Marina Bay Sands adds building blocks to Rainbow Centre School

ArtScience Museum hosts students on a tour of The Art of The Brick exhibition and donates 140,000 LEGO® bricks to special needs school

Singapore (21 January 2013) – As part of its Sands for Singapore CSR program, Marina Bay Sands hosted a group of 40 students and 18 teachers from Rainbow Centre Yishun Park School for an afternoon of fun-filled activities at ArtScience Museum at Marina Bay Sands.

The students, aged six to 11 years old, were treated to an exclusive tour of The Art of The Brick exhibition before trying their hands on a tote-bag printing activity using these toy building bricks.

Marina Bay Sands Team Member volunteers guiding a student during the tote-bag printing activity

More than 25 Marina Bay Sands Team Member volunteers and ArtScience Museum docents guided the students through a tour of the exhibition and the bag printing activity.
Ryan Witcher, Executive Pastry Chef of Marina Bay Sands, posing with a student at The Art of The Brick exhibition.

In a bid to share these toy building bricks to benefit more children, ArtScience Museum donated 140,000 pieces of the bricks from its Christmas tree last year to Rainbow Centre Yishun Park School. These bricks will be channeled to the school’s resource library and classrooms as teaching aids.

After being inspired by The Art of The Brick exhibition, the school is also planning to teach students to use these bricks to make a simple Hari Raya themed 2-D structure. This structure will be unveiled as part of the school’s Hari Raya celebrations in August.

Mr. Hafiizh Othman, Senior Teacher at Rainbow Centre Yishun Park School, said, “This is such a treat for our students and we are truly delighted to be here today. The Art of The Brick is an amazing exhibition and we can’t be more excited to bring these bricks home for our students to learn and play with.”
bricks to Teacher Sean from Rainbow Centre Yishun Park School

Ross, together with students from Rainbow Centre Yishun Park School at the T-rex gallery at The Art of The Brick exhibition

The activity is organized by a body of inspiring team members behind Sands for Singapore, Marina Bay Sands’ Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) vision and mission. The team is made up of 25 committee members and more than 130 Team Member volunteers, who are ambassadors of the integrated resort’s CSR initiatives.

Deemed as one of CNN’s 12 “Must-see Exhibitions”, The Art of the Brick treats visitors to stunning displays of intricate sculptures made from LEGO bricks. It runs at ArtScience Museum until 14 April 2013.
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About Rainbow Centre Singapore
In 1992, Rainbow Centre Singapore was established as a registered charity with the Registry of Societies. The Centre was subsequently granted the Institution of a Public Character (IPC) status under the Charities Act.

The Centre runs two Special Education (SPED) schools and two Early Intervention Programme (EIP) centres at Rainbow Centre - Margaret Drive School campus and Rainbow Centre - Yishun Park School campus for children with special needs. All the Centre's programmes adopt a holistic developmental curriculum in the areas of language and communication skills, cognitive skills, social and emotional skills, fine and gross motor skills, and adaptive daily living skills. They are carried out by a multi-disciplinary team of trained Special Education Teachers, Speech Language Therapists, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Psychologists, Social Workers, and Music and Art Therapists.

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