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## NWS Holdings and New World First Ferry win three Gold Awards in government Web Accessibility Recognition Scheme

(13 April 2015, Hong Kong) NWS Holdings Limited (“NWS Holdings” or the “Group”; Hong Kong stock code: 659) and its member company, New World First Ferry Services Limited (“NWFF”), today garnered three Gold Awards and a Silver Award in the third annual Web Accessibility Recognition Scheme, recognising the Group’s concerted effort to contribute to a caring and inclusive society by making information on its websites and mobile apps accessible to all.

The website of NWS Holdings Charities Foundation [www.nwsfoundation.com.hk/eng](http://www.nwsfoundation.com.hk/eng) won Gold for the second consecutive year. The Group also garnered a Silver Award for its new Sustainability website [sr.nws.com.hk](http://sr.nws.com.hk) launched late last year, which reflects the Group’s commitment to transparency and barrier-free communication with stakeholders.

Gold Awards also went to NWFF’s website [www.nwff.com.hk](http://www.nwff.com.hk) and its mobile app (both iOS and Android Platforms) for enhanced accessible features including colour contrast, audio descriptions of images and PDF files and improved browsing functions of departure time, fare and other ferry service information.

The Web Accessibility Recognition Scheme, jointly run by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (“OGCIO”) and the Equal Opportunities Commission since 2013, promotes accessible digital design to improve access to information for people who might otherwise have difficulties. Over 200 corporations and organisations participated in this year’s scheme. Please visit the OGCIO’s website: [www.ogcio.gov.hk/en/community/web\\_accessibility/recognition\\_scheme/index.htm](http://www.ogcio.gov.hk/en/community/web_accessibility/recognition_scheme/index.htm) for more details.

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This press release is also available at the Group’s website ([www.nws.com.hk](http://www.nws.com.hk)).



### **NWS Holdings Limited**

NWS Holdings Limited (“NWS Holdings”, Hong Kong stock code: 659), the infrastructure and service flagship of New World Development Company Limited (Hong Kong stock code: 17), operates businesses in Hong Kong, Mainland China and Macau. Its Infrastructure portfolio includes Roads, Energy, Water and Ports & Logistics projects. Its Services portfolio comprises Facilities Management (*the management of Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre and Free Duty*), Construction & Transport (*construction, bus and ferry services*) and Strategic Investments.

### **NWS Holdings Charities Foundation Limited**

NWS Holdings is committed to making corporate social responsibility an integral part of its corporate culture. As a responsible corporate citizen, the Group strives to enhance the quality of life and build a better environment for the community. NWS Holdings established NWS Holdings Charities Foundation Limited (“NWS Holdings Charities Foundation”) in 2006 and has contributed over HK\$14 million to the community in the areas of community welfare, environmental protection, education and health care.

### **New World First Ferry Services Limited**

New World First Ferry Services Limited operates five main inner harbour and outlying island ferry routes in Hong Kong, including North Point-Hung Hom and North Point-Kowloon City, as well as Central-Cheung Chau, Central-Mui Wo and Inter Islands (between Peng Chau, Mui Wo, Chi Ma Wan and Cheung Chau), together with one special ferry route (plying between North Point and Joss House Bay, Sai Kung during Tin Hau Festival only). First Ferry's five main routes record a daily traffic footfall up to 40,000 passengers (as of 30 June, 2014). First Ferry is jointly owned by Chow Tai Fook Enterprises Limited and NWS Holdings.

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Photo 1: Representatives from NWS Holdings and NWFF at the Web Accessibility Recognition Scheme Awards Presentation Ceremony.

