

## Press Release

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# **KWIH as Honorary Patron of Opera Hong Kong Presents Mozart's *The Magic Flute* Performance for the graduation of the Summer School**

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(Hong Kong, 18 August 2013) – **K. Wah International Holdings Limited** (“KWIH” or “the Group”) (stock code: 173), as an Honorary Patron of Opera Hong Kong (“OHK”), proudly presents Mozart’s renowned opera *The Magic Flute* performed by 153 students who had successfully graduated from the three-week training of the 2013 OHK Summer School. Three performance sessions concluding the children’s graduation from the Summer School were staged at Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre for two consecutive days on 17 and 18 August. Joining more than 80 staff members and their families and friends, Paddy Lui, Executive Director of KWIH, and Herbert Hui, Chief Financial Officer of KWIH, enjoyed the performance and appreciated the dedication of the young performers.

The OHK Summer School is one of the projects under KWIH’s four-year sponsorship to OHK. This summer project aims to provide a platform for children and young people between 5 to 21 years old to experience opera performance and nurture an interest in performing art. The participants are expected to have their creativity and observation, expression, analytical and appreciation skills enhanced through the training, which also provided them with the opportunity to take part in professional opera production and performance. It is hoped that the students could explore their potential and widen their horizons. These could also help locate new local talents for the art industry.

Participants of the Summer School include three family members of KWIH staff. They have successfully passed the audition, and completed the special training and selection process and subsequently gone through a three-week vocal and drama training, from 29 July and 16 August, of *The Magic Flute*. The process had indeed brought them with a truly unforgettable educational and joyful experience.

Paddy Lui, Executive Director of KWIH, said, “We are delighted to witness the enlightenment of more than 100 students through the three-week intensive vocal and drama training, by which they were able to excel what they have learned in the performance of this well known and loved opera. At the same time, we would like to share both the enjoyment and appreciation of the performing art with our staff and their families. We hope to promote this wonderful art within and beyond our company. Looking ahead, KWIH will continue to support local art education and cultivate a variety of art performance and management talents, and in turn facilitate the popularity and diversification of the local opera scene.”

KWIH has pledged a donation of HK\$10 million to OHK in December last year to commence a four-year partnership scheme as an Honorary Patron. The sponsorship aims to support OHK to further its education and outreach programmes for cultivating outstanding opera artists and providing a resplendent stage in the hope to promote an appreciation of opera among the public so as to enhance the role of Hong Kong, Asia’s World City, as a culturally rich cosmopolitan centre.

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**Photo Caption**



Photo 1: Senior management and staff of KWIH, with OHK management and young performers after enjoying the opera performance *The Magic Flute*



Photo 2 : Herbert Hui, Chief Financial Officer of KWIH, actively supports the Company's efforts in promoting art and cultural projects. He encouraged his daughter to participate in this year's OHK Summer School, which brought a truly memorable experience to her summer vacation

**About K. Wah International Holdings Limited (stock code: 173)**

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