

# Public Education Program Working hand-in-hand with the private sector

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#### Overview

- Introducing IPOS
- How it all began
- The early HIP Alliance
- HIP Revolution
- Going forward



#### **About Singapore**





Founded as a British trading post in 1819 by Sir Stamford Raffles

Gained independence on 9 Aug 1965

Land Area: 682.7 sq km

Population: 4,492,150 (Jul 06 est)

Ethnic: Chinese 76.8%

Malay 13.9%

**Indian 7.9%** 

other 1.4%

(2000 census)



#### **About IPOS**



- The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) was formed on 1 April 2001.
- Led by Director-General, Ms Liew Woon Yin
- IPOS is a statutory board under the Ministry of Law



#### Vision

To foster a creative Singapore where ideas and intellectual efforts are valued, developed and exploited.



#### **Mission**

To provide the infrastructure, platform and environment for the greater creation, protection and exploitation of intellectual property.



# How It All Began – the Public Education Experience

- 2001 Study on awareness, perception of and attitude towards IP rights
  - **≻Objectives:** 
    - Determine the level of awareness towards the illegal nature of pirated materials;
    - Understand driving factors behind consumers' buying behaviour of pirated goods; and
    - Develop possible action lines.



#### **Consumer Study**

- Methodology
  - ➤ Face-to-face interviews with Singapore's students and working population aged 15 to 55 years old.
  - >7 types of consumer goods tested:
    - o Branded watches
    - o Branded fashion clothing
    - o Music CDs
    - o OS software
    - Application software
    - o PC games
    - o VCDs



#### **Consumer Study**

#### Findings:

- Low awareness level of 'IPR'
- > There was widespread agreement that people deserve to have their creations protected by IPR.
- Although over half acknowledged that selling pirated goods was unethical and buying pirated goods were wrong, few felt guilty for buying pirated goods.
- Some acceptance of the impact of piracy on economy.



#### Follow-up action to findings

 Based on findings from the IPR study, the immediate task was to raise IP awareness among the general public and to encourage respect for IP.



Introduction of public awareness initiative – The HIP Alliance



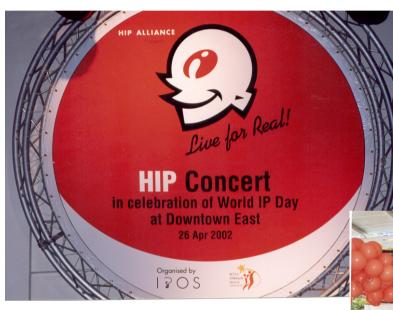
#### What is HIP?

- HIP = Human + IP
- Established in 2002 as a government-industry collaborative platform
- Make up of government agencies, private organisations and industry associations to promote IP
- Champions IPOS' public education initiatives and programmes on 'Respect for IP'
- Key Message: Live For REAL!
- Activities: Annual high profile public roadshows to promote IP awareness and respect





#### **HIP Activities**



HIP concert poster banner

#### Members of the HIP Alliance and IPOS staff



#### **HIP Activities**



HIP Rally down Orchard Road

### Director-General of IPOS, Ms Liew flagging off the HIP Rally

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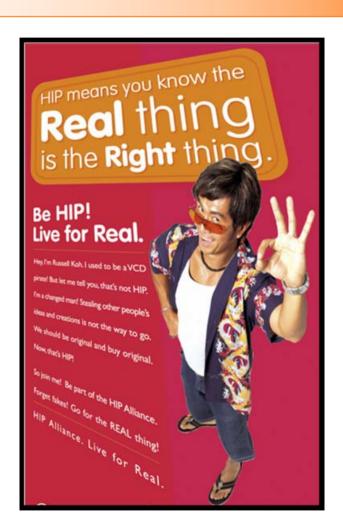
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#### HIP Alliance 2003 Campaign

#### 2003

- HIP started to use media to promote its anti-piracy messages. Television commercials and posters were developed.
- Key message: "The Real Thing is the Right Thing"
- Signed on local celebrity, Adrian Pang, as the ambassador for the movement
- Selected for his character as a pirated VCD vendorturned-good in a popular local sitcom.





