



Hong Kong Ferry Group's 100th Anniversary Ceremony

Celebrating a Century of Glory and Achievements with Hong Kong

(Hong Kong, 29 April 2023) Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Company Limited (“Hong Kong Ferry Group” or “the Group”) has been rooted in Hong Kong for a century. Having always adhered to its philosophy of “Putting People First”, the Group has been serving the people of Hong Kong wholeheartedly while growing and thriving alongside the city. To celebrate its centennial anniversary, the Group held a celebratory ceremony at Pier No. 4 in Central today. Mr John Lee Ka-chiu, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, officiated at the ceremony, along with Dr Colin Lam Ko-yin, Chairman of Hong Kong Ferry Group, and Mr Gabriel Lee, General Manager of Hong Kong Ferry Group, as well as a number of political and business luminaries. Mentors and mentees of the Strive and Rise Programme were also invited to go on Harbour Cruise – Bauhinia, taking in the captivating views of Victoria Harbour and experiencing the Group’s principle of “Loving Hong Kong and the Harbour” first-hand.

Dr Colin Lam Ko-yin, Chairman of Hong Kong Ferry Group, expressed his sincere gratitude to all members of society for their trust and support to the Group at the ceremony: "Over the past century, Hong Kong Ferry Group has grown side by side with Hong Kong through all ups and downs. During this time, we have sailed through numerous challenges, seized new opportunities and evolved with the times. Starting off a ferry operator, we have successfully transformed ourselves into a conglomerate, expanding our businesses into property development and investment, as well as breaking into medical aesthetics, medical services and wellness last year. Our goal has always been to offer top-quality services to the community and fulfil people’s needs for better living. Forging ahead, the Group remains committed to creating shared value for our society — and striving for new successes together with Hong Kong — by continuing to provide professional, safe and superior services."

During the event, Mr Gabriel Lee, General Manager of Hong Kong Ferry Group gave an interview, witnessing inbound travellers to Hong Kong further to the pandemic, he reviewed the turnover rate of Harbour Cruise-Bauhinia has recovered comparable to the level to that of 2018-2019. Together with the upcoming Labour Day Golden Week with further inbound travellers to Hong Kong, number of visitors via Hong Kong Ferry Group is expected to increase by 20-30%.



To add to the festivity of the occasion, the Group specially invited mentees and mentors of the Strive and Rise Programme from Henderson Land Group and the Centum Charitas Foundation to attend the Harbour Cruise – Bauhinia tour after the ceremony. This presented the mentors and mentees with a great opportunity to strengthen their ties and interaction and to delight in the breath-taking views of Victoria Harbour. Mr Gabriel Lee, General Manager of Hong Kong Ferry Group, shared with the mentees his insights into the Group's business operations and career prospects. In addition, senior staff members of the Group were invited to share their extensive knowledge and experience with the mentees, broadening their horizons and allowing them to discover their personal interests and set goals for the future.

The Group owes much of its success and accomplishments over the past century to the contributions of its employees and their unrelenting pursuit of excellence. In appreciation of their dedication, Mr Gabriel Lee presented certificates and gold coins to a total of 27 employees who have served the Group for over 30 years at the event. Among them was