

## Press Release



### **TURNING PASSION INTO A WORK OF CHARITY - Local amateur underwater photographer raises fund for blind charity -**

**21 February 2008, Singapore** – What started as a work of leisure and love for the underwater kingdom became a philanthropy cause for local amateur underwater photographer, Mrs Margaret Pang. An upcoming photography exhibition called “Enchantment of the sea” is probably the first exhibition by a Singaporean woman to hold a solo underwater photography exhibition for the sole purpose of raising fund for a charity organization. “Enchantment of the sea” will be held at the Paragon Atrium, Orchard Road, from 22 – 24 February 2008 where over 60 photograph exhibits will be on display for sales.

Mixing diving and photography, Mrs Pang will be showcasing some of her underwater photographs along with greeting cards and a book depicting the beauty and splendour of the undersea kingdom taken during her diving trips around Asia. All sales proceed will be donated to the Singapore Association of the Visually Handicapped (SAVH).

Said Mrs Pang, “I do underwater photography for pleasure and when I came to know of SAVH’s financial plight, I was determined to help SAVH raise fund through my photographs”. This 50-year old diving enthusiast also quipped that “like volunteering or doing charity work, one is never too old to learn how to dive!”.

Praising such philanthropy move is Mr Edmund Wan, Executive Director of SAVH, “Margaret’s altruism and concern for the visually handicapped speaks great depth as she shows how much we do not know about the beautiful world beneath the land. These things make you appreciate nature even more, especially things which you are unaware of, when you see with your own eyes. Margaret turned her passion into helping the visually handicapped whom she knows will never be able to appreciate such beauty”.

“Enchantment of the sea” photography exhibition will be graced by Mrs Yu-Foo Yee Shoon, Minister of State, Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports with His Excellency, Mr Marc Calcoen, Ambassador of Belgium as guest speaker at a launch ceremony to be held on 22

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February. Along with these VIPs, over 15 Ambassadors and High Commissioners will also be gracing this event.

You and your camera crew/photographer are cordially invited to this launch ceremony at the Paragon Atrium, Orchard Road, Friday 22 February at 10.30 am.

Exhibition details : Paragon Atrium, Orchard Road, 22 - 24 February, 11 am - 9 pm (22 & 23 February) & 11 am - 6 pm (24 February), Free admission, Tel : 6251 4331 ext. 115 or log on to [www.savh.org.sg](http://www.savh.org.sg) for more information.

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