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## **Science Centre Singapore to host Singapore's first ASPAC conference**

Themed 'Reinvention' the conference explores how science can be made relevant to today's youth

**Singapore, April 16, 2012** – Science Centre Singapore (SCS) will be hosting the 12th Annual Conference of Asia Pacific Network of Science & Technology Centres (ASPAC) from 16<sup>th</sup> April to 21<sup>st</sup> April.

This conference brings together Asia Pacific's finest in science and technology as they share ideas, exchange knowledge and showcase innovations.

Themed 'Reinvention', the focus for ASPAC 2012 will revolve around how new generation science can be made relevant to today's youth

"It is our pleasure and honour to have the opportunity to host this prestigious event, as it will place Singapore center stage as an important regional hub for science," said Professor Lim Tit Meng, Chairman of the ASPAC 2012 organising committee and the Chief Executive of Science Centre Singapore.

Professor Lim adds on, "It is imperative that we make science relevant to the visitors of today as they will be instrumental in shaping our future. Through ASPAC 2012, we hope to explore avenues in which we can make science relevant to them."

Notable speakers and delegates from Asia Pacific will speak at this event. For example, Dr. Mohri, President of ASPAC and the first Japanese astronaut and veteran of two NASA space shuttle missions, will be sharing about how to engage audiences in creative ways.

In addition, Dr. Wei-Hsin Sun of the National Museums of Natural Science in Taiwan will be among this group of prominent speakers present at ASPAC 2012.

Dr. Sun will be speaking on the challenges faced by Earth in the future and how science is an important tool to solve sustainability issues. Hence getting audiences to appreciate Nature and love science is of paramount importance, and science centres are important conduits for spreading these messages.



**ASPAC 2012 Details:**

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2012

Venue: Science Centre Singapore

*For additional information on ASPAC 2012, please visit: <http://www.aspac2012.com>*

**About Science Centre Singapore**

The Science Centre Singapore is a non-formal educational institution dedicated to the promotion of science and technology among students and members of the public. As a leading Science Centre in the region, the Science Centre Singapore has twelve exhibition galleries with more than 1,000 exhibits, and another 18,000 sq metres of outdoor space showcasing the Waterworks, Ecogarden and the Kinetic Garden exhibits. The Centre also houses the Omni-Theatre — Singapore's only dome shaped, 5-storey high theatre with a capacity of 276 seats. The Science Centre, with Omni-Theatre and Snow City, received more than 1.42 million visitors for FY2009/2010. For more information, please visit [www.science.edu.sg](http://www.science.edu.sg)

**About ASPAC**

The Asia Pacific Network of Science & Technology Centres (ASPAC) was formed in 1997 to facilitate communication and cooperation amongst Science centres, museums and other organisations which use interactive approaches to encourage excellence and innovation in informal learning and the public understanding of science and technology in the Asia Pacific region. ASPAC draws its *membership* from 20 countries and administrative regions in Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Middle East and North America. Members include science centres, science museums, children's museums and exhibit design and fabrication firms.

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