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SCS unveils *Titans of the Past – Dinosaurs and Ice Age Mammals* featuring two international travelling dinosaur exhibitions in Singapore for the first time

Visitors will see real fossil of the largest T-Rex skull ever found

Singapore, 24 October 2013 – Science Centre Singapore (SCS) today unveiled *Titans of the Past – Dinosaurs and Ice Age Mammals* exhibition at the Science Centre Singapore. The 3,000 square metres exhibition features two international travelling dinosaur exhibitions, “The Growth and Behavior of Dinosaurs”, which has been co-produced by the Museum of the Rockies (MOR), USA Montana and Kokoro Co., Ltd. Japan, and “Ice Age, The Exhibition” from Aurea Exhibitions, Argentina. These will transport visitors to the pre-historic era of the dinosaurs and ice age mammals.

Kids and families will get an opportunity to view real fossils which include the largest Tyrannosaurus Rex (T-Rex) skull ever found, replicas and Kokoro’s state-of-the-art animatronics. The quality specimens of Triceratops, Pachycephalosaurus, Hypacrosaurus and T-Rex and the tracking of the development and growth of these four dinosaur species at this exhibition test the latest sensational hypothesis of world-renowned palaeontologist Dr Jack Horner and his research team. They discovered that more than one-third of all dinosaur species classified from the Cretaceous Period may actually be juveniles and not different species as determined by paleontologists for the past century. This exhibition is also the first attempt in the world to explore the concept of ontogeny – the development of an animal through its life and its implications for the science of paleontology.

Dr Jack Horner, the MOR’s Curator of Paleontology and technical advisor for the famed Jurassic Park movies, said, “The exhibition tells the story of a dinosaur’s life using real fossils and specimens that have played a pivotal role to facilitate our continuous efforts to demystify the prehistoric age and uncover new findings. We are in a better position to showcase the pre-historic era and I am sure visitors will be intrigued by what they see in the exhibition.”

The two life-sized dinosaur skeleton casts and *Ice Age* mammals’ exhibits from Aurea Exhibitions will be showcased for the first time in Asia. Visitors will be awed by the cast of



Argentinosaurus, the largest Sauropod ever found measuring 36 metres in length and 7 metres in height. The cast of Giganotosaurus is one of the largest terrestrial carnivores in the late Cretaceous period. *Ice Age, The Exhibition* presents 10 animatronics animals from the Ice Age in scenes depicting their habitats, with didactic panels describing the physical characteristics, diets and environments of these animals. Visitors will see and learn about the various components that made up the earth's surface and atmosphere and how the animals lived during that period.

Commenting on the exhibition, A/Prof Lim Tit Meng, Chief Executive, Science Centre Singapore said, "For the past 35 years, it has been our endeavour to bring in renowned and unique exhibitions to promote interest and transform the way students and public learn about science and technology. The fascination surrounding the existence of dinosaurs continues to grow as many questions remain unanswered. We are confident that *Titans of the Past – Dinosaurs and Ice Age Mammals* exhibition will amplify the curiosity and excitement among the visitors."

Titans of the Past – Dinosaurs and Ice Age Mammals is complemented by a suite of comprehensive educational programmes such as animated demonstration shows within the exhibition, talks and lectures by paleontologists and hands-on workshops on dinosaur forensics. These have been specially put together by SCS in order to enhance visitors' experience of the exhibition. The four-month long exhibition ends on 23 February 2014 and is organised in partnership with Kingsmen Exhibits Pte Ltd and Mediacorp VizPro International Pte Ltd.

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