SINGAPORE: Over 800 artists and researchers are heading to Singapore for the International Symposium of Electronic Arts 2008 (ISEA2008) which takes place in July.

These participants come from various fields of art, technology and science.

The symposium is the world's premier media arts event which will showcase creative productions that apply new technologies in interactive and digital media.

The Media Development Authority of Singapore is a major sponsor of the 14th ISEA2008.

Its Deputy CEO Michael Yap said the symposium "will be an excellent opportunity for Singaporeans to view cutting edge artworks in the field of digital media".

He added that "local media art researchers and practitioners will also be able to interact with the world's best in the field".

Singapore won the bid to host the event by edging out Beijing, Belfast, Turin and Adelaide in 2006.

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