

## Lunar New Year opening for Singapore's first casino

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Genting Singapore said its Resorts World Sentosa casino in Singapore will have a soft opening on Sunday, February 14, in time for the Lunar New Year.

Its Universal Studios theme park is still on schedule to open in the first quarter of this year.

In a statement filed with the Singapore Exchange, Genting said the rides at the theme park are still being fine-tuned.

The casino will admit its first public guests at the auspicious hour of 12.18pm, with a private ceremony.

A day of festivities at the integrated resort has been planned to mark the red-letter day, including the debut of its public attraction "Lake of Dreams", and evening previews at its Universal Studios theme park.

Tan Hee Teck, CEO of Resorts World Sentosa, said the resort is still fine-tuning the rides and shows in the theme park, which are still on schedule to open in the first quarter of 2010.

But a week-long preview of the theme park will be conducted to give Singaporeans a special and unique first-to-see walk-through opportunity. The theme park's restaurants and shopping venues will be open for guests, although rides and shows will not be operational.

For sneak peek week, Universal Studios Singapore will open from 5pm to 9pm every night from February 14 to February 21. Admission will be by S\$10 tickets, rebated by a same-value dining voucher. Sale of the tickets starts from 11:18am tomorrow.

Guests can visit the box office at the Universal Studios Singapore front gate to purchase tickets for another day, as there will be no same-day ticket sales available.

After the sneak peek week, Universal Studios Singapore will open on February 22 to employees of Resorts World Sentosa, Genting, and Universal Studios Singapore. This is followed by specially-invited families, charities and guests.

It expects to welcome its first public guests in early March. (CNA/IP)