#### **HIP Revolution**



Be Creative Be Original Be HIP

- In 2004, HIP underwent a rebranding and repositioning exercise
- •Focus of initiative = consumer awareness.
- As the target audiences are mass consumers aged 14-35, the HIP logo was revamped to project a cool and funky look to appeal to the group.
- •HIP = Honour IP



#### **HIP Revolution**

 From a roadshow a year, HIP shifted focus to leverage on mass media and embarked on an advertising and promotion (A&P) approach for greater target audience reach.

 We began to work closer with private sector partners in many

these A&P efforts







→ The Straits Times ad

→ Carrier bag

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#### **HIP Collaborations**

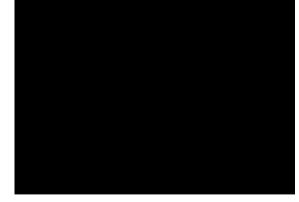
#### With IP Owners (2004 - ongoing)

- HIP stickers have been distributed to major record labels, movie distributors, gaming and software distributors since 2004.
- Latest album to adopt the stickers Universal's Fan Wei Qi "Our Anniversary"
- HIP messages are inserted into the promotional material (such as TVC/ posters/CD inserts) of the latest music albums by various recording labels.





**HIP** sticker



Punk band – Black Eye Pea's album

Taiwanese starlet Fan Wei Qi's latest album



#### **HIP Collaborations**

#### With Major Movie Studios (Sep 04 – ongoing)

- Offered HIP Movie-of-the-Month to reward HIPFriends who have pledged to 'Live For Real'
- Recent Oct (The Guardian), Sep (Rob-B-Hood), Aug (Devil Wears Prada)
- Organised targeted school outreach programme with MPA to further spread the anti-movie piracy messages

HIP Movie-of-the-Month CHANGE IS GOOD Making the chang to support creativit is cool. Each time I reject piracy. THE GUARDIAN All the better for me IN THEATRES 29 SEPTEM **MPA-HIP School** Outreach **Programme** Copyright © 2006 IPOS **All Rights Reserved** 

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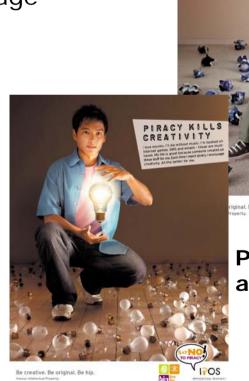


#### **HIP Creatives**

#### **Print**

- The Straits Times, The New Paper & Today advertisements, Seventeen and Teenage magazines
- Software, music, movie advertorials





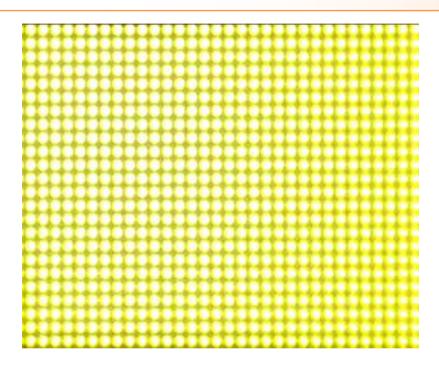
Print advertisements

IDEAS CHANGE LIVES

IN mag advertorials



#### **HIP Creatives**



#### **Piracy Kills Creativity**



#### Radio trailer

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Change is good



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#### **HIP Website**



- www.hipfriends.org.sg
- •Launched on 19 Sep 05
- •Multi-purpose lifestyle portal
- Encourage interaction with HIPFriends





#### **HIP Achievements**

- Successfully recruited 25 public and private sector members who actively engage HIP Friends with sub-campaigns:
  - Singapore Police Force
  - Ministry of Education (Curriculum Planning & Development Div)
  - Business Software Alliance (BSA)
  - Recording Industry Association (Singapore)
  - Motion Picture Association (MPA)
  - Business Software Alliance
  - Microsoft Singapore Pte Ltd
  - Hewlett-Packard Far East Pte Ltd
  - LEVIS Strauss
  - Electronic Arts
- There are about 7,000 HIP Friends to date.



#### Looking Ahead

- HIP Alliance will be undergoing another round of revamp in 2007 to keep up with current trends
- Continue to grow the number of HIP Alliance members and create more campaigns to promote awareness and respect for IP
- Engage regional and international public and private sectors to share experiences on making HIP Alliance a more widely accepted initiative for public awareness education



#### The End

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