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ADVENTURE AT PULAU SEMAKAU

In celebration of Earth Day 2011, GIA is pleased to present "Adventure at Pulau Semakau", an exciting outing to see Singapore's natural wonders at Pulau Semakau with the Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research (RMBR*) on **Saturday 23 Apr 2011**.

GIA supports the RMBR in their mission to conduct conservation and biodiversity research in Singapore. We would like to extend an invitation to industry practitioners to join us for a half-day educational and fulfilling trip to Pulau Semakau led by intrepid and experienced guides. Take this opportunity to see Singapore's best hidden marine gems like corals, sea stars, sea anemones and, if you are lucky, their resident clownfishes!

This half-day trip is limited to 70 persons. There is no limit on the number of persons that each member can sign up for. Availability is on a first come, first served basis. Please register early to avoid disappointment.

Interested participants are kindly requested to register by filling in the attached reply slip and send it to the GIA via email/fax before **1 Apr 2011**.

Programme of the "Adventure at Pulau Semakau"

0615 am Assemble at Marina South Pier
0630 am Boat Ride to Pulau Semakau
0730 am Walk to Intertidal Area
0800 am Intertidal Walk
1000 am Landfill Tour
1100 am Depart for Marina South Pier

(Note: Assembly time starts at 0600 am and the boat leaves at 0630 am SHARP)

In helping to support RMBR's effort to build a new natural history museum for Singapore, members may wish to make a corporate donation, starting from S\$200 to the RMBR. Donations are eligible for tax-deduction at 2.5 times the donated amount. Please issue a cheque to be made payable to the "National University of Singapore" and indicate "RMBR Museum Development Fund" on the reverse side of the cheque. Please send your cheque to the GIA at 112 Robinson Road #05-03, Singapore 068902.

***INTRODUCTION TO THE RAFFLES MUSEUM OF BIODIVERSITY RESEARCH (RMBR)**

The RMBR is a research and education centre of biodiversity and environmental issues at the Department of Biological Sciences (DBS), Faculty of Science, National University of Singapore (NUS). It is built on the natural history collection that was removed from the National Museum at Stamford Road when the latter museum ceased to be the custodian of Singapore's natural heritage in the early 1970s. This collection holds the natural history collection of not only Singapore, but also that of South-east Asia due to the intensive collecting activities by the staff at the Raffles Museum and Library, the predecessor of the National Museum.



The RMBR has been the custodian of Singapore's 160-year-old natural history collection and continues to pursue excellence in biodiversity and environmental knowledge with the academic strengths of various faculty and postgraduate researchers at DBS, NUS. The RMBR is looking forward to the construction of a new museum by 2014 that will feature an exhibition gallery of about 2,500 m²—about 10 times the size of the current one—and proper climate controlled areas for the nation's natural history collection to protect it for posterity. Your support will go into the conservation and preservation of the nation's natural heritage, and also the resurrection of Singapore's natural history museum!

For more information on RMBR, please visit their website at www.rnbr.nus.edu.sg

Best Regards,
GIA Secretariat
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To be returned before **1 April 2011**

RETURN SLIP

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We would like to support the RMBR's efforts in conservation biology, ecology and systematics research by attending this Pulau Semakau field trip on Saturday 23 April 2011. The names and contact details of our representatives attending are as follows:

S/N	Name / Designation	Email Address

In addition, the company would like to make a contribution of S\$_____ to the "RMBR Museum Development Fund" to contribute to the building of a natural history museum for Singapore.

Name of Contact Person	Mr/ Ms
Designation	
Email Address	
Contact No	
Signature	