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## Have a Merry Green Christmas at Sentosa

Go green at Sentosa this Christmas with environmental activities for both young and old

**22 November 2010** - Do you know that the total amount of waste collected on Sentosa alone comes up to a whopping **1,327** tonnes a year? This is equivalent to the weight of **265,400** adult peacocks.

This holiday, Sentosa will be putting that waste to good use. Sentosa has joined hands with its employees, island partners, guests and Sentosa Cove residents to hold a series of activities aimed at protecting the environment and spreading the word on the importance of recycling.

“Recycling should be a fun and essential part of our lives and it’s time we took it beyond our homes,” said Regina Chia, Sentosa Leisure Group Programming Manager. “This year-end recycling programme at Sentosa will help to spread the message of the three ‘R’s – Reduce, Recycle and Reuse to both parents and young kids. It’s going to be a real celebration of what a green Christmas looks like.”

### **‘Dreaming of a Green Christmas’ - Activities for the everyone in the family**

- **Green Christmas Trees**

Catch the four-metres high O’ Christmas Tree, made from more than 1,000 used glass bottles, and a Japanese Origami Christmas tree created out of over 30 pieces of recycled Sentosa event posters and brochures, at the Merlion Plaza.

- **“Storytelling Comes Alive”**

Back by popular demand, Mervyn Goh, Singapore’s leading theatre actor engages children with classic festive stories based on the Gingerbread Man story. Children will also get to meet the Gingerbread Man and his friends at his colourful, recycled house filled with festive decorations made from baked gingerbread dough, Gingerbread Man figurines and recycled materials from Sentosa’s Central Kitchen! The classic stories will carry messages such as caring for the environment and recycling.

Then be sure to look out for the 1-metre tall Gingerbread Man plush toy, made from old Sentosa banners and posters, at the Sentosa Express Station at VivoCity.

- **“Gifts of Mother Nature”**

Guests will also be able to bring home Christmas gifts and ornaments they have crafted out of plastic bottle caps, tin cans, and sweet wrappers at one of these hands-on workshops for their loved ones.

- **The ‘Recycled Art’ Exhibition**

They say one man’s trash is another man’s treasure. In an interesting take on art, Sentosa has worked with the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA) to design and build **13** sculptures from recycled materials collected from around the island. The ‘Recycled Art’ exhibition demonstrates how waste materials can be reused and turned into beautiful pieces of artwork. Glass bottles, old newspapers and plastic bags may seem like trash to some, but these are the building blocks behind these one-of-its-kind sculptures, conceptualised by a group of innovative students from NAFA. Please refer to the appended factsheet for more details on the exhibition.

### Christmas and School Holiday Programme Schedule

TITLE	CONTENT	DATE	VENUE
<b>R.A. (Recycled Arts)</b>	Be enthralled with innovative recycled art sculptures	18 Oct 2010 – 02 Jan 2011 Time: Sculptures will be lighted from sunset till midnight	Merlion Plaza, Imbiah Lookout
<b>Gifts of Mother Nature</b>	Learn how to craft unique Christmas gifts out of recycled materials (On-site registration required)	20 Nov – 26 Dec 2010 Time: 2:30pm – 8:30pm* *27 Nov – 05 Dec (extended hours from 2.30pm - 9:30pm)	Merlion Plaza, Imbiah Lookout
<b>Christmas Art &amp; Craft Session</b>	Learn to make your own Christmas aprons from used PVC event banners	27 Nov – 05 Dec 2010 Dec 2010 Time: 2:30pm – 9:30pm	Imbiah Lookout, Merlion Plaza

