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SINGAPORE ARCHIFEST 07

“ASPIRATION TO REALISATION”

An exciting festival of Exhibitions, Forum and ArchiTours lined-up at the inaugural Singapore ArchiFest

Singapore (13 November 2007) – Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) announces the launch of **Singapore ArchiFest 07**, to be held in Singapore from **27 November to 8 December 2007**.

The theme “Aspiration to Realisation” provides a focus for the inaugural Singapore ArchiFest. The festival events will centre on the unique challenges faced by Singapore as a small city with high density living and scarce land resources. Representatives from different parts of the world will be invited to share their journeys in realising their aspirations, through presentation of ideas and philosophies, in the context of the growing city and its living environment.

Professionals from all the design and construction fields are invited to interact and encouraged to engage in a fun, friendly and free atmosphere, which will allow for discussion of the most critical challenges facing architecture, society and the city.

Throughout the two-week festival, a myriad of exciting events including **Exhibitions, Forum and ArchiTours** will be unveiled at various locations. Celebrate the diverse talents in local architecture and uncover the dreams behind the façade, with activities and happenings for all to participate in.

Visitors can also look forward to the many public events at Singapore ArchiFest 07. The exhibitions at the City Hall will feature winning designs from Design Ideas Competition for Marina South Residential District and the National Art Gallery, while the guided ArchiTours will involve exploration of some of the most iconic buildings in Singapore.

Singapore Archifest 07 is an initiative supported and co-funded under the Architecture and Urban Design Excellence (A•UDE) Promotion Programme by the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA).

HIGHLIGHTS / SINGAPORE ARCHIFEST 07

EXHIBITIONS / 27 Nov - 8 Dec 07 / 10am – 9pm / City Hall / Free

The collection of exhibitions will be held at the City Hall, featuring award-winning works from various architectural competitions as well as internationally acclaimed urban designs.

+ Design Ideas Competition for the Marina South Residential District

Jointly organised by SIA and Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), the Design Ideas Competition invited architects, planners and students to submit fresh, innovative ideas for a unique waterfront-garden residential district in Marina South located at Singapore's Marina Bay. The ideas will serve as an inspiration and catalyst for the planning and urban design strategies to be adopted for the development of the district. Submissions will be exhibited at ArchiFest.

+ ‘S³: Steel. Space. Structure’ Ideas Competition

Jointly presented by SIA and BlueScope Lysaght, S³ is a platform for designers with imaginative ideas to create steel building designs that not only demonstrate strong levels of innovation and functionality, but also inspire those who will see and use the space. Participants are to design and detail a steel pavilion located beside the visitor centre at Orchard Road, accommodating a café, retail space and an exhibition space. The winning design stands a chance to be built and realised on site in 2008 and outstanding submissions will be exhibited at ArchiFest.

+ Special Exhibition

Specially curated for the Singapore ArchiFest, the exhibition will feature exceptional works from established architects from different parts of the world.

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+ National Art Gallery Architectural Design Competition

The National Art Gallery of Singapore (*working title*) is a new visual arts institution which will contribute to building Singapore as a regional and international hub for visual arts. It will focus on the display, promotion, research and study of Southeast Asian art including Singapore art, as well as play host to international art exhibitions.

Situated in the heart of the Civic District, the City Hall and adjacent former Supreme Court building - two important heritage buildings symbolic of Singapore's nationhood - will be converted to house this exciting new visual arts venue, and is anticipated to be completed by 2012. The National Art Gallery will be a civic and creative space, established for the enrichment, enjoyment and engagement of Singaporeans and visitors from all over the world.

The Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts (MICA) has launched a two-stage competition in February 2007 to seek world-class design ideas to transform two important heritage buildings - the City Hall and former Supreme Court into Singapore's National Art Gallery. Three winning entries have been selected by an international jury panel and will be exhibited at ArchiFest.

FORUM / 30 Nov & 1 Dec 07 / NTUC Auditorium

The two-day Singapore ArchiFest forum brings together a stellar lineup of speakers who will be addressing the challenges of urban architectural design. "Aspiration to Realisation" sets the theme for the forum, where **13 speakers** from different parts of the world will be invited to share their journeys in realising their aspirations through presentation of ideas and philosophies, in the context of the growing city and its living environment. The interactive and thought provoking sessions will inspire all, offering excellent opportunities to exchange experiences and gain valuable new perspectives.

Keynote Speakers

- + Manabu Chiba / Chiba Manabu Architects / Japan
- + Kerry Hill / Kerry Hill Architects / Singapore

Forum Speakers

- + Ma Yansong / MAD / China
- + Ma Qingyun / MADA s.p.a.m. / China
- + Hitoshi Abe / Atelier Hitoshi Abe / Japan
- + Takaharu Tezuka + Yui Tezuka / Japan
- + Kevin Mark Low / Small Projects / Malaysia
- + Angelene Chan / DP Architects / Singapore
- + Chan Soo Khian / SCDA Architects / Singapore
- + Sonny Chan / Chan Sau Yan Associates / Singapore
- + Seah Chee Kien / RSP Architects Planners & Engineers / Singapore
- + Chris Luebke / ARUP / United Kingdom
- + Max Fordham / Max Fordham Consulting Engineers / United Kingdom

Speakers' profiles are attached separately.

Forum Ticketing Information

Public	S\$260
SIA Members	S\$210
Student	S\$50

Prices exclude taxes, administrative fees and any other charges.

Ticket entitles delegate to the Forum on 30 Nov and 1 Dec, Awards Party on 30 Nov and one session of ArchiTour. To purchase tickets, please visit www.archifest.sg

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About Singapore ArchiFest / www.archifest.sg

The Singapore ArchiFest is set to be an annual festival for the city to celebrate the built environment. This will be a precursor for the Singapore Architecture Biennale in 2010. Organized by the Singapore Institute of Architects, the main aim of the festival is to provide a platform for the breeding of a vibrant design culture, and consequently a design conscious society, by encouraging and guiding the general public and design professionals of all fields to interact in a fun and free atmosphere.

Singapore ArchiFest strives to promote the importance of architecture and urban design, which are playing an increasingly important role in the global competition among cities. It will foster a sense of community to harness the common goals and vision towards the making of an exciting Singapore, by bringing together the architects, planners and associated professionals to share future directions. Finally the myriad of activities aim to educate and engage the general public, as well as enthuse and motivate students, who are key in shaping the society and culture, in city planning and architecture.

About Singapore Institute of Architects / www.sia.org.sg

The Singapore Institute of Architects is a professional organisation established in 1961 with the objective to promote the architectural profession and the built environment in Singapore. The Institute is the sole representative for the architectural profession in Singapore.

The Institute's vision is to develop Singapore as an Architecture Capital. Our mission is to champion for excellence in architecture and the built environment. This mission is driven by three key strategic thrusts, namely Design, Ethical Practice and Enterprise.

The management of the affairs of the Institute is the responsibility of an elected Council, comprising 17 members, one of whom, the Registrar of the Board of Architects, Singapore, is an ex-officio member. Of the 17 members, six are office bearers, who are collectively responsible for the administration and financial matters of the Institute.

About A.UDE / www.ura.gov.sg/aude_promotion.htm

URA's A•UDE Promotion Programme is set up to encourage and support private organisations and individuals who wish to carry out outreach activities in the areas of architecture and urban design. The Programme provides funding for a wide range of activities such as research, publications and exhibitions, so as to encourage different and innovative approaches to promoting architecture and urban design excellence in/of Singapore. Successful applicants can receive up to 50% of the total expenditure for such activities.

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