

fair special

IFFS/AFS: It's Showtime!

International Furniture Fair Singapore 2006/23rd ASEAN Furniture Show (IFFS/AFS) will be held at the Singapore Expo, Halls 1-6 from March 1 – 5, 2006. Besides the signature furniture design works by 480 exhibitors from 29 countries, there are plenty of activities, forums and competitions for all to enjoy.

Furniture Design Forum 2006

The 4th Furniture Design Forum will make its return on March 2, 2006, with a panel of four distinguished design gurus from Australia, Hong Kong and the UK.

Accomplished speakers at the event include:



- Michael Young, Founder, Michael Young Studios, UK

Mr Young has been amongst the most successful and influential designers of his generation. His early Woven steel works have been acquired by public institutions such as Centre Pompidou and the Louvre Museum in France. His 'Mid Nineties: collection of furnishing for E&Y Tokyo' was purchased by Die Neue Sammlung Museum Germany and the Design Museum London.

- Voon Wong, Founder, voonwong&bensonsaw, UK

After graduating from the National University of Singapore and the Architectural Association in London, Voon Wong worked in various practices in the UK and Singapore. He was involved in the Vitra Fire Station,



Cardiff Opera House projects at the Office of Zaha Hadid, the Student Accommodation and Master planning of the University of East Anglia at Rick Mather Architects in the UK. In 2001, he established voonwong&bensonsaw with Benson Saw.

- Thomas Jacobsen, Founder, Thomas Jacobsen MDIA, Australia

After spending four years at University of Technology Sydney studying Building & CAD, Thomas Jacobsen commenced his furniture design career in the strict Danish tradition of precise and cross pollination of design discipline, producing a range of metal indoor/outdoor furniture conceived with the harsh Australia environment in mind. Thomas received the Best Interior Award by a Young Designer from the Society of Interior Designers of Australia as well as a Colour Award in 1998.



- Douglas Young, Founder, G.O.D., Hong Kong

Born in Hong Kong, Douglas Young is trained as an architect at Sheffield University, UK and The Architectural Association, London. He founded G.O.D. (Goods of Desire) together with his partner Benjamin Lau in 1996 with the aim to sell products defining 'Hong

Kong Culture' which is a fusion of modern Asia and Western Lifestyle. The articulate architect turned designer/entrepreneur has taken the city's mundane street scenes and created extraordinary products that have earned him an award at the Business of Design Week.



Furniture Design Award 2006

Meet the upcoming talents that will break new ground and evolve the future of the furniture industry. This prestigious award, organised by Singapore Furniture Industries Council, takes FLY as its theme for the Students & Young Designers category this year.

The exhibits will be on display at the design-led International Furniture Fair Singapore at the Singapore Expo from March 1- 5 2006.

Turning Conventional Chairs Into Works Of Art

Organised by Singapore Furniture Industries Council, the 2nd **Furniture. Lifestyle. Innovations. Perspectives. (FLIP!) Challenges** inspire local arts and design students to perceive and fashion furniture from a novel and unconventional perspective. These exhibits will also be displayed at the design-led International Furniture Fair Singapore at the Singapore Expo.