	and shape Gingerbread Men out of clay dough *Each activity may be purchased at \$8 each or redeemed for free with any Choice Package purchased *Aprons only come in kids sizes		
<b>Storytelling Comes Alive!</b>	Join Gingerbread Man and his friends at his colourful house made from recycled kitchen materials and be engaged by tales of Christmas told by Mervyn Goh	9 Dec 2010 – 02 Jan 2011 (Thursday – Sunday) Time: 11.30am, 2.30pm & 5.30pm	Imbiah Lookout, Images of Singapore Forecourt
<b>O' Christmas Tree</b>	Marvel at a 4-metre high Christmas tree made from 1,000 recycled glass bottles	27 Nov 2010 – 02 Jan 2011 Time: The Christmas tree will be lighted from sunset till midnight	Merlion Plaza, Imbiah Lookout
<b>Fun Times with Captain Palawan</b>	Join Captain Palawan in searching and recruiting new mateys on a treasure hunt! Get on board his pirate ship and set sail across the seven seas as you boogie by the beach!	From 20 Nov 2010 – 02 Jan 2011 Time: 1:30pm, 3:30pm, 5pm	Palawan Beach (Near to the Water Feature, Palawan Beach)
<b>Sandy Good Times</b>	Learn to build amazing creations out of sand with professional sculptors	From 20 Nov 2010 – 02 Jan 2011 (Every Thurs to Sun) Time: 11am – 6pm	Palawan Beach (Near to the Water Feature, Palawan Beach)

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## **ABOUT SENTOSA ISLAND**

Sentosa is Asia's leading leisure destination and Singapore's premier island resort getaway, located within 15 minutes from the central business and shopping districts. The island resort is managed by Sentosa Development Corporation, which works with various stakeholders in overseeing property investments, attractions development, operation of the various leisure offerings and management of the residential precinct on the island. The Corporation also manages the Southern Islands and has a significant stake in the Mount Faber Leisure Group, which runs Singapore's only cable car service.

The 500-hectare island resort is home to an exciting array of themed attractions, award-winning spa retreats, lush rainforests, golden sandy beaches, resort accommodations, world-renowned golf courses, a deep-water yachting marina and luxurious residences - making Sentosa a vibrant island resort for business and leisure. Sentosa island will soon welcome a new mega attraction and Singapore's only integrated resort targeted at families, Resorts World Sentosa, which will operate South East Asia's first Universal Studios Singapore.

Situated on the eastern end of Sentosa Island is Sentosa Cove, an exclusive residential enclave. By 2014, it will be bustling with some 2,000 homes, romantic quayside restaurants, retail and specialty shops. Offering Singapore's only truly oceanfront residences, Sentosa Cove is fast becoming the world's most desirable address.

The Island is also proud to be home to Sentosa Golf Club and its two acclaimed golf courses, The Serapong and The Tanjong. Since 2006, Asia's richest national open, the annual Barclays Singapore Open, has teed off on The Serapong with star-studded line-ups featuring international players and golf professionals from Asia, Europe and the USA playing to nail-biting finishes.

Welcoming a growing number of local and international guests every year, Sentosa is an integral part of Singapore's goal to be a global destination to work, live and play.

### **About Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA)**

NAFA opened its doors in 1938 with an initial intake of 14 students in Fine Art to embark on a bold artistic journey challenging convention and embracing change. After several decades of rapid expansion, NAFA is today renowned regionally for its high-quality curricula, innovative teaching, artistic creations and community outreach.

NAFA currently runs eight Departments: 3D Design, Arts Management and Education, Design and Media, Fine Art, Fashion Studies, Dance, Music and Theatre. They offer a comprehensive range of full-time Diploma courses to about 2,500 students of diverse nationalities and ethnic backgrounds. In addition, NAFA delivers Degree and postgraduate programmes in various creative disciplines, in collaboration with prestigious universities in Singapore, UK and USA.

An advocate of lifelong learning, NAFA also extends its reach to the young and adults in a bid to promote greater appreciation for arts. The NAFA Arts Kindergarten offers a unique arts-focused curriculum, whilst the School of Young Talents offers weekend courses in art, music, dance and drama for 4 to 18 year olds. For adult Singaporeans, the Continuing Education Department offers enrichment courses and part-time certificate programmes.

For more details, please visit [www.nafa.edu.sg](http://www.nafa.edu.sg)

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