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## Celebrity judges and finalists of Asia's Got Talent charm fans at Marina Bay Sands

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**Singapore** (08 May 2015) – The atmosphere was electric as Marina Bay Sands welcomed the celebrity judges and finalists of Asia's Got Talent in their first and only public appearance since the show was announced on 26 January 2015. The star power of David Foster, Melanie C, Anggun and Van Ness Wu along with the show's hosts Marc Nelson and Rovilson Fernandez and the finalists drew hundreds of fans to the Skating Rink at The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands this evening.

Marina Bay Sands very own Chigie Velasco kicked off the night with a performance of Love On Top by Beyoncé. Chigie is a Captain at RISE restaurant and she was handpicked by the judges of Asia's Got Talent in an internal contest held for team members at Marina Bay Sands.



*Fans taking a selfie with Melanie C and Marc Nelson.*

Fans got up close with the celebrity judges and hosts as they got off the stage and went near to the fans to answer their questions. The judges also played Pictionary with a few lucky fans who witnessed the friendly banter among the judges and won exciting goodie bags.

The highlight of the event was when four lucky members of the audience got invited to the stage for a jamming session with David Foster as he played the baby grand piano. Each participant was paired with a celebrity judge who gave them tips before they sang their hearts out to the cheering crowds. This was also the first time ever that all four judges performed on a stage together as they sang to the catchy tune of Wannabe by Spice Girls.



*Fans sang their hearts out with David Foster on the piano and the judges*

“This is a dream come true for me to be able to sing together with David Foster while he is playing the piano. I never thought this could ever happen to me!” said Malou Venus who was the first volunteer for the jamming session with David Foster. The participants won tickets to The Ultimate Tribute to Michael Jackson, Boyzone BZ20 the Anniversary Tour as well as vouchers to celebrity chef restaurants Adrift and db Bistro & Oyster Bar.



*The audience was treated to a performance by all four judges to Spice Girl's Wannabe*

The nine finalists of Asia's Got Talent also greeted the public, fresh from their outstanding performances at the Grand Finals held on 7 May at the MasterCard Theatres at Marina Bay Sands. The nine finalists are still battling it out for public votes and for the chance to be the winner of the first ever pan-regional edition of the "Got Talent" format. The winner of the competition will be awarded US\$100,000 in cash and perform at Marina Bay Sands, Asia's leading entertainment destination. The winner and runner-up will also walk away with US\$10,000 worth of Jetstar flights to its network of 60 destinations across 16 countries in Asia.

The nine finalists present at the event were:

- Dance Thrilogy (Singapore)
- El Gamma Penumbra (Philippines)
- Gao Lin and Liu Xin (China)
- Gerphil Geraldine Flores (Philippines)
- Gwyneth Dorado (Philippines)
- Junior New System (Philippines)
- Khusugtun (Mongolia)
- Triqstar (Japan)
- Talento (Thailand)

Dance Thrilogy is the only Singapore act that made it to the Grand Finals of Asia's Got Talent. The 11-member all-girl tap dance group comprises of students aged between nine and 13. They have won praises from the judges for their energetic routine from the musical 42<sup>nd</sup> Street at the Grand Finals last night.

"I feel excited to be here today. It's a relaxing atmosphere and we are glad that we have done our best for the Grand Finals last night. I hope to get a hug from Melanie C tonight," said Lea Chong, a nine year old member of Dance Thrilogy.



*Dance Thrilogy showing the hosts Marc Nelson and Rovilson Fernandez on how to tap dance*

This exclusive public appearance was held after the Grand Finals at 8:05pm on 7 May 2015 and ahead of the Grand Final Results on 14 May 2015 at MasterCard Theatres.

Broadcast by AXN, “Asia’s Got Talent” is the 63rd adaptation of the Guinness World Record-breaking hit “Got Talent” format, which was conceived by Simon Cowell’s Syco Entertainment and is co-produced by FremantleMedia and airs in 186 countries. The show features 199 incredibly talented acts from 15 countries competing for the coveted grand prize of USD\$100,000, along with the chance to return and perform at Marina Bay Sands.

The inaugural season of “Asia’s Got Talent” premiered on 12 March 2015, collectively topping ratings among English Pay TV channels in Southeast Asia and Taiwan. The show spans 10 weekly episodes, including five audition episodes, three semi-finals, the grand finals and the grand final results. Home viewers can catch “Asia’s Got Talent” first on AXN this Thursday at 8.05pm (SG/HK/ MY) and on the local broadcasters in India – VH1, Indonesia – ANTV, Thailand – Channel 3 and Vietnam – VTV through the week.

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