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**THOUSANDS TO GATHER AT THE SPEAKERS' CORNER TO URGE
RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA TO LET THE DOLPHINS GO**

SINGAPORE, 19 August 2011 – ACRES will be holding a **first-of-its-kind concert** to save the world's saddest dolphins. To be held on 28 August, the concert will see the **largest-ever gathering of animal lovers at the Speakers' Corner**, to urge Resorts World Sentosa (RWS) to release their remaining 25 wild-caught dolphins.

RWS continues to refuse to fail to specifically address the concerns raised by members of the public, with regard to the capture and confinement of dolphins. Despite repeated emails to RWS, they to date have yet to reply to all 25 questions raised by ACRES. RWS also continues to delete comments questioning their decision to house wild-caught dolphins and block users from their Facebook page.

Local and international support for the "Save the World's Saddest Dolphins" campaign is increasing exponentially, and ACRES believes that it is time all the animal lovers in Singapore came together and spoke as one.

ACRES, in collaboration with Young NTUC, is hosting a concert to raise awareness, to make ourselves heard and, most importantly, to show our solidarity with the dolphins. Several prominent bands and musicians, including Jack and Rai, Sixx, D'Fusion, Zal Empty, Alicia Pan and Michaela Therease are donating their time and talent for the dolphins' benefit.

"We hope that by being a part of this social movement, we play a role in helping to free the dolphins, and raise awareness about the ills that captivity brings to dolphins. Resorts World, please let the dolphins go" said Singapore musicians, Jack and Rai.

During the concert, members of the public will gather together to form the shape of a giant leaping dolphin for the cameras.

"It is time for RWS to respond positively to public concerns. It is time for RWS to show the world that they are truly responsible global citizens who not only care about their bottom line, but also for the sentient beings we share this world with" said Mr. Louis Ng, Executive Director of ACRES.

Event Details

Date: Sunday, 28 August 2011. **Time:** 4:30 – 7.00 pm.

Venue: Hong Lim Park (Speakers' Corner), Exit A of Clarke Quay MRT.

For more details please log on to: <https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=119284371501338>

The event is free of charge and is in partnership with Aeromedia Solutions, Animal Lovers League, Asian Scientist, Earth Island Institute, House Rabbit Society Singapore, Kanga Organics, Mutts and Mittens Pte. Ltd., SPCA, Vegetarian Society of Singapore and Yappily Pets.

Please confirm your interest by 26th August 2011.

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Notes to editors

- Photos and videos of the RWS wild-caught dolphins are available on request.
- The email to RWS containing the 25 questions is available on request.
- The “Save the World’s Saddest Dolphins” campaign (www.saddestdolphins.com) was launched in May 2011. Over 670,000 individuals have joined ACRES in urging RWS to please let the dolphins go.
- ACRES is a pioneering Singapore-based charity and Institution of Public Character, founded by Singaporeans in 2001 with the aim of promoting animal welfare.
Young NTUC was launched on 30th April 2005. Formerly known as the NTUC Youth Committee, Young NTUC is the official youth wing of the National Trades Union Congress. With 150,000 members below 35 years old, Young NTUC is the largest youth movement in Singapore. Working with the youth chapters of the 60 NTUC-affiliated unions, we aim to reach out to the young workforce in Singapore, representing them as a voice and thus helping to advance the cause of the labour movement. Visit us at www.youngntuc.org.sg

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