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New figure of General Secretary Xi Jinping arrives at Madame Tussauds London

03 January 2019: Madame Tussauds London has today unveiled the newest figure in the attraction, General Secretary of China, Xi Jinping.

General Secretary Xi Jinping has held office as the 7th President of the People's Republic of China since November 2012 and now visitors to the world-famous attraction will be able to see him immortalised in London alongside fellow politicians such as Prime Minister Theresa May.

Steve Davies, General Manager at Madame Tussauds London, said: "We have a long history of representing a true cross-section of famous faces that are making an impact on the world. The arrival of General Secretary Xi Jinping's new figure will boost our World Leaders area for the thousands of international guests we welcome to Madame Tussauds London each year."

General Secretary Xi's figure is ready and waiting to meet guests now in Madame Tussauds London. Ticket prices start from £29. To book online, visit www.madametussauds.com/London.

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Madame Tussauds London

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We have over 23 unique locations around the globe, from New York to Shanghai, Amsterdam to Sydney - and of course London, where the story began. Throughout our 250+ year history, Madame Tussauds has brought to life thousands of celebs, stars and heroes - in mind-blowingly accurate detail – giving visitors the opportunity to brush shoulders with their idols and LITERALLY reach for the stars!

Truly immerse yourself in our famous worlds and get a taste of life of the rich and famous, as in 2018, the opportunity to *become the star* continues! Through a combination of our historic artistic methods (that date back centuries, by the way!), immersive sets and pioneering modern tech - guests can experience fame and get closer to the action like never before...

At Madame Tussauds London, guests can get up close and personal with more than 250 lifelike figures of today's biggest stars; experience what it's like to be a member of the Royal Family; take a time-travelling taxi ride through 400 years of amazing London history; enjoy the exclusive Marvel Super Heroes 4D movie experience; and come face-to-face with 18 of the biggest heroes and villains from the Star Wars universe in 12 scenes recreating some of the most iconic moments in film history.

Welcome to the Stage.

Welcome to the Spotlight.

Welcome to Madame Tussauds - it's where stars are made!

Madame Tussauds London is located next to Baker Street tube station and open seven days a week – opening times vary, check the website for details before visiting, www.madametussauds.com/london

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