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Marina Bay Sands signs MoU with the Institute of Technical Education

The collaboration paves the way for exciting learning and employment opportunities in the service industry at Singapore's newest icon

Singapore, 12 August 2010 – Marina Bay Sands has today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) in the areas of tourism and hospitality. This significant partnership will enhance training for both students and faculty of ITE with international standard vocational and academic programs in the service industry, providing all successful students with outstanding employment opportunities at Marina Bay Sands, Singapore's most exciting entertainment destination.

The MoU was signed by the President and CEO of Marina Bay Sands, Mr. Thomas Arasi and the Director and Chief Executive Officer of ITE, Mr. Bruce Poh.

The key component of the MoU includes up to six months' student work attachments in central departments such as Hotel Operations, Food and Beverage, Retail Services and event management for the Sands Expo and Convention Center, Singapore's biggest MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions) facility. In addition, students are engaged to support specific events held at Marina Bay Sands. Each student will undergo preparatory training program conducted jointly by ITE and Marina Bay Sands prior to the event.

"Marina Bay Sands is proud to have signed its first educational MoU with ITE, an internationally recognized institution that consistently enhances its programs to complement the needs of Singapore's dynamic service industry. As Asia's most exciting destination, Marina Bay Sands is proud to be able to inspire the future generation and equip them with exceptional skills to create a once-in-a-lifetime experience for all our guests. The hospitality industry is vital to the revolution of Singapore's tourism industry and as Singapore's largest hotel, we are certain these students will benefit greatly and acquire excellent skills in the service industry," said Mr. Arasi.

"We are happy to work with industry partners to ensure that our students are equipped with the skills, knowledge and professional practices which are useful and relevant to the industry when they graduate from ITE. As a leading player in the hospitality and tourism industry in Singapore, we are pleased that Marina Bay Sands has stepped forward to provide inputs in the design and review of our nationally-certified hospitality courses. With the signing of the MoU with Marina Bay Sands, our students would be able to acquire greater breadth and depth of skills and knowledge, as well as authentic experiences, to enable them to embark on meaningful careers in the industry," said Mr Bruce Poh.

The five-year MoU will also include the transfer of expert knowledge through training and consultation from Marina Bay Sands Team Members for the development of niche courses at ITE, such as sommelier training.

The MoU provides a framework for further collaboration between Marina Bay Sands and ITE in other diverse areas including Hospitality, Business and Services, Engineering, Electronics, Info-Comm Technology – all the relevant skills required in the successful operation of Asia's leading destination for business, leisure and entertainment.

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About Marina Bay Sands Pte Ltd

Marina Bay Sands is the leading business, leisure and entertainment destination in Asia. It features large and flexible convention and exhibition facilities, 2,560 hotel rooms and suites, the rooftop Sands SkyPark, the best shopping mall in Asia, world-class celebrity chef restaurants, a casino, Paiza Club for premium players and an outdoor event plaza. It will also have a museum and theaters which will debut with "The Lion King." For more information, please visit www.marinabaysands.com.

About the Institute of Technical Education

The Institute of Technical Education (ITE), Singapore, was established as a postsecondary education institution in 1992 under the Ministry of Education. ITE is a principal provider of career and technical education and key developer of national occupational skills certification and standards to enhance Singapore's workforce competitiveness. Under its "One ITE System, Three Colleges" Model of Education and Governance, ITE has three Colleges, comprising ITE College Central, ITE College East and ITE College West. For more information, please visit <http://www.ite.edu.sg>.

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