



Press Release

Emaar Education opens Raffles International School (Nursery) in Downtown Burj Dubai and Emirates Living

- *Old Town Nursery opens on January 18; Emirates Hills Nursery on January 20*
- *Admission now open for both nurseries*
- *Classrooms with a total capacity of between 120 to 200 children; initial enrolment for 80 students in January*
- *Facilities include soft play room and outdoor play area*

Dubai, UAE; January 17, 2009: Emaar Education, the education subsidiary of Emaar Properties, is opening two Raffles International School (Nursery) in two of Dubai's most sought-after residential communities – Downtown Burj Dubai and Emirates Living - this month. The nursery in Downtown Burj Dubai will open on January 18 in Old Town and the Springs Town Centre Nursery in Emirates Living will open on January 20.

Emaar Education is currently undertaking admission for the Raffles International School (Nursery) for both locations. The Old Town Nursery, with an eventual capacity of 200 children, is now open for admissions for the January batch, with an initial intake of only 80 children. The Springs Town Centre Nursery, with a capacity of 120 children, already has a waiting list, and Emaar Education is currently accepting advance booking for the next academic year. Both nurseries follow the same curriculum and will have a similar student intake initially.

Designed in line with the holistic student development approach of Raffles International School, the nurseries will feature an array of facilities including outdoor play area, and fully-equipped medical room. The Old Town Nursery will also feature a soft play room and coffee lounge. Focused on the personal, social and emotional development of children, the Raffles International School (Nursery) will follow the specialised 'Early Years Programme' that helps unlock the child's creative potential and maximize learning through sensory, visual, auditory and kinetic learning experiences.



Mr Boon Yew Ng, Chief Executive Officer, Emaar Education, said: “The opening of the Raffles International School (Nursery) reiterates the focus of Emaar Education to offer the full-spectrum of educational avenues to meet the needs of the society. Research has proven that young children learn best through creative play experiences and exploration, and the Old Town Nursery and Springs Town Centre Nursery follow a creative approach to develop independent learning, curiosity and enthusiasm in the children.”

Ms Lynn Nolan, Head of Nurseries, Raffles International School, explained: “The importance of play and active, exploratory learning cannot be underestimated. We have therefore carefully designed each classroom and subject area with high-quality educational equipment, to enrich and enthuse the child to safely explore and discover. Thus, the opportunities for children to self-manage or self-direct their learning are encouraged, within a safe, child-centred and nurturing environment.”

Both the educational institutions will have an international team of teaching and non-teaching staff to reflect the cosmopolitan population of Dubai. Parental involvement will be encouraged and several activities are planned to enhance parent-teacher-child interaction. Open for children from 18 months to 4 years of age, the nurseries will engage them in four groups according to age: 18 months to 2 years; 2 to 2.5 years; 2.5 to 3 years and 3 to 4 years.

The nurseries encourage the development of self-esteem, independence, self-help skills, language and communication, and social and creative development. Another key area will be mathematical reasoning development, with the area of learning to cover sorting, matching, counting objects, pairing, seeking shapes, making connections, working with shapes, space and volume, and developing mathematical language.

Complementing these areas will be activities that encourage physical development such as music and movement and a range of outdoor play equipment. Children will also have the opportunity to engage in arts and crafts, messy play and water activities. Each part of the programme is designed to create a holistic learning experience, which is safe, well-planned and above all, fun.



Parents can contact Raffles International School (Nursery) at (+971) 4 427 1451 or email: enquiries@rafflesis.com.

The Old Town Nursery is located at Old Town, Downtown Burj Dubai Qamardeen Residence, and the timings are from 8am to 2pm. The nursery will also offer a day-care service until 5pm, which will be based on registration and availability. Priority in admission will be given to children of residents within Downtown Burj Dubai and will be strictly on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Emaar Education already runs six international schools and nurseries in Dubai; one international school in both Singapore and India; The Raffles Campus School of Hospitality in Dubai, Singapore and Vietnam; and plans to open several new institutions in the region.

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Note to Editors

About Emaar Education:

Emaar Education, the wholly owned subsidiary of Emaar Properties PJSC, envisages building and managing world-class educational institutions in the Middle East and North Africa region, the Indian Subcontinent and Asia. Raffles Campus, Singapore's leading educational provider, which was acquired by Emaar Properties, lends expertise to Emaar Education.

Emaar opened its first international school in Singapore - Emaar International School (www.eis.edu.sg), and currently run six schools and nurseries in Dubai. The institutions follow an integrated pathway model to ensure all-round development of students, and offer streams of internationally recognized curricula.

For vocational studies, Emaar Education offers Technical and Further Education (TAFE) Programmes through Australia's Box Hill Institute of Technical and Further Education, upon completion of which students can enjoy full eligibility for admission to all Australian and many other universities around the world.

Emaar Education also announced the University of the Arts initiative to promote art education in the Middle East and North Africa region and the Indian Subcontinent. This specialised Art Education facility will open soon.

About Emaar Properties PJSC:

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