

[Immediate Release]

HK People Fight Against SARS Essay Competition

Sales Proceeds from charity book sale will be donated to “Project Blossom”

(HONGKONG, 5 July 2003) The essay competition on Hong Kong people’s fight against SARS, co-organised by NWS Holdings Limited (“NWS Holdings”, Stock code: 0659) and Ming Pao, was successfully completed with nearly 7,500 entries. At the prize presentation ceremony today, Mrs. Carrie Lam JP, Director of Social Welfare, heaped praises on the essays for they came to show the dynamics of Hong Kong people in fighting against the epidemic.

All five groups of competition (primary 1-3, primary 4-6, junior high, senior high and open) have drawn enthusiastic responses. Participants came from all walks of life, including students, housewives, education workers, medical practitioners and even inmates. The youngest participant was six years old, while the oldest was 85.

“The response to this essay competition is more than encouraging,” said NWS Holdings’ Chief Executive Officer Mr. K. L. Chan at the ceremony. “The entries we received were very impressive. They all showed that SARS did not make us any weaker, but stronger than ever. This epidemic has demonstrated the sense of commitment and cohesiveness of Hong Kong’s medical practitioners as well as the general public.”

Mr. Chan continued, “To document this battle against SARS, the winning entries, along with news extracts and photos, as well as interviews of the frontline staff and volunteers of NWS Holdings have been compiled into a commemorative book. Part of the copies will be presented to the frontline medical staff; and some will be sold at a charity sale. The proceeds of which will be donated to the “Project Blossom” to support families affected by SARS.”

Entries to the competition came in a variety of genres. There were stories about the actual experience of a frontline medical staff, accounts of the stress borne by a mother-to-be, and pieces from younger ones who saw a different picture from their eyes.

Winner of the Primary 1-3 Group Chan Ka Chung is only eight years old. He wrote about how his mother fed him with healthy recipes and soup every day during that time. The first-prize winner of the Open Group Leung Pui Yee, whose brother worked in the hospital during the SARS outbreak, shared how their family supported each other and treasured the moments spent together.

At the presentation ceremony, the first-prize winners were turned into “stars” as they signed their autographs on the books for buyers.

The charity sale of the books will continue to be held on weekends in July and August at the G/F, New World Center.

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