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WBA Super World Featherweight Title fight to hook spectators at Marina Bay Sands

*Championship Boxing Event Night to be held at the
Sands Expo and Convention Center on 5 May 2012*

Singapore (07 March, 2012) – Over ten international boxers hailing from Indonesia, Philippines, Japan and Singapore including (WBA) Super World Featherweight champion, Chris John, will be gathering at the Championship Boxing Event Night slated for 5 May 2012 at Marina Bay Sands.

The Championship Boxing Event Night at the Sands Expo and Convention Center will be the first time two championship title fights will be happening on one night. The event will showcase the World Boxing Association (WBA) Super World Featherweight Title fight between world-renowned boxers, Chris John and Shoji Kimura as well as the International Boxing Organization (IBO) Vacant World Featherweight Title fight between Daud Jordan and Lorenzo Villanueva.

In a press meet at the Sands SkyPark today, Indonesian professional boxer, Chris John otherwise known as “The Dragon”, and Japanese professional boxer, Shoji Kimura expressed their excitement for the match ahead.

WBA Featherweight Champion Chris John said, “2012 is the Year of the Dragon and I will knock out all my opponents at this fight at the iconic Marina Bay Sands!”

The 32-year old WBA Featherweight Champion has retained the crown from 2003 and has since defended the title 14 times over the nine years. Boxing aficionados in Singapore will get the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to watch the legendary boxer in action for a title fight.

Japanese professional boxer, Shoji Kimura said, “I have proven I am worthy to fight Chris John. One of us will be knocked out and that is him. I will emerge the new champion at this fight at Marina Bay Sands.”

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34-year-old Shoji Kimura is one of Japan's top boxers to date and has participated in various fights and ranks number 15 among world champion boxers and number 4 among professional boxers in Japan.

Boxing enthusiasts can look forward to other fights that night which will include the International Boxing Organization (IBO) Vacant World Featherweight Title, Super Bantamweight fight, Junior (JNR) Middleweight fight, Superflyweight fight and the Swing Bout fight.

Angelo Hyder, promoter of the event said, "The biggest fights in the best venue in Asia – It is truly a match made in heaven!"

Come 5 May, exhibition Hall E at the Sands Expo and Convention Center will be transformed into a spectacular boxing arena with up to 4,000 seats for the Championship Boxing Event Night. Tickets will go on sale 5 April 2012.

The Sands Expo and Convention Center has been the venue of choice for several sporting events such as the Z1 Pro-Fencing World Series, which took place in 2010 and 2011, the Indoor Archery World Cup 2011 and the Lotus on Water Cup International Wushu Meet in 2010 showcasing the flexibility of the space at the The Sands Expo and Convention Center at Marina Bay Sands.

Marina Bay Sands is fast becoming a hotspot for world-famous athletes, having previously hosted golfing legend, Tiger Woods, boxing phenomenon Manny Pacquiao, football legends Pele, Eric Cantona, Liverpool FC and NBA player Kobe Bryant.

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