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Ngong Ping 360 Transforms Into a Whimsical Land of Bubbles Bursting with Fun

Bubbloo Carnival to feature world-acclaimed guest acts

(11 October 2011, Hong Kong) Families and couples alike in search of a fun and heart-warming destination will now have something to look forward to - Ngong Ping 360's Bubbloo Carnival has opened its doors. From now until 30 November 2011, Hong Kong's premiere tourist attraction will transform into a fun, magical, bubble filled paradise.

The Ngong Ping 360 Bubbloo Carnival brings world famous performance artists as well as exciting events, carnival themed stalls and promotions to the prolific tourist attraction, dazzling guests young and old. Apart from experiencing world-class performances, guests will also have the opportunity to experience breathtaking views from our enjoyable cable car rides, giving them access to Hong Kong in a whole new light.

Ngong Ping 360 Managing Director Wilson Shao said, "Autumn is the perfect time for outdoor activities in Hong Kong. We hope that the Bubbloo Carnival will attract both local and overseas guests to usher in a festive mood this season. At the same time, offering our guests an exhilarating experience, interacting with world-acclaimed artists and soaking up the bubble-themed atmosphere, only available at Ngong Ping 360."

Enter the Surreal World of Bubbles and Magic

Guests visiting Ngong Ping 360 will get to experience the spectacular skills of world record holding bubble artist, Matej Kodes. Performing for the first time in Hong Kong, Matej from the Czech Republic, will delight visitors on selected days. Armed with just bubble soap and bubble wands, guests will be treated to an exciting and unforgettable experience as Matej shows them a world of amazing bubbles, enticing them with never-seen-before bubble stunts.

Gifted in the rare art of bubble sculpture, Matej has broken several world records since 2005 when he created a bubble large enough to fit 15 people. This feat was soon followed by other world record titles including the longest bubble chain where he created 21 interlinked bubbles, and in 2010, he made the longest bubble tunnel measuring 24.1m. During the same year, Matej also broke the record for the largest vehicle to be 'trapped' inside a bubble.

No stranger to magic enthusiasts in Hong Kong, world-acclaimed magician, Louis Yan, will also be making special guest appearances at the Bubbloo Carnival. Louis is the first Hong Kong magician to win the Abbott Magic Competition in the US and the People Choice Award in 2010. He has also received the Merlin Award – commonly referred to as "Magic's Hall of Fame" and an award that is only given to magicians who have achieved the highest level in their craft – legendary magician David Copperfield being one such recipient.

Together, Matej and Louis will combine their amazing talents to captivate and bring joy to guests at the Bubbloo Carnival.

Free-of-charge interactive “Bubbloo” workshops

In addition to these performances, free interactive bubble arts and magic workshops are available everyday at Ngong Ping Village so that guests can experience the magical and fascinating world of bubbles.

Catch the spectacular bubbly moments at Bubbloo-themed Ngong Ping Village

Ngong Ping Village has also turned into a bubble-filled village with the attractive “Bubbloo Photo-shooting Zone” and the “Giant Bubbloo Fun Arch”, bringing joyful moments to our guests.

Guests can catch all the fun at our “Bubbloo Fun Fair” with the Wacky Windy Game and other “Bubbloo” booths filled with fun games and irresistible sweets and snacks, as well as “Bubbloo” themed souvenirs.

Ngong Ping 360 Night Ride Services

To give guests full day access to the “Bubbloo Carnival”, service hours for Ngong Ping Cable Car and Ngong Ping Village will be extended by 2.5 hours every Saturday in October. Extended hours will give guests the opportunity to enjoy glittering night views high above Tung Chung and the airport. Package prices during the promotion period will remain unchanged, the last cabin will depart Ngong Ping Village at 8:30pm.

For details of our “Ngong Ping 360 Bubbloo Carnival” and night ride services, please visit our website at www.np360.com.hk or contact our Customer Service Hotline at (852) 3666 0606.

