



Media Alert/Photo Opportunity

MEDIA INVITED TO MEET ARTIFICIALLY INTELLIGENT ROBOT BEFORE ITS FIRST PUBLIC DEBUT AT AN AQUARIUM – THE AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC

Reporters can ask the robot about weather predictions, recent tsunamis, and much more

WHAT: In celebration of NOAA and Our Planet Day, the Aquarium of the Pacific and NOAA are hosting TERRI the Robot during its first public debut at an aquarium. The media is invited to interact with TERRI during a special press preview where they'll have the opportunity to interview the robot as well as Aquarium and NOAA experts.

TERRI is a fully integrated and interactive robot that can function on many levels. TERRI can tell stories, do interactive skits, sing, lead Karaoke, and hold conversations about many topics, including ones related to NOAA and the oceans. TERRI is equipped with Stereo Cameras and Bisynchronous audio so that it can hear even while it's talking. As the "spokesrobot" for NOAA, TERRI teaches about NOAA's vital role in oceanic, coastal, and weather research.

WHEN: **Friday, November 13, 2009 from 10:30 a.m. - Noon**

WHERE: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

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PUBLIC: The public is invited to the Aquarium of the Pacific on November 14th, 2009 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. for NOAA and Our Planet Day where they'll have the opportunity to interact with TERRI the Robot, visit the NOAA Science Zone with 12 interactive exhibits, see award-winning science and conservation films, witness a Channel Islands Puppet Show, enjoy mural painting, and more. For more information, visit www.aquariumofpacific.org.

NOAA: NOAA, an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce, is dedicated to understanding and predicting changes in the Earth's environment and conserving and managing coastal and marine resources to meet our Nation's economic, social, and environmental needs. (www.noaa.gov)

AQUARIUM: The Aquarium of the Pacific, a nonprofit institution, is dedicated to instilling a sense of wonder, respect, and stewardship for the Pacific Ocean, its inhabitants, and ecosystems. Home to over 11,000 animals, the Aquarium features a variety of programs both on and off-site to engage the public in ocean conservation and environmental education, including Aquarium on Wheels outreach programs for low-income inner city schools and cleanup efforts to help wildlife. The Aquarium is open daily from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (closed Dec. 25 and in April for the Grand Prix). For more information, the public can visit the Aquarium's website or call (562) 590-3100.

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