

## SHOWS

### Quietly confident of success for IFFS/AFS 2006

With a few months to go before the **International Furniture Fair Singapore 2005/22nd ASEAN Furniture Show (IFFS/AFS 2006)** opens its gate, the organisers are quietly confident that the 2006 show is going to be even better than the successful edition of 2005.

The 2006 showtime will be from 1 to 5 March at the Singapore Expo. Some 500 exhibitors from 30 countries are expected to participate in the show.

The highly appreciated annual **Furniture Design Award (FDA)** makes its return to IFFS/AFS 2006 and invites young design talents and innovative design firms to soar into the unknown and break new ground in furniture design based on



the given theme "FLY".

The IFFS/AFS 2005 lived up to its reputation as one of the leading Asia furniture trade events with a record of 17,535 trade visitors from 112 countries. More significantly, the fair generated a record USD230 million of spot orders. The **Singapore Furniture Industries Council (SFIC)**, estimated an additional USD2 billion of follow-on

sales would be generated.

475 companies representing 34 countries showcased more than 30,000 pieces of quality, design-led furniture and furnishing products across six halls (55,000m<sup>2</sup> of floor space) and attracted buying delegates from neighbouring regions as well as from Europe, America, the Middle East and even Africa. ●

### Indian Furniture Show

The **Indian Furniture Show**, held from 10-13 March 2006 at the Indian Expo Centre, New Delhi, will be India's first b2b furniture show covering furniture for homes, gardens, offices and hotels in a variety of designs in wood, cane, bamboo and wrought iron.

The profile for exhibits includes: home furniture, colonial furniture, hotel/restaurant furniture, office furniture, traditional furniture, beach furniture, furniture accessories and garden furniture.

Over 450 manufacturers and suppliers from across India will exhibit at this professionally managed show. There are also 900 permanent show rooms for interior decoration products adjacent India is known for its

traditional range of furniture with hand carvings, inlay work, fret work and lacquer work made of naturally available premium woods like walnut, sheesham and deodar. Indian furniture items reflect the rich legacy of traditional Indian workmanship blended into innovative designs. At IFS 2006, the visitors can see the finest in Indian craftsmanship and artistic finish in perfect harmony with modern designs, contemporary finishes and new product development. The buyers will have the opportunity to explore new ideas, products and designs and get them customised to their market requirements.

Entry to the fair is restricted to overseas business visitors and there is



no registration fee. However, trade visitors are encouraged to pre-register at [www.epch.com/furniture](http://www.epch.com/furniture) ●

### Export Furniture Exhibition 2006

**Export Furniture Exhibition (EFE 2006)** is making its second debut at the APAC Exhibition Centre, Subang, Malaysia from 6 to 10 March 2006. Supported by 13 state furniture associations of Malaysia this encompasses both furniture and furnishing products for export.

According to the organisers, on show will be furniture of stylish design, flawless quality and skilled craftsmanship illustrating the fusion of traditional and contemporary.

EFE 2006 will bring to life the latest trends and influences set to shape the look of a wide range of Malaysian made products including dining furniture, sofas, bedroom furniture, occasional furniture, lounge furniture, outdoor furniture, furnishing and textiles, office furnishings, furniture parts, fittings and accessories.

With six halls full of contemporary and traditional styles of furniture and accessories, there will be something on offer to suit every taste and pocket. ●