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RAFFLES COLLEGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION LEADS LARGEST STUDY TRIP TO VALENTINO EXHIBITION IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, 11 February 2011 – It is definitely not a daily affair that Singaporeans get the opportunity to witness the artistry of the man who has dressed some of the world's most beautiful women for more than four decades up-close.

Which is why some 300 Raffles College of Higher Education (“RCHE”) students, who are preparing to embrace fashion as a career, could not give the “Valentino Retrospective: Past/Present/Future” exhibition a miss and flocked down to Resorts World Sentosa (“RWS”) on 22nd January 2011 to view renowned Italian Maison Valentino’s timeless collection.

The group, consisting of students majoring in Fashion Design, Fashion Marketing & Management, and Jewellery Design, formed the largest organised study trip to the rare curated exhibition in Singapore.

“Valentino Retrospective: Past/Present/Future” is a major exhibition developed by the renowned institution, Les Arts Décoratifs, Paris, exploring the work of the celebrated Italian fashion house Valentino. 100 exquisite haute couture pieces, including gowns wore by celebrities such as Cate Blanchett, Nicole Kidman, Julia Roberts, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Elizabeth Taylor and others, are featured. The Singapore exhibition is the first-ever and only Valentino retrospective in Asia.

Professor Giuseppe (Joe) Spinelli, Principal of RCHE said, “Our students were really excited when they learnt that the exhibition will be coming to Singapore. Valentino is one of the most researched haute couture houses amongst our students, for its timeless design, superb craftsmanship and fine balance of originality and innovation. I believe this is a good opportunity for our students to witness up-close all that Valentino’s designs have come to be known for.”

Khoh Siow Lin, first runner-up of RCHE Singapore’s Best Fashion Collection (December 2010 graduating cohort), is one of the students who have researched extensively on Valentino’s collection. She designed a mini Valentino-inspired collection, consisting of evening gowns that featured the stark contrast of black and white, and the distinctive palette of the Valentino crimson colour and fluid silhouette, for one of her projects.

“I loved the exhibition and it was an eye-opener for me. It was quite extensive and every gown was an astonishing combination of fine fabric, beads, embroideries and Valentino’s signature burst of colours. His timeless clothes looked rich, chic, always glamorous and flattering. He fully demonstrated how elegant lines can create an extremely flattering silhouette,” she said.

“I have learnt more about Valentino’s design directions from this exhibition and would like to interpret his timeless concept of elegance in my designs,” she added.

The “Valentino Retrospective: Past/Present/Future” runs from 22 December 2010 to 13 February 2011.



The Valentino Retrospective: Past/Present/Future" exhibition at Resorts World Sentosa, Singapore.



RCHE students waiting patiently at the exhibition's entrance for their turn to view the collection.



Exhibition ambassadors explaining Valentino's collection to RCHE students.



RCHE student, Khoh Siow Lin's Valentino-inspired collection for one of her projects.

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