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A Bright Start to the 9th ICP

Two wonderful performances, a festive drums act by Cheung Cheng High School (Yishun) and a dance by School of the Arts left the audience in awe. The festive drums performance was vibrant and multi-sensory. The dance, called Mist, was

graceful and brought out the metaphorical meaning behind Mist.

The Prime Minister began the Opening Ceremony of the 9th ICP with a speech on how our education system has developed since Singapore became independent and the

obstacles it faced and overcame to develop to what it is today. PM Lee also stressed the importance of upgrading the education system to meet the needs of the rapidly changing world.

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Principals' Challenge Raises \$50K for the President's Challenge

"We are doing our best because we owe it to our children to constantly upgrade our education system."

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong

ICP Singapore 2009 Welcome Ceremony concluded on the evening of 6 July, Sunday, at the magnificent Esplanade with glitter and generosity.

Mrs Belinda Charles, President of the Academy of Principals (Singapore), presented a cheque of S\$50,000 to the President's Challenge, a

series of community-based activities initiated by President S R Nathan to raise funds for the needy. The donation was collected from Singapore's school leaders, in response to the President's Challenge to increase community involvement, especially in this period of economic uncertainty.

The Principals' Challenge involved active participation in the SBS Transit's Heart Bus Charity Project, which consisted of the adoption of a Heart Bus Service, a Heart Wall and Posters at MRT stations.

Across the World

The International Confederation of Principals (ICP) meets every two years. ICP brings the world's principals together to share and learn new developments on leadership trends and insights. Do you know that it has travelled across five different continents since its inception in 1995? A recap on its mileage of exciting locations:

- 1995 (Sydney, Australia),
- 1997 (Boston, USA),
- 1999 (Helsinki, Finland),
- 2001 (Gyeongju, Korea),
- 2003 (Edinburgh, Scotland),
- 2005 (Cape Town, South Africa),
- 2007 (Auckland, New Zealand),
- 2009 (Singapore),
- 2011 (Toronto, Canada).

This year, the ICP Council will decide on the venue for ICP 2013. Any bids for the other two continents? Antarctica or South America?



Connecting Everyone at ICP Singapore 2009

ICP Singapore 2009 is on Facebook and Twitter!

Have fun sharing your photographs, reflections as well as contacts through the social network during and after the

conference. Check out <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=95382044350> or search for "ICP Singapore 2009" on Facebook.

Also look out for our "ICP

Singapore 09" microblog on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/icpsingapore09> to be in the loop of the conference's latest updates.

Hope to see you soon!

Knowledge of the Senses

Participants of the 9th ICP had their senses teased by both visual and gastronomic delights during the welcome tea on Tuesday morning.

Artists of these humble works of art ranged from the ages eight to eighteen,

a reflection of the equally vibrant variety of art forms displayed. From acrylic paints on canvas, to medleys of media and photography, each artist poured a little bit of themselves into their artwork.

Similar to the colourful palette of race and language brought together by the convention, one cannot help but feel entranced and enriched by such sights, smells and tastes.

Fountain of Wealth

Suntec City's Tower Buildings represent the four fingers and a thumb while the Fountain of Wealth forms the palm of the hand. It is one of Singapore's most visited destinations.

The Fountain of Wealth is supported by four 13.8 metres high bronze legs, over an area of 1683.07 metres. It has been accorded the status of

"World's Largest Fountain" in the 1998 edition of the Guinness Book of Records.

The flowing water from the Fountain of Wealth is considered to be good "Fengshui" as water symbolises the essence of life in almost every culture. Visitors would touch the flowing water, hoping to pick up some positive "qi" that would

bring them luck. At night, the extravagant laser show transforms the place into a romantic spot for couples. It is not surprising to note that many marriage proposals have taken place here.

Have you absorbed your dose of luck and romance?

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"To be creative, you have to take risks."

Sir Dexter Hutt

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Education Landscape”**

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