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The Kangxi Emperor Extends His Stay At The Asian Civilisations Museum

By popular demand, the exhibition's run has been extended by two weeks and will now end on 28 June 2009

[20 May 2009, SINGAPORE] Visitors who have yet to see *The Kangxi Emperor: Treasures From The Forbidden City* at the Asian Civilisations Museum will now have an extra two weeks to do so. Jointly organised by the Asian Civilisations Museum (ACM) and The Palace Museum, Beijing, the exhibition features 95 treasures of Chinese imperial art, including 80 artefacts from the collection of The Palace Museum. With the extension, the exhibition will now end its run on 28 June 2009.

“We projected 80,000 visitors for the exhibition. We are now two-thirds into the exhibition duration according to the original dates and have already recorded more than 75,000 visitors. Even if we had stuck to the original dates we would be exceeding our target significantly. We had been hoping to extend the exhibition over the June school holidays and are extremely glad that The Palace Museum has now generously agreed to the extension,” said Dr Kenson Kwok, Director of the Asian Civilisations Museum.

The Kangxi Emperor: Treasures From The Forbidden City brings to life the enduring legacy of one of China's most well-loved and longest ruling emperors. During Kangxi's reign of 61 years (1662 – 1722), the Chinese empire expanded and the foundations of peace and prosperity were laid for his successors. The exhibition also marks the first time that The Palace Museum has worked with any museum or venue in Southeast Asia to exhibit its collection. Singapore is the only



venue where visitors will be able to catch this exhibition, which was specially curated by the ACM for local audiences.

“From the beginning, we felt that Kangxi would have a lot to offer our visitors, both in terms of his multifaceted personality and the fantastic exhibits we could use to tell his story. We are really pleased that Kangxi has been warmly received by so many of our visitors. With the extension, we hope that even more people will get acquainted with the life and times of this remarkable ruler. In fact, some visitors who have made repeat visits to the exhibition had asked us whether it could be extended, so we are happy to be able to do this for them,” said Dr Kwok.

The Kangxi Emperor: Treasures from the Forbidden City will now be showing at the Asian Civilisations Museum till 28 June 2009. Guided tours in English, Mandarin and Japanese are available. For tour timings, please log on to www.acm.org.sg or call 6332 7798 / 6332 2982 for details.

About the Exhibition

The Kangxi Emperor: Treasures from the Forbidden City

康熙盛世：故宫珍宝

Raja Kangxi: Khazanah dari Kota Larangan

Date : 13 March to 28 June 2009
Opening Hours : 1pm – 7pm (Mon), 9am – 7pm (Tue – Sun), to 9pm on Fri
Venue : Special Exhibitions Gallery, Asian Civilisations Museum
Admission : \$8.00 per adult
\$4.00 for full-time students & senior citizens
\$20 for family package for up to 5 pax
Admission includes entry to ACM permanent galleries.



About the Asian Civilisations Museum

The Asian Civilisations Museum's mission is to explore and present the cultures and civilisations of Asia, so as to promote awareness and appreciation of the ancestral cultures of Singaporeans and their links to Southeast Asia and the World. The Asian Civilisations Museum first began its operations at Armenian Street in 1997, which closed at end-2005, and re-opened on 25 April 2008 as the Peranakan Museum. The ACM's flagship at the historic Empress Place Building opened on 2 March 2003.

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Opening Hours

Mondays : 1pm – 7pm

Tuesdays – Sundays : 9am – 7pm (to 9pm on Fridays)

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Crowds brave the afternoon heat at the Asian Civilisations Museum to view its major exhibition for 2009, *The Kangxi Emperor: Treasures from the Forbidden City*.



To date, more than 70,000 visitors have gotten up close and personal with *The Kangxi Emperor*, through exhibits such as his ceremonial armour, on loan from The Palace Museum, Beijing.