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SIGGRAPH Asia 2008 sets the stage for inspired insights into computer graphics

A series of industry-leading exhibits and forums are some of the highlights at Asia's first international computer graphics c

DMN Newswire--2008-1-16--ACM SIGGRAPH (Association for Computing Machinery's Special Interest Group on Computer Graphics), the world's largest computer graphics society, has chosen Singapore as the first non-North American venue for a SIGGRAPH conference.

SIGGRAPH Asia 2008 scheduled for 10 ? 13 December is slated as an annual event with Singapore being the first in a series of Asian cities that will play host to professionals and exhibitors with vested interest in the fields of computer graphics and interactive techniques.

With an anticipated 6,000 participants and some 80 exhibiting companies and country pavilions showcasing products and services relevant to this industry, SIGGRAPH Asia will be a vital destination for delegates from all over the world to experience the latest in computer graphics and interactive solutions.

To ensure the relevance and success of SIGGRAPH Asia's debut, the committee behind this event is composed of internationally reputable industry luminaries such as Dr. Alyn Rockwood, vice president of ACM SIGGRAPH and Dr. Lee Yong Tsui, an associate professor at the Nanyang Technological University's School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering.

SIGGRAPH Asia committee overview

- Conference Advisory Group Chair ? Alyn Rockwood (USA)
- Conference Chair ? Lee Yong Tsui (Singapore)



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- Exhibition ? Caleb Cheong (Singapore)

With digital media becoming increasingly relevant across a broad spectrum of industries, SIGGRAPH Asia is poised to become the one-stop international event held in Asia that will address this development and aims to educate conference delegates with an engaging and stimulating programme lineup.

Programme highlights

- Technical Papers

Listen as leading experts from Asia and beyond present cutting edge peer-reviewed research from diverse fields including rendering, animation, medical imaging, virtual reality and many more.

- Sketches and Posters

Take part in a dynamic forum that throws caution to the wind as authors sketch out and discuss their works with a passionate audience. Check out the posters depicting graphical summaries of new ideas that come with a scheduled discussion session.

- Courses

Learn from the industry's best. International experts will be presenting instructional sessions on the latest and best practices in computer graphics and interactive techniques.

- Art Gallery

Designed to present art beyond the norm. This is a showcase for innovative works, including hybrid formats such as text-literature collaboration and zero gravity space art, all of which will serve to provoke and challenge the audience's intellect.



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- Computer Animation Festival

As its name suggests, this is a celebration of the best in world-class digital animation. With submitted works from around the world, in genres that extends to machinima, gaming and scientific visualization, it's a feast for both the eye and the mind.

- Educators programme

To equip educators with the tools to guide the next generation of computer graphics professionals, this program will present innovative approaches to creative instruction in a series of panels, demos and informal discussions.

- Emerging Technologies

Take a peek into the future, in fact, stare long and hard at it. Demos and installations of new computer graphics and interactive technologies such as haptic interfaces and robotics will be on display.

- Exhibition

Be part of a gathering selected from the world's best. Be the first to see and evaluate next generation CG & interactive technologies. Immerse yourself in an environment of new ideas, trends & concepts.

- Exhibitor Tech Talk

Pick the minds behind the latest computer graphics and interactive innovations. Gain insights before deciding on which new technology to align with an existing business.

- Job Fair

Go beyond social networks. This is where the biggest and the brightest flock together and a chance meeting may lead to a dream career.

Besides the myriad of programmes, the presence of industry players and stakeholders at SIGGRAPH Asia also makes the event the perfect networking venue for computer graphics professionals looking for new alliances or new careers.

For more information about SIGGRAPH Asia, visit www.siggraph.org/asia2008.

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About SIGGRAPH Asia 2008

SIGGRAPH Asia 2008 presents the continent's first conference and exhibition devoted exclusively to computer graphics and interactive techniques. To be held at Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre, Singapore, SIGGRAPH Asia 2008 will feature an international conference

from 10-13 December 2008, showcasing works that provoke thoughts, explore ideas in innovative ways, address contemporary issues, interactively engage viewers in discovery, and stimulate their intellect and creativity through art, computer animation, courses, education, technology, papers, sketches and posters. SIGGRAPH Asia also includes a three-day exhibition of products and services from the computer graphics and interactive marketplace from 11-13 December 2008. Marking its entry into Asia, the first SIGGRAPH Asia is expected to bring together 6,000 computer graphics and interactive technology professionals and enthusiasts from Asia and beyond. SIGGRAPH Asia is sponsored by ACM. For more information, please visit www.siggraph.org/asia2008

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