

China, Hong Kong: Doing Good

Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre HKCEC and UBM Asia Ltd (Asia's leading exhibition organiser) join hands to donate unconsumed food from UBM Asia's seven international trade exhibitions to support Food Angel "Food Recovery Programme" in the spirit of "Fight Hunger Donate Food". The donation was kicked off on 25 March at the APLF - Materials, Manufacturing & Technology and Fashion Access fairs, where unconsumed food from the cocktail receptions were donated to Food Angel, and then distributed to people in need.

HKCEC has participated in Food Angel's "Food Recovery Programme" since July 2011 and donated unconsumed food collected from dinner buffet and banquets at the HKCEC. HML's chefs froze the collected food in blast freezers. From July 2011 to June 2012, HML collected and donated a total of 446 kg of unconsumed food to Food Angel, equivalent to six months of dinner for a typical family of four.

www.hkcec.com



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Panama: Waldorf Astoria Hotels & Resorts Expands into Latin America

Hilton Worldwide proudly announced the expansion of its Waldorf Astoria Hotels & Resorts brand into Latin America with the opening of Waldorf Astoria Panama. With a commitment to personalized service and delivering a new sense of luxury to the booming Panama market, Waldorf Astoria Panama blends the distinguished sophistication of the luxury brand with the warmth of the local Panamanian personality offering 248 guest rooms, suites and luxury residences.

In addition to the hotel's exclusive dining and wellness facilities, Waldorf Astoria Panama features Level 5, a multi-event venue for meetings and social gatherings where Manhattan penthouse design blends with a trendy Latin American ambiance. The more than 3,500 sqft/350 sqm of meeting space includes three multi-purpose meeting rooms and a ballroom, complemented by a versatile business center where guests can access a variety of services.

Providing luxury at every turn, the hotel offers a 2,000 sqft/200 sqm spa with five treatment rooms as well as a 2,000 sqft/200 sqm fitness center and an outdoor swimming pool.

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563 Rooms/Suites 7 Mtg Rms, Theater 500, Classroom 330, Cocktail 650, Banquet 350

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Atlantis, Paradise Island provides a dazzling array of options for groups ranging in size from 10-4,000 persons. With 3,400 rooms and suites located in five distinctive resort towers, Atlantis promises something to exceed every expectation.

Atlantis rivals every top meeting and incentive destination worldwide with its 141-acre Aquaventure water park - not to mention more than 21 restaurants, bars and lounges (including celebrity chef attractions like Nobu Matsuhisa's Nobu and Bobby Flay's Mesa Grill), the chic Aura nightclub, 30,000 sqft / 2,787 sqm Mandara Spa and dolphin interactions at Dolphin Cay.

The Conference Center features the 50,000-sqft / 4,645 sqm Imperial Ballroom (the largest ballroom in the Caribbean) and the 25,000-sqft / 2,323 sqm Grand Ballroom, over 40,000 sqft / 3,716 sqm of pre-function space, plus 33 breakout rooms and five boardrooms.

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Singapore: Marina Bay Sands launches green meeting options

Marina Bay Sands started its Sands ECO360° Meetings Program to provide greener options for all clients and the meeting planners, focusing on three main areas: green meetings, high-performance facilities and sustainable practices. This package include a Green Meetings Concierge service, assigned to work with clients throughout the process and helping to align the hotel's green offerings with the sustainability goals of the clients. After the meeting/congress the concierge presents the Sands ECO360° Event Impact Statement to the client, showing detailed information about the event's impact on the environment.

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Thailand: MICE specialists expect a strong 2013

Thailand's MICE industry experiences a strong growth since the beginning of 2013, with a strong double-digit growth. Biggest contributor to the growth was a peaceful 2012 – the first period over the last years without any major political upheavals and/or natural disasters. More MICE business was booked in the first quarter of 2013 than in total in 2012. Belgium, France and South Africa were the key growth markets. Direct flight from Brussels has been a huge win for Thailand. In addition, the country sees a good growth out of the North American market, with a MICE increase of about 10 per cent during the first quarter 2013.

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Lufthansa: Lufthansa Group helps to improve weather forecasts

Lufthansa aircraft provide data for AMDAR - Aircraft Meteorological Data Relay (AMDAR) is the generally accepted worldwide term for automated weather reports from commercial aircraft.

Since many years, Lufthansa aircraft have been equipped with software that collects current meteorological data in flight. The Lufthansa Group is thus helping to improve the precision of weather forecasts. Taking account of data measured by aircraft can increase the accuracy of weather forecasts for the next 24 hours by between five and seven per cent.

Some 350 Lufthansa Group aircraft supply around 20,000 data to the German Meteorological Service (DWD). The individual measurements are bundled on board and along with the date, time of day, flight phase, flight number, aircraft registration and geographical data are sent to the Lufthansa Systems ground station. There the data is anonymised, converted into the appropriate format for the weather services and then forwarded to them for inclusion in their forecasting models.

Aircraft Meteorological Data Relay (AMDAR) is the generally accepted worldwide term for automated weather reports from commercial aircraft. No additional weather sensors or on-board hardware are needed to record AMDAR data. Since pilots in the cockpit also require information such as barometric altitude, air temperature and wind speed, aircraft are already equipped with the corresponding measuring devices.

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