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Marina Bay Sands lends a hand to build hospitality training facilities

Integrated resort gives S\$150,000 to Metta School to equip training rooms in new school building

Singapore, 13 October 2012– Marina Bay Sands today presented S\$150,000 to Metta School to help provide its hospitality students with an ideal environment for training in food preparation, baking and housekeeping. Four hospitality training rooms, including kitchens for food preparation and baking, as well as one apartment suite and mock hotel room will be built in the school's new building.

The donation will help the school to offset the hefty costs of equipping the hospitality training rooms with adequate facilities, such as installing en suite bathrooms and providing the kitchens with commercial standard equipment including baking tools and ovens.



*U.S. Ambassador to Singapore, David Adelman, witnesses the S\$150,000 check presentation between Marina Bay Sands and Metta School
(From left, U.S. Ambassador Adelman, Ms. Melison See, Principal of Metta School, and Mr. Robert Harayda, Senior Vice President of Finance at Marina Bay Sands)*

Some 91 students undergoing the ITE Skills Certification (ISC) are expected to benefit from the new training facilities. Metta School caters to the academic needs of children with learning disabilities and is a designated charity of Marina Bay Sands.

A part of the donation will also go toward assisting needy students from low-income families, subsidizing costs such as school fees and chartered transportation for those who need assistance.

The check was presented to Metta School by Mr. Robert Harayda, Senior Vice President of Finance at Marina Bay Sands, and witnessed by U.S. Ambassador to Singapore, David Adelman. The presentation was held in conjunction with Marina Bay Sands' participation in the American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore's Corporate Community Day, where 40 children from Metta School were treated to a tour of the Andy Warhol exhibition at the ArtScience Museum.



40 children from Metta School eager to embark on a tour of the Andy Warhol: 15 Minutes Eternal exhibition at ArtScience Museum



U.S. Ambassador Adelman experiences the silkscreen printing workshop at ArtScience Museum with the children

The donation is aligned with Marina Bay Sands' Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) pillars of youth and education, which aims to provide less privileged youth such as those with learning disabilities, from low income families, or are out of school, with the opportunity to learn valuable life skills as they develop to become independent adults.

The integrated resort began working with Metta School in 2010, offering internships to the school's students in the areas of housekeeping and pastry baking. Since then, Marina Bay Sands has helped five students achieve their ISC certification and has also employed three out of the five students.



Marina Bay Sands is part of the 2012 AmCham Corporate Community Day together with Metta School

“Marina Bay Sands is committed to helping the youth of Singapore achieve their potential in many ways. We believe in giving back to Singapore meaningfully, whether it is through a donation or providing educational and learning opportunities that can increase employment prospects of these young people. Going forward, we will continue to work hand in hand with partners like Metta School to make a difference to these young lives,” said Mr. Harayda.

Ms. Melison See, Principal, Metta School, said, “We are constantly seeking opportunities for our youth to learn and develop. The support that Marina Bay Sands has provided Metta School has been tremendous and we are very excited and encouraged that our students will receive training in a work environment such as a kitchen or suite that best simulates that which is found in the real-world. This is practical and helpful in preparing our students to make the transition to the work place.”

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 and an outdoor event plaza. Its two theaters showcase a range of leading entertainment performances including world-renowned Broadway shows. Completing the line-up of attractions is ArtScience Museum at Marina Bay Sands which plays host to permanent and marquee exhibitions. For more information, please visit www.marinabaysands.com

About Metta School

Supported by the Ministry of Education, National Council of Social Service and Metta Welfare Association, Metta School was founded in January 2001 to offer special education to students with mild intellectual disability and mild autism spectrum disorder with IQ range of 50 to 70 and aged between 6 and 21 from all races and religions.

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