

press release

Singapore Oceanarium makes waves at opening ceremony

The newly unveiled ocean institute officially opened on 23 July, welcoming ocean stewards and offering a transformative experience for all



[From Left to Right: Ms. Hwang Yu-Ning, Ms. Melissa Ow, Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay, Minister Grace Fu, Ms. Lee Shi Ruh, Ms. Thien Kwee Eng, Ms. Lam Xue Ying]

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SINGAPORE, 23 July 2025 – Resorts World Sentosa (RWS, 圣淘沙名胜世界) celebrated the official launch and opening of **Singapore Oceanarium** (新加坡海洋生态馆) on 23 July, officiated by Minister Grace Fu, Minister for Sustainability and the Environment and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations, alongside Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay, Executive Chairman and Acting Chief Executive Officer, Genting Singapore, and Ms. Lee Shi Ruh, Chief Executive Officer of Resorts World Sentosa. This launch marks a milestone for Singapore Oceanarium as Asia's leading aquarium-based conservation institution, redefining public engagement with marine science, sustainability and conservation in mind.

Invited guests were among the first to explore Singapore Oceanarium's transformative spaces on its official opening day, discovering purpose-driven zones to research-inspired installations, all thoughtfully designed to spark knowledge, love and action for our oceans. Offering a dynamic blend of immersive exhibits, hands-on programmes and interactive digital experiences, the oceanarium redefines marine education and engagement, inviting every guest to deepen their understanding and become active stewards of the sea.



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Kicking off the opening celebrations was a vibrant Buggy Parade that featured a fleet of decorated Marine Mobiles, inspired by ocean animals, which brought colour, energy and movement to the occasion as they made their way to the entrance of Singapore Oceanarium. The Buggy Parade represents a collective commitment to marine education and seeks to inspire a shared love for the oceans.



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The launch also featured a heartfelt poetry jam led by young presenters, reflecting Singapore Oceanarium's commitment to nurturing the next generation of ocean advocates. The children were actively involved in crafting the verses — an ode to the wonders of the ocean and a passionate call to protect its fragile beauty.



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The ceremony was further elevated by an opening address delivered by Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay, Executive Chairman and Acting Chief Executive Officer of Genting Singapore: “What we’ve created goes far beyond a marine destination – not just in scale, but in ambition and impact. It is a space that sparks curiosity, drives meaningful change and represents a bold investment in Singapore’s future as a regional leader in marine science and sustainability. This marks a key milestone in our long-term vision to create transformative institutions that shape a more informed, responsible, and inspired world. Singapore Oceanarium stands as a legacy project, one that empowers research, inspires future generations, and strengthens Singapore’s global standing as a centre for purposeful, world-class development.”



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The launch ceremony was officiated by Minister Grace Fu, Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay, Ms. Lee Shi Ruh, Ms. Lam Xue Ying, Acting Senior Vice President, Singapore Oceanarium & Destination Experience, Ms. Melissa Ow, Chief Executive of Singapore Tourism Board, Ms. Thien Kwee Eng, Chief Executive Officer of Sentosa

Development Corporation and Ms. Hwang Yu-Ning, Chief Executive Officer of NParks. As their palms were placed on the sphere, visual effects lit up the LED arch at the entrance, representing a surge of commitment and shared purpose of conservation at Singapore Oceanarium.

Minister Grace Fu said: “The Singapore Oceanarium contributes to Singapore’s position as a leading tourism destination. As a key milestone of RWS’ expansion, the Oceanarium will strengthen our appeal to both local and international visitors with refreshed and immersive experiences. At the same time, its focus on marine education, research and conservation supports Singapore’s broader sustainability objectives. We welcome such developments that enhance the quality of Singapore’s tourism landscape while contributing meaningfully to environmental outcomes.”

The launch of Singapore Oceanarium is part of the resort’s S\$6.8 billion expansion, which will further enhance Singapore’s position as a must-visit destination. RWS continues to play a pivotal role in Singapore’s tourism landscape, with Singapore Oceanarium as one of several new attractions in the resort set to create compelling and engaging experiences for international visitors and local residents alike.

Ms. Melissa Ow, Chief Executive, Singapore Tourism Board said, “The Singapore Oceanarium marks a significant milestone in our Tourism 2040 roadmap. This world-class attraction by Resorts World Sentosa exemplifies our commitment to create diverse and distinctive experiences that resonate with travellers seeking inspiring and purposeful journeys.”

