press release

S.E.A. Aquarium celebrates 12 Years of Creating Wonder and embracing an exciting future



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SINGAPORE, 5 March 2025 – For the past 12 years, S.E.A. Aquarium has been more than just an aquarium – it has been a force for positive change in ocean conservation and education, a safe haven for marine life and a place where guests are inspired to care for the sea. From nurturing endangered species, hosting global research and conservation conferences, to organising beach clean-ups, the aquarium has continuously created meaningful opportunities that connect people with the wonders of the ocean.

As it embarks on an exciting new chapter to transform into the Singapore Oceanarium, the aquarium is celebrating its incredible journey with a special anniversary campaign, **12 Years of Creating Wonder**, from **8 March to 30 April 2025**.

Ms. Lam Xue Ying, Vice President of S.E.A. Aquarium (林雪盈, 副总裁, S.E.A. 海洋馆) said: "We have come a long way since we opened S.E.A. Aquarium, and our 12th anniversary is a moment to reflect on the milestones that have shaped our journey. The anniversary programme features immersive experiences, interactive exhibits, and community-driven collaborations — reflecting how we have connected with our guests over the years — all designed to bring together the friends of S.E.A. Aquarium and our communities through a shared love for the ocean."

Celebrate 12 Years of marine wonder with special discovery zones

Over the years, S.E.A. Aquarium has strengthened its commitment to marine education, conservation, and research, inspiring countless visitors to appreciate and protect the ocean. To commemorate this milestone, guests can explore our specially curated zones, each highlighting a different aspect of the aquarium's impact.

At the **Wall of Fame**, guests will also be able to witness the milestones that have shaped S.E.A. Aquarium's journey. The Wall of Fame honours its record-breaking legacy, from setting the Guinness World Record as the world's largest aquarium to the launch of the Aquarist Lab – an aquatic nursery where juvenile Sea Jellies, Seahorses, Clownfish, and more are grown and nurtured. The aquarium has also played a key role in rehabilitating rescued Sea Turtles, creating a conducive environment for the miracle births of two baby Zebra Sharks (born without a male shark), and the launch of the Children's Biodiversity Library by S.E.A. Aquarium, as part of a partnership with the National Library Board – where children can learn and be inspired by marine biodiversity.

The **Treasures of Curios**, allows guests to learn about the key events in S.E.A. Aquarium's ongoing efforts in research and conservation. Among them is a successful breeding programme of the critically endangered Bowmouth Guitarfish and S.E.A. Aquarium's first-ever underwater Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing with the Earth Observatory of Singapore at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU-EOS), that inaugurated a two-year research collaboration on climate resilience and marine conservation. Guests can also learn about the aquarium's beach cleanup initiatives that removed more than 1,000kg of trash from Singapore's shores last year. In addition, interactive elements such as a motion-sensor lightbox allow visitors to uncover fascinating animals that live in the intertidal zone, like the Cake Sand Dollar, Horn-eyed Ghost Crab, and Haddon's Carpet Anemone.

Marine Mirage brings animal care to the forefront with immersive sensory and tactile exhibits, offering guests a closer look at the fascinating world of marine life. Featuring species such as Zebra Sharks and Sea Jellies, the exhibit highlights the dedication of S.E.A. Aquarium aquarists through personal stories about their experiences caring for these animals. Guests can also engage with replicas that mimic the surprising textures of marine animals at the touch stations —from the spiky exterior of a Sea Urchin to the unexpectedly smooth, soap-like skin of a Cownose Ray.

Lastly, the **Ocean Oracle** zone offers guests a sneak peek into one of the public educational programmes of the aquarium, **Junior Ocean Detective**, designed for children aged 7-12. Using various

lenses and interactive viewfinders, they can investigate marine facts about animal relationships; from predator-prey relationships to symbiotic partnerships where animals benefit from one another.





Eugene Soh, Artist CREDIT: Resorts World Sentosa

As part of its ongoing transformation into the Singapore Oceanarium, S.E.A. Aquarium is partnering with Arts & Disability Singapore (ART:DIS) to create a special three-part artwork series titled Evolving Oceans: A Symphony of Life. This triptych will symbolise transformation, marine biodiversity, and community engagement, bridging the past, present, and future.

Leading the creative vision of this collaboration is **Eugene Soh**, a differently abled artist known for his ethereal and textured paintings. Inspired by Impressionist masters, Eugene channels his passion for marine life into a unique artistic expression. The first piece of this remarkable artwork series will be on display for guests to appreciate during the anniversary campaign.

Guests are invited to join in complimentary marine-themed art workshops led by ART:DIS during the anniversary campaign, where they will colour marine animals, which will contribute to the Evolving

Oceans: A Symphony of Life art series. Sign-ups will be available inside the aquarium, and participation is subject to workshop capacity limitations on a first-come, first-served basis.

Celebrate with the aquarium's mascots and relive 12 years of memories



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Adding to the celebration, guests can look forward to daily mascot meet-and-greet sessions, where S.E.A. Aquarium's beloved manta ray trio, Mika, Manja and Mako, and Sam the Hammerhead Shark will make special appearances.

For guests looking to fuel up during their visit, a special anniversary menu will be available, which includes a **Grilled Cheese Sandwich & Hearty Tomato Soup**, a **Little Grain Bowl**, and the classic **Hotdog**. Each meal retails at \$12 when purchased with a drink.



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As a keepsake from this milestone celebration, visitors can collect an exclusive handcrafted ART:DIS chopstick holder, presented in a linen pouch—redeemable with a minimum retail spend of \$80 at the SEAA Treasures retail shop, whilst stocks last. Terms and conditions apply.

In addition, families can enjoy greater savings with an exclusive promotion: 50% off a child ticket for every adult ticket purchased. The promotion starts from **1 March** and is available for a limited time only.

The S.E.A. Aquarium "12 Years of Creating Wonder" campaign runs from 1 March to 30 April 2025 and is included with regular admission. More details can be found at www.rwsentosa.com/12-years-of-wonder.

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ABOUT S.E.A. AQUARIUM

S.E.A. Aquarium at Resorts World Sentosa is one of the world's largest aquariums. Featuring more than 40 diverse habitats, S.E.A. Aquarium aspires to support and raise awareness of the conservation and preservation of threatened species such as hard corals, and sharks and rays. Through interactive programmes, up-close animal encounters and immersive learning journeys, S.E.A. Aquarium aims to inspire visitors to learn about the world's ocean and its diversity. S.E.A. Aquarium's collaborations with local and regional partners in marine research and conservation projects, as well as accreditation by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) attest to their commitment towards inspiring greater knowledge, love and action for our oceans. S.E.A. Aquarium is also a member of World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) and Southeast Asian Zoos and Aquariums Association (SEAZA).



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