

MEDIA ADVISORY

The Kangxi Emperor Draws Crowds At The Asian Civilisations Museum

[29 March 2009, SINGAPORE] Manchu mania hit the Asian Civilisations Museum (ACM) this weekend, as more than 15,000 visitors flocked to the museum for an audience with one of China's greatest and longest ruling emperors. Long queues of visitors braved the afternoon heat to view the ACM's latest exhibition *The Kangxi Emperor: Treasures from the Forbidden City*.

The exhibition features priceless treasures of Chinese imperial art from the collection of The Palace Museum, Beijing, on show for the first time in Southeast Asia. In conjunction with the exhibition, the museum organised *Manchu Mania!*, a weekend festival featuring some of the Kangxi emperor's favourite pastimes. Visitors were treated to performances of Chinese opera and Qing court dances and even got to try their hand at archery, which the emperor had excelled in.

The Kangxi Emperor: Treasures from the Forbidden City will be showing at the Asian Civilisations Museum till 14 June 2009.

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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Crowds braving the Sunday afternoon heat at the Asian Civilisations Museum for a chance to view the latest exhibition, *The Kangxi Emperor: Treasures from the Forbidden City*.