Echoing this sentiment, Sentosa Development Corporation shared how the oceanarium aligns with the island’s ongoing transformation. “As we transform and elevate our island’s offerings, Singapore Oceanarium is a welcome addition to Sentosa’s suite of world-class attractions, strengthening our proposition as a beloved island destination for both locals and overseas guests,” said Ms. Thien Kwee Eng, Chief Executive Officer of Sentosa Development Corporation.



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Ms. Lee Shi Ruh led the first official walkthrough of the newly opened Singapore Oceanarium with Minister Grace Fu and her entourage.

The ceremony concluded with guests exploring the oceanarium and all it has to offer – from its new zones to special displays and presentations. Starting 24 July 2025, the oceanarium will be open to the public to experience.

SG60 Celebrations at Singapore Oceanarium

In conjunction with the SG60 festivities, Singapore Oceanarium is a principal partner at this National Day Parade (NDP) and will make waves in the local arts scene with a unique and whimsical water parade float that will cruise alongside others.

Singapore Oceanarium collaborated with Aliyya Qisyah, a young neurodivergent artist, who was inspired by the marine life she saw when she visited the former S.E.A. Aquarium. With guidance from her mentor, local artist Aida Sa'ad, as well as Superhero Me and the NDP team, her concept was brought to life.

Also part of SG60 is Singapore Oceanarium's *Ties That Bind* photo gallery – created by internationally acclaimed Singaporean photographers Toh Xing Jie and Michael Aw. Situated within the Spirit of Exploration zone, the installation highlights the intricate relationships that sustain ocean life, offering an emotive visual narrative of interdependence, resilience and hope. The showcase includes a dedicated section that features marine animals native to Singapore waters, emphasising the rich biodiversity of our local marine environment. Through this installation, Singapore Oceanarium hopes to inspire greater awareness and action for marine conservation.

Tickets to Singapore Oceanarium are now available for purchase at www.singaporeoceanarium.com. Guests are encouraged to book early to experience the opening celebrations and to explore the exciting lineup of installations, workshops and conservation talks scheduled throughout the launch period.

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ABOUT RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA

Resorts World Sentosa (RWS), Asia's premium lifestyle destination resort, is located on Singapore's resort island of Sentosa. Spanning 49 hectares, RWS is home to world-class attractions including Universal Studios Singapore and Adventure Cove Waterpark, as well as one of Southeast Asia's leading marine institutes, comprising Singapore Oceanarium and the Research and Learning Centre. Complementing this are six unique luxury hotels, the premier Resorts World Convention Centre and a casino. RWS offers award-winning dining experiences and exciting cuisines from around the world helmed by celebrity chefs, establishing itself as a key player in Singapore's vibrant and diverse dining scene and a leading gourmet destination in Asia for epicureans. The integrated resort also offers world-class entertainment, from star-studded concerts to immersive exhibitions. RWS is the first integrated resort to be inducted into the TTG Travel Hall of Fame in 2023 after being named "Best Integrated Resort" for 10 consecutive years at the TTG Travel Awards, which recognises the best of Asia-Pacific's travel industry.

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ABOUT SINGAPORE OCEANARIUM



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Located at Resorts World Sentosa, Singapore Oceanarium is a leading ocean institute with the purpose to inspire greater knowledge, love and action for the ocean and aquatic life. We are dedicated to advancing marine education, research, and supporting the conservation and preservation of threatened species.

With a unique blend of live habitats, oceanic stories, state-of-the-art digital innovation, and interactive technology, Singapore Oceanarium connects knowledge from meaningful marine education and encounters to real-world applications. Our long-term partnerships with institutes, accreditation by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA), and membership in the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) and Southeast Asian Zoo and Aquarium Association (SEAZA) are a testament to our commitment to inspire generations of ocean stewards for greater action.

Singapore Oceanarium also encompasses a Research and Learning Centre – a dedicated space that offers advanced purpose-built spaces for research, conservation and community outreach. Certified by Singapore’s Building and Construction Authority as a Green Mark Platinum Zero Energy building, the centre is designed with environmental sustainability at its core and its energy needs are powered entirely by solar energy.

For more information, please visit www.singaporeoceanarium.com.



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