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H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco inspires emerging environmental leaders at Marina Bay Sands

His Serene Highness discusses planetary health and sustainability best practices in a rare and intimate dialogue



Students pursuing sustainability and environmental studies were invited to the In Conversation With session on Friday for an exclusive discussion with H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco

SINGAPORE (1 November 2022) – Marina Bay Sands and the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation joined hands last Friday for a unique opportunity for local emerging environment leaders to meet His Serene Highness (H.S.H.) Prince Albert II of Monaco at the latest ***In Conversation With*** dialogue session held at Marina Bay Sands.

Honoured with numerous accolades for his contribution and action in favour of the protection of the environment, H.S.H. Prince Albert II is one of the world's leading philanthropists dedicated to ocean conservation and sustainability. During the hour-long session, H.S.H. Prince Albert II discussed climate change and shared his hopes for a sustainable future together with Vice President and CEO of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, Olivier Wenden. Students from National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore Management University (SMU) and Nanyang

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Technological University (NTU) pursuing environmental and sustainability studies attended the dialogue.



Marina Bay Sands' Chief Operating Officer Paul Town joins H.S.H. Prince Albert II and Vice President and CEO of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, Olivier Wenden, on stage

Held as part of the ongoing ***In Conversation With*** series, the dialogue is one of the many ways Marina Bay Sands gives back through its community engagement programme ***Sands Cares***. The integrated resort also seeks to decouple business growth from its carbon footprint, through its global sustainability programme ***Sands ECO360***.

Marina Bay Sands' Chief Operating Officer, Paul Town, said, "It is an absolute honour to have H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco share his vision of planetary health as part of our ***In Conversation With*** series. We are certain that the Foundation's achievements in conserving and restoring marine ecosystems and biodiversity have inspired many of us today. As one of Singapore's largest hospitality players, Marina Bay Sands is acutely aware of the impact our operations have on the environment. We will continue to innovate to deliver world-class hospitality with sustainability at our core."

H.S.H. Prince Albert II was in Singapore to grace the Foundation's fundraising Gala – Ball in Monaco – which was held at the Sands Grand Ballroom of the Sands Expo and Convention Centre on the evening of 28 October. The Ball is a key event in the Foundation's outreach effort, galvanising likeminded individuals in the common goal of raising awareness and funds for the environment.

The Foundation has led more than 720 projects worldwide, driven to limit the effects of climate change, promoting renewable energy, preserving biodiversity, managing water resources and combating desertification. Building on these efforts, H.S.H. Prince Albert II believes small states like Singapore and Monaco can be stewards of change on a regional and global level.

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Speaking on ecotourism and Monaco as a sustainable destination, H.S.H. Prince Albert II said, “The Principality of Monaco is learning to live and build differently to achieve a delicate balance between environmental protection and economic, social or human progress by reorienting our tourism and hospitality. We have the ability to innovate, agility to cultivate change and resources to play a key role in environmental protection and meet the demand for sustainability and best practices. Together, we will be able to create a more sustainable, healthy and responsible world for us today, to spark a remarkable transformation that will benefit the next generations.”



H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco and Olivier Wenden shared their vision for a sustainable future with the audience

Aryan Chandra, a student from Singapore Management University (SMU) said, “It was a surreal opportunity to listen to His Serene Highness express his deep desire for the planet and detail his inspiring ambition for us. Joining forces with different stakeholders for ocean conservation, renewable energies and more, the profound vision supported by the Foundation teaches us to harness the power of synergy for a greener future.”

On top of bringing the audience through the journey of catalysing change in the green economy, H.S.H. Prince Albert II left a deep impression on the youth with a piece of wisdom, “Embrace the fact that you will be the leaders of tomorrow to reconnect man and the natural world. It is a collective and intergenerational responsibility to accelerate and upscale existing solutions, as well as introduce new formulas driven by science, business and innovation. To make a lasting impact to the world, your commitment to the future starts now.”

Launched in 2014, the ***In Conversation With*** series provides a platform for young adults to engage with and be inspired by leading figures who have a wealth of knowledge and experience in their respective career fields.

Past luminaries who have participated in the series include music artists Jessie J, Corinne Bailey Rae, and Joss Stone; actors Tom Hanks, the late Irrfan Khan, Melissa McCarthy, Dev Patel, Michelle Yeoh and Choi Siwon; as well as film directors Darren Aronofsky, Antoine Fuqua,

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Shekhar Kapur and Ron Howard. The most recent talk featured celebrity chef and culinary legend Daniel Boulud on 2 March 2022.

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Marina Bay Sands is dedicated to being a good corporate citizen to serve its people, communities and environment. As one of the largest players in hospitality, it employs nearly 10,000 Team Members across the property. It drives social impact through its community engagement programme, Sands Cares, and leads environmental stewardship through its global sustainability programme, Sands ECO360.

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