

Media Release

Free entry into Sentosa beyond March school holidays among support measures for island businesses

- *Enhanced cleaning measures to support and instill confidence in business operations of Island Partners*
- *As part of Budget 2020 support efforts announced, SDC will extend flexible rental payments to Island Partners*
- *Waiver of island admission from 14 March to 30 June 2020*
- *New Stay and Play Programme for March consolidates deals and promotions across various Island Partners in Sentosa*

Singapore, 11 March 2020 – Following the onset of COVID-19, Sentosa Development Corporation (SDC) has introduced a slew of measures to provide additional assurance to guests visiting the island, while also supporting Island Partners (tenants) and their businesses. Collectively, these efforts are part of a multi-pronged approach to ensure guest safety and well-being, while taking into account the needs of island stakeholders.

Stepping up public hygiene efforts in Sentosa

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, it is becoming increasingly important to observe good personal and public hygiene standards to reduce the spread of the disease. To safeguard the health and well-being of guests, SDC, along with Island Partners in Sentosa, have stepped up cleaning efforts on the island, as part of a whole-of-nation effort to raise standards of cleanliness and public hygiene in Singapore. Enhanced cleaning efforts, such as increasing the frequency of on-island cleaning for various touch points on the island, will also provide greater assurance to the public as they go about their activities.

Business support for Island Partners

As part of the Stabilisation and Support Package announced in Budget 2020, Island Partners would already benefit from rental waivers, property tax rebates and access to a temporary bridging loan. Following feedback from Island Partners on business sentiments, SDC will also be introducing rental deferments to enhance support under the Stabilisation and Support Package. SDC will defer 50% of Island Partners' rental payments for the next three months, where applicable. The deferred rental may be paid in instalments, with no interest charged, over a 12-month period.

Waiver of Island Admission

To provide additional support for businesses on the island, SDC will be waiving Sentosa's island admission fees for all guests from 14 March to 30 June 2020, extending the free island admission beyond the previously announced waiver for the March 2020 school holidays. This is a further measure introduced under the Stabilisation and Support Package announced at Budget 2020, to enhance support for businesses amidst the current economic uncertainty. The waiver will help Island Partners by encouraging Singapore residents to support local businesses, as businesses manoeuvre the challenges in the current global climate.

During this period of waiver, guests can enjoy free entry into Sentosa via the Sentosa Express station at VivoCity, and cars will be able to enter Sentosa for free via all gantries at the Sentosa Gateway. In addition, SDC will also be waiving the transport fee for the Our Tampines Hub-Sentosa shuttle bus, which departs from the integrated community and lifestyle hub on weekend mornings, making this an additional transport option for residents living in the area.

The latest island admission fee waivers add to the existing ways to enter Sentosa for free, including via the Sentosa Boardwalk, SBS Transit's Service 123¹, as well as through cycling.

Once on the island, guests enjoy free travel on the Sentosa Express, Sentosa Buses and Beach Trams.

Both the island admission waiver and rental deferment take into account requests and inputs shared by Island Partners.

Promotional efforts by Island Partners

The island admission waiver is also complemented by Sentosa's new Stay and Play Programme, featuring a consolidation of Island Partners' promotions and deals for the month of March. Sentosa's guests will be able to take advantage of a wide array of deals across various Island Partners in Sentosa. Key offerings extended by Island Partners include hotel and attraction packages, as well as options where kids dine for free.

For more information on the Stay and Play Programme, please visit www.sentosa.com.sg/campaigns/stay-and-play.

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¹ Distance-based bus fare applies.

About Sentosa

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, and operation of the various leisure offerings and management of the residential precinct on the island.

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. Making Sentosa its home, too, is Singapore's first integrated resort, Resorts World Sentosa, which operates South East Asia's first Universal Studios theme park.

Situated on the eastern end of Sentosa Island is Sentosa Cove, an exclusive oceanfront and residential enclave bustling with some 2,000 homes, romantic quayside restaurants, retail and specialty shops. The Island is also proud to be home to Sentosa Golf Club and its two acclaimed golf courses, The Serapong and The New Tanjong. Sentosa Golf Club hosts the SMBC Singapore Open and the HSBC Women's World Championship, featuring some of the world's best golf professionals.

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. For more information, please visit: www.sentosa.com.sg.

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