



## **press release**

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### **Resorts World Sentosa® and Universal Studios Singapore® emerge winners at IAAPA's Asian Attractions Awards 2011**

#### **Singapore's First Integrated Resort Earns Two Major Wins**

**SINGAPORE, 23 June 2011** – Barely two years since its opening, Resorts World Sentosa (RWS) has captured not just one, but two awards at the Asian Attractions Awards 2011, organised by the International Association of Amusement Parks & Attractions (IAAPA). From a total of eight categories this year, RWS was voted by members of the public as the most popular attraction in the Large Attraction Category, while Universal Studios Singapore was voted the most popular attraction in the Theme Park Category.

RWS also won the IAAPA Asian Attraction Award last year in the Large Attraction Category.

For the fifth consecutive year, the Asian Attractions Awards have recognized excellence in various attractions across Asia. Winners are selected through votes cast online by the public.

Singapore's first integrated resort, Resorts World Sentosa, welcomed 15 million visitors in 2010 and has announced a new forecast of 16 million for the year 2011. Universal Studios Singapore, which conducted its official grand opening on May 28, 2011, is expected to welcome four million visitors this year. This projection doubles the two million visitors that Universal Studios Singapore attracted within its nine months of soft opening in 2010.

The award ceremony was held at the Resorts World Convention Centre this morning, during the IAAPA Asian Attractions Expo 2011. Held annually by IAAPA, this year's four-day event will, by the time it concludes tomorrow, have attracted more than 4,000 professionals from more than 50 countries. More than 200 notable exhibitors will have attended and displayed a kaleidoscope of innovative products, rides, games, and equipment. The programme also includes exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of Singapore's finest attractions; world-class special events; and expert-led education sessions.

Mr Dennis Gilbert, Senior Vice President of Attractions, RWS said: "We are extremely honoured to receive these awards, which would not have been possible without the support from our fans and the hard work from our world-class team members. Universal Studios Singapore is known to many as Southeast Asia's number one theme park, and we will always strive to achieve the next milestone. Fans can expect even greater entertainment in years to come, starting with the highly anticipated unveiling of the world's first Transformers attraction –based on the hit movie series-- at the end of this year."

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### **About Resorts World Sentosa**

Resorts World Sentosa (RWS), Singapore's first integrated resort is located on the resort island of Sentosa. Spanning 49 hectares, the resort has welcomed over 15 million visitors since it opened in January 2010. RWS is home to the region's first-and-only Universal Studios theme park, a casino, luxurious accommodation in four unique hotels, the Resorts World Convention Center, celebrity chef restaurants as well as speciality retail outlets. The resort also offers entertainment ranging from its resident theatrical circus spectacular Voyage de la Vie, to public attractions such as the Crane Dance and the Lake of Dreams. Resorts World Sentosa is currently developing the second phase of the Resort. Upon completion, RWS will open the Maritime Experiential Museum and Aquarium, the Marine Life Park, a destination spa and two additional hotels. Resorts World Sentosa is wholly owned by Genting Singapore, a company of the Genting Group.

### **EDITOR'S NOTE:**



Michael Chin, Executive Vice President of Projects, Resorts World Sentosa, receiving the Large Attraction Category award on behalf of Resorts World Sentosa.

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Dennis Gilbert, Senior Vice President of Attractions, Resorts World Sentosa, receiving the Theme Park Category award on behalf of Universal Studios Singapore.

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