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**Ngong Ping 360 Bubbloo Carnival
Schedule
(October – November 2011)**

Date	Performances and Workshop
<u>October 2011</u>	
Saturday with Cable Car Night Ride Specials (15, 22, 29 October)	Opening hours: 9:00am – 8:30pm Stage performances: 12:30pm 3:00pm 6:00pm Interactive workshop: 1:00pm 3:30pm 6:30pm
Sunday – Friday (9-14, 16-21, 23-28, 30-31 October)	Stage performances: 12:30pm 2:30pm 4:00pm Interactive workshops: 1:00pm 3:00pm 4:30pm
<u>November 2011</u>	
Daily (1-30 November)	Stage performances: 12:30pm 2:30pm 4:00pm Interactive workshops: 1:00pm 3:00pm 4:30pm

* Please visit Ngong Ping 360 website www.np360.com.hk for detailed schedules of the world-class performances by Louis Yan and Matej Kodes.

Ngong Ping 360 Bubbloo Carnival – Cutlines:

1. Mystifying performances by world-acclaimed magician, Louis Yan.



2. Amazing bubble shows performed by world record Bubble Artist, Matej Kodes.



3. Guests can experience the bubbloo-themed atmosphere at Ngong Ping 360.



Louis Yan
International Champion Magician from Hong Kong

- ◆ Louis Yan graduated from Hong Kong Baptist University and University of Wollongong in Australia. He is now a popular full time magician actively participating in a variety of magic shows and creating its own magic performances.

Awards and achievements:

- ◆ 2009
 - Champion of Hong Kong All-Around Magician Competition
- ◆ 2010
 - The first magician who has successfully predicted the Hong Kong Hang Seng Index, which has gained much public attention
 - Merlin Award, The Best Stage
 - Champion of the US Abbott International Magic Competition and People Choice Award Winner
 - Champion of Hungary 6th Joker Magic International Stage Magic Competition
 - First-runner Up of Taiwan Magician Association Magic Competition
- ◆ 2011
 - Invited to perform at the US Hollywood Magic Castle
 - The first Hong Kong magician to be invited to perform at the Taiwan Magician Association Magic Convention

Matěj Kodeš
World-records holding Bubble Artist from Czech Republic

- 2004
 - ◆ One of the Founders of the Bubble Show.cz. with Mirek Smejkal.
 - ◆ Matěj Kodeš and Mirek Smejkal started to call their performances “Bubble Show” which became a very popular title used by bubble theatres, magic bubbles show and bubble artists.
- 2005
 - ◆ Matěj Kodeš and Mirek Smejkal created the first world record – 15 guests contained in one big bubble.
- 2007
 - ◆ Matěj Kodeš started his own career as a Bubble Artist.
- 2008
 - ◆ Matěj Kodeš created a world record – the longest bubble chain – 21 interlinked bubbles.
- 2009
 - ◆ Matěj Kodeš became a founding member of the International Association of Professional Bubble Artists.
 - ◆ Matěj Kodeš began his cooperation with the Czech National Theatre.
 - ◆ Created a world record – Five tigers contained in one big bubble.
- 2010
 - ◆ Created a world record – the longest bubble tunnel at 24.1 metres.
 - ◆ Created a world record – the largest vehicle contained in one big bubble.
- 2011
 - ◆ Created a world record – 58 small bubbles contained in one big bubble.
 - ◆ Nomination for Title Record Holder of the Year.

Ngong Ping 360 Bubbloo Carnival
Fun Facts About Bubbles

The History

- Bubble blowing did not really exist before soap.
- The Pear Soap Company, in England, was responsible for the 19th century popularization of both soap and bubble blowing.
- Bubble toys were largely limited to bubble pipes until the middle of the 20th century. Today, bubble blowing is increasingly used in artistic performances.

Science and Bubbles

- Soap bubbles can help to solve complex mathematical problems of space, as they will always find the smallest surface area between points or edges.
- Researchers from America even study how to create a big bubble for making telescope and dwellings in space.
- Scientists refer to the shape of bubbles as minimal surface structures. This means that they always hold the gas or liquid inside of them with the least possible surface area. The geometric form with the least surface area for any given volume is always a sphere.

Source:

<http://www.bubbles.org/html/history/history.htm>
<http://zh.wikipedia.org/wiki/%E8%82%A5%E7%9A%82%E6%B3%A1>
<http://www.bubbles.org/html/questions/round.htm>

Bubbles are...

