself as a key player in Singapore’s vibrant and diverse dining scene. The integrated 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 has been named “Best Integrated Resort” since 2011 for six consecutive years at the TTG Travel Awards which recognises the best of Asia-Pacific’s travel industry.

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Mr. Jagdish Kumar (first from left), Vice President of Attractions at Resorts World Sentosa and beloved S.E.A. Aquarium mascot, Mai the manta ray, welcoming the Ang family: 38 years old Mr Samuel Ang, his wife Claire Ang, 37 and 13-month old toddler, Beatrice Ang at the scenic Ocean Dome.



Students can continue enjoying savings to S.E.A. Aquarium from now till 30 April 2017. A pair of students planning to visit S.E.A. Aquarium will enjoy admission at only S\$27 per ticket (U.P. \$30), while a group of six students can enjoy bigger savings at only S\$24 per ticket.

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