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Science Centre Singapore's largest dinosaur exhibition to open in October

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The largest dinosaur exhibition ever held at the Science Centre Singapore will open on Oct 11.

First announced at the NUS Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum's (LKCNHM) 10th anniversary event on May 6, the exhibition comprises two sections – Dinosaurs of Patagonia and Six Extinctions.

The dinosaur showcase will include 33 fossils and 60 full-scale models, and unfold across three interactive zones.

Jointly organised by the Science Centre and LKCNHM, it will be held at the annexe halls of the Science Centre.

Visitors can look forward to journeying through 400 million years of Earth's history, brought to life across 3,000 sq m of exhibition space.

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The first showcase, Dinosaurs of Patagonia, was curated by Museo Paleontologico Egidio Feruglio, a palaeontology museum in Argentina. Here, visitors can step into ancient Patagonia – which is one of the Earth's most fertile fossil grounds today.

Its centrepiece is a 40m life-size cast of the *Patagotitan mayorum*, which belongs to a group of dinosaurs called titanosaurs. At 70 tonnes each, they were some of the largest dinosaurs and land animals to roam the Earth.

The second showcase, Six Extinctions, is curated by Australia-based Gondwana Studios. Over 30 fossils, including Scotty, the largest Tyrannosaurus rex ever found, will be on display.

The exhibition concludes with a display on Earth's sixth extinction that is unfolding in the present day, where guests will be prompted to ponder humanity's impact on biodiversity.

The museum has also drawn from its own collection to highlight Singapore's biodiversity challenges. Species on display include the cream-coloured giant squirrel (*Ratufa affinis affinis*) and the rufous-collared kingfisher (*Actenoides concretus*), which are both now extinct nationwide.

For Singaporeans and permanent residents, tickets are priced at $25.90 for children and $29.90 for adults. For standard admission, tickets are priced at $39.90 for adults and $35.90 for children.

They can be purchased from Sept 1 at tickets.science.edu.sg

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