- A soap bubble is a very thin film of soap water that forms a sphere with an iridescent surface.
- Soap bubbles usually last for only a few moments and then burst either on their own or upon contact with another object.
- There are various ways for making bubbles solutions. Detergents, distilled water and glycerin are needed for blowing bouncing bubbles - the perfect proportions are 3:10:1.

Source:

<http://zh.wikipedia.org/wiki/%E8%82%A5%E7%9A%82%E6%B3%A1>
<http://www.bubbleshow.cz/your-own-bubble-solution>

The Colour of Bubbles

- Similar to the way we perceive colours in a rainbow, we see the colours in a bubble through the reflection and the refraction of light waves off the inner and outer surfaces of the bubble wall.
- A bubble reflects color from its surroundings.

Source: <http://www.bubbles.org/html/questions/color.htm>

Ideal Conditions for Making Bubbles

- The best proportions are 3:10:1.
- Work in shady areas.
- Try bubble making right after the sunsets.
- Make bubbles when the air is still or only slightly breezy.
- Play with bubbles after a rainstorm as bubbles will seemingly last forever when the air is full of moisture.
- Stay in open areas where bubbles won't run into dry objects.
- Keep your bubble tools wet with bubble solution.

Source: <http://www.bubbles.org/html/questions/pop.htm>

Some of the World's Bubble Records

- Five tigers 'trapped' inside a bubble, Matěj Kodeš, 2009.
- The longest bubble tunnel at 24.1 metres, Matěj Kodeš, 2010.
- The largest vehicle to be 'trapped' inside a bubble, Matěj Kodeš, 2010.
- 58 bubbles contained in one big bubble, Matěj Kodeš 2011.
- The most people inside a soap bubble were 118, USA, 2011.

Source: <http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/records-1000/most-people-inside-a-soap-bubble/>

- Largest Free-Floating Soap Bubble
37,000 people simultaneously blowing bubbles at multiple locations in 2010.

Source: <http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/records-4000/largest-free-floating-soap-bubble/>

- Most People Simultaneously Blowing Bubbles
In 1999, a total of 23,680 people in the stadium blew bubbles for a minute, prior to West Ham United F.C.'s home Premier League soccer fixture against Middlesbrough F.C. at the Boleyn Ground, Upton Park, London.

Source:

<http://worldmostamazingrecords.blogspot.com/2010/04/most-people-simultaneously-blowing.html>

- Largest Soup Bubble Wall
The longest soap bubble wall measured 50.90 m (166 ft 11 in) long and was created in 2009.
Source: <http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/records-1/longest-soap-bubble-wall/>
- Largest Explosive Soap Bubble
The largest exploding soap bubble was 25 cm (250mm) in diameter, Spain, 2011.
Source: <http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/records-8000/largest-explosive-soap-bubble>
- Longest Bubble Chain
The longest hanging bubble chain is 26, London, UK, 2010.
Source: [http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/records-2000/longest-bubble-chain-\(hanging\)/](http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/records-2000/longest-bubble-chain-(hanging)/)

National Bubble Week

National Bubble Week is a week for kids of all ages to celebrate the fun and enchantment of bubbles in United States in March. The first-ever Bubble Week was in the year 2000 and was initiated by Oddzon, makers of Koosh Bubbles, it was created to herald the first day of spring -- the unspoken first day of the bubble-blowing season.

Source: <http://bubbleblowers.com/bub-week.html>

Tips for Taking Bubble Photos

- Bubbles which look like a planet
Use a macro lens to shoot the surface of bubbles so that it reflects the surroundings under the sun. Choose a black background and the bubble will look like a planet in space.
- Shoot the moment of bubble explosion
Use high shutter speeds of 1/500 and continuous shooting functions to shoot the precise moment of the bubble's explosion.
- Self-shooting in the bubble
Take this photo with calm weather and use f/5, 1/400 and ISO400 to take the picture. A telephoto lens and zoom lens with 70mm is the perfect tool.

Notes

- Shoot the bubble in clam weather conditions.
- Take the picture during sunrise and sunset.
- Use manual focus as the auto focus usually focuses on transparent objects wrongly
- Use different brands of bubble solution to conduct experiments as they vary in color and duration.

Source: <http://photoblog.hk/wordpress/2380/%E6%B3%A1%E6%B3%A1%E6%94%9D%E5%BD%B1%E5%B0%8F%E8%B2%BC%E5%A3%AB>