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## Disney's *Raya and the Last Dragon* ignites passion among local students at Marina Bay Sands

*Film's producer and screenwriter share about filmmaking and the creative process behind the upcoming animation*



*Invited students got to ask the film's producer Osnat Shurer and screenwriter Adele Lim questions about their craft at the In Conversation With session on Wednesday*

SINGAPORE (3 March 2021) – Marina Bay Sands collaborated with The Walt Disney Company Southeast Asia to provide a rare opportunity to aspiring film and animation students with an exclusive talk led by the screenwriter and producer of the upcoming Disney animation film, ***Raya and the Last Dragon***.

On Wednesday, some 50 attendees invited as part of Marina Bay Sands' Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme, Sands Cares, got up close and personal with screenwriter Adele Lim and producer Osnat Shurer, who shared about their experience working in the industry and the creative process behind the movie. The invited attendees were from Nanyang

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Polytechnic's Animation and Visual Effects programme, and Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts' Design and Media Programme.



*From L-R: Osnat Shurer and Adele Lim joining virtually from Los Angeles; a Nanyang Polytechnic student asking a question during the session; Attendees at Marina Bay Sands' Hybrid Broadcast Studio*

Taking place at Marina Bay Sands' Hybrid Broadcast Studio, Lim and Shurer joined the session virtually from Los Angeles, and fielded questions from the students about what inspired them and how they overcame challenges in the making of the film.

Marina Bay Sands' Senior Vice President of Resort Operations, Paul Town, said: "Even in these times, we continue to seek opportunities to give back to the local community and champion youth and education. We are privileged to work with partners like Disney who have been able to support our CSR efforts and provide unique experiences for students thinking to pursue a similar career path.

Wednesday's event is one of the many ways that Marina Bay Sands gives back to the local community, allowing for unique opportunities where the youth are able to gain insights into the worlds of film, art and culture through the eyes of experts and celebrities hosted by the IR.

Rachel Chew, a student from Nanyang Polytechnic, said, "I had a meaningful experience and an inspiring conversation with the talent who worked behind the scenes of the movie. I've learnt it's important to continue working on our craft and to always surround ourselves with creative people with similar passions and dreams."

Launched in 2014, the *In Conversation With* series continues to be a forum where impressionable young adults are able to gain knowledge and be inspired by leading figures in their respective career fields.

Past speakers 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, Shekhar Kapur and Ron Howard. The most recent talk featured Singaporean rap artist Yung Raja.

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