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**Miss Chinese International Pageant 2017 pre-show at RWG  
'Reunion with the Stars' a prelude to the pageant that is held  
outside Hong Kong for the first time ever**

**Genting Highlands, 13 January 2017** – Sixteen lovely ladies from 11 countries will soon vie for the title of Miss Chinese International 2017 at the pageant to be held outside Hong Kong for the first time ever—at Resorts World Genting, no less.

The pageant, to be held at the resort on 15 January, will feature young ladies from the US, Canada, Australia, South Africa, and Asian cities.

A prelude to the event, this evening's Reunion with the Stars is hosted by the resort and the pageant organiser, Television Broadcast Limited (TVB), in honour of those supporting the pageant, specifically corporate guests and media partners.

The pre-show saw guests welcomed by a lion dance performance as they arrived at the Genting International Showroom for a sumptuous Chinese New Year dinner. Entertainment for the evening is a performance by the 16 contestants—the stars of the evening. The contestants were introduced to the audience, followed by an individual talent contest that involved their singing and dancing skills among others.

Guests also get to feast their eyes on the contestants as they parade across the stage in Malaysian traditional costumes.

Performers for the evening include Uriah See—who won Astro Star Quest 2014, Nicole Lai – the champion of Astro Star Quest 2012 and also TVB International Chinese New Talent Singing Championship 2014—and the band, Mad August.

But the main highlight of the evening is no doubt the announcement of the winners of the titles - *Miss Malaysia Regalia* and *Miss Finesse*. The awards are in relation to the talent show and the donning of traditional costumes respectively, with the winners each presented with a trophy for their success.

The title of *Miss Malaysia Regalia* went to Serene Lim of Kuala Lumpur while Li Gloria took the *Miss Finesse* title.

Those present at Reunion with the Stars include Mr Kevin Tann, Vice President of Promotions & Entertainment, Resorts World Genting. At an earlier joint press conference between the resort and TVB to announce details about the pageant, Tann said, “We look forward to having these contestants from all



over the world compete for the crown at Resorts World Genting. We believe they will gain an unforgettable and enjoyable experience at the resort and also in Malaysia.”

The press conference was also attended by Mr Felix To, Deputy General Manager Programming & Production of Television Broadcast, who expressed TVB's excitement about holding the pageant at the resort.

Miss Chinese International 2017 will also feature some big international stars, notably Tan Sri Dato' Michelle Yeoh and Hong Kong actors Simon Yam and Eric Tsang. Tan Sri Yeoh and Yam will be among the judges at the pageant, while Tsang will take on the role of master of ceremonies.

Tan Sri Yeoh, who is also a brand ambassador of Resorts World Genting, hopes her presence will inspire all the contestants. The actress, who was Miss Malaysia 1983 and was voted as one of the “50 Most Beautiful People in the World” by People Magazine in 1997, found fame in Hong Kong and was also the only Asian Bond Girl.

Apart from the main title, the 16 contestants will also vie for the First and Second Runners-up spots and the title of Miss Friendship 2017.

### **The 16 contestants at a glance**

Malaysia is represented at Miss Chinese International 2017 by Miss Astro Chinese International Serene Lim, while Miss Hong Kong 2016, Crystal Fung, represents Hong Kong.

There are three contestants from the US (Wong Stephanie Rachel, Ssuting Yu, and Qu Li), three from Canada (Rincon Maria Camila Xiaosi, Li Gloria, Zhang Gao Yu), and two from Australia (Yu Xinhui and Rong Yu). The other contestants are from South Africa (Lee Adelaide Hong Zhen), New Zealand (Liu Xuanyi), Singapore (Lovelie Cengiya), China (Limingzi, the Philippines (Zeng Lin), and Thailand (Chanya Wonglappanich).

Here's what makes them tick:

Among the three contestants from the US is Qu Li, also known as Lili. At 26, she is one of the oldest contestants, and she has impressive credentials to boot—among others, she is president of Global China Connection at Vanderbilt University. The lass, who lives in Los Angeles, says her greatest joy is serving as an art teacher for autistic children and holding music workshops for school children.

She loves to travel but she always “travels with a purpose,” which translates to travelling to help others. She has thus far taught art and English to children in Cambodia, Guatemala, and the Dominican Republic. A graduate in Human and Organisational Development from Vanderbilt University, Qu Li also lists archery, horse riding, swimming, calligraphy and playing the piano as her favourite activities.



The other two contestants from the US are no less talented. Wong Stephanie Rachel, 24, is from San Francisco, and lists aerial silks acrobatics as among her favourite pastimes. She is also into videography and photography, dancing, and hairstyling and beauty.

Ssuting Yu, fondly called Stitch by her friends, is 22, and hails from New York. She is into acting, dancing, drawing, roller skating, and scuba diving.

Among the three contestants from Canada is Zhang Gao Yu, also known as Alice, 21. Zhang's avocation is music—she can play the piano, guitar and drums. But she's also athletic in nature, loving sports like tennis, hockey and snowboarding.

Then there's Li Gloria, 25, from Toronto, who also speaks Spanish, apart from English, Mandarin and Cantonese. This lass loves reading, dancing, playing guitar, and pursuing sports.

Rincon Maria Camila Xiaosi, 22, who is from Vancouver, is likewise into dancing and exercising. But she also loves blogging.

Representing Australia is Yu Xinhui, or Emily, 26, who is from Sydney. She is also into sports, listing snowboarding, jogging, swimming and dancing as her favourite pastimes. But she also loves to read.

Also from Australia is Melbourne-based Rong Yu, or Gloria, 21, who loves many different things—horse riding, dancing, drawing, playing violin and emceeing.

Lee Adelaide Hong Zhen's interests are as diverse. Also known as Addy, the 22-year-old from Johannesburg, South Africa, loves surfing, jogging, and hiking—but she is also into reading and eating!

From Auckland, New Zealand is Liu Xuanyi, or Christine, 21, who is a voice-over talent. Liu is heavily into sports—swimming, basketball and pingpong—but she also loves singing, poetry and photography.

Representing Thailand is Chanya Wonglappanich, or Gam, who is from Bangkok. This 24-year-old lass is also into sports, but loves music as well.

Lovelle Cengiya, 22, represents Singapore, and is into singing and dancing, but she is also skilled in robotics, listing making radio-controlled cars and robots as her favourite pastime.

Zeng Lin, or Janne, 20, hails from the Philippines. The Manila-based lass who won Miss Chinatown Philippines 2016, is into singing, dancing and drawing.

From Mongolia, China is Zhang Gao Yu, or Alice, 21, who says she simply loves poetry and reading.

Hong Kong's Crystal Fung Ying Ying, 22, is into yoga and dancing, but also loves cooking, travelling and reading.



Last but not least is Serene Lee, 20, who is from Kuala Lumpur. Winner of Miss Astro Chinese 2016 (and also winner of Miss Photogenic along with being voted Miss Gorgeous), Lee is a marathoner who also loves cycling, reading and watching movies.

If you have not purchase your tickets to the Miss Chinese International Pageant 2017 to be held at the Arena of Stars this 15 January 2017, 8pm, please do so now. Tickets are priced at RM988 (PS2) and RM1,988 (PS1).

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