

# Press Release

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## ***Resorts World at Sentosa to welcome visitors to Singapore by 2010***

**Singapore, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2006** – The Genting International-Star Cruises Consortium today said that it was ecstatic at the wonderful news that the Singapore Government has accepted its proposal for the Sentosa integrated resort, to be called *Resorts World at Sentosa*.

“We are extremely delighted to have been chosen and are very excited and honoured to be entrusted with the great task of taking Singapore’s tourism sector to the next level,” said Mr Lim Kok Thay, Chairman of Genting International and Star Cruises. “We have the means and ability to shift the paradigm of tourism here and look forward to contribute to the next chapter of Singapore’s tourism success story.”

*Resorts World at Sentosa*, to be launched by early 2010, is envisaged to be the ultimate “must see, must visit” family resort, with multiple world-class attractions offering the best in entertainment, edutainment and enrichment for both young and old.

*Resorts World at Sentosa* will be a Resort of resorts and will be Asia’s most mesmerising family resort - welcoming families with a dazzling array of leisure, entertainment, learning and discovery experiences. It will be home to Universal Studios Singapore, the region’s first Universal Studios theme park, which will include DreamWorks Digital Animation Studios. Quest Marine Life Park, the world’s largest oceanarium, will provide visitors with interactive multi-sensory experiences to learn about and discover the life of marine creatures and the need for ocean conservation while Equarius Water Park will be an exciting water theme park, incorporating the latest water theme park technology, nestled under the natural canopy of Sentosa’s original forest.

The Maritime Xperiential Museum, the only museum in the world dedicated to the celebration of the maritime heritage of Asia, will engage visitors' five senses to retell the fascinating history of the Asian maritime Silk Route. In addition, the museum will feature Asia's first marine genomics research and learning centre, which will be set up by Dr J. Craig Venter, a pioneer and leading expert in the field of genomics.

The resort will offer a fantastic choice of accommodation with six world-class hotels providing 1,830 rooms. It will also house the region's first fully integrated wellness spa, to be operated by luxury spa operator ESPA.

Said Mr Lim, "In three years, visitors will experience first-hand *Resorts World at Sentosa*, the global tourism icon that we envision it to be. It will change the face of tourism in the region. We are confident that by 2010, *Resorts World at Sentosa* will attract 15 million visitors."

He added, "The Consortium promises to deliver an integrated resort that Singaporeans will be proud of, one that will contribute significantly to the local economy and community."

Genting International and Star Cruises are both established names in the leisure and hospitality industry, with over 50 years of experience between them. Their understanding and knowledge of the Asian market and network of strong partnerships with other industry players will serve to increase the number of tourist arrivals to Singapore.

Mr Lim said, "We would like to thank the various ministries and statutory boards involved in the RFP process. We also thank our many partners, associates and project team members for their hard work and strong support. We look forward to embarking on this exciting journey with them to establish *Resorts World at Sentosa* the No. 1 family holiday resort destination in the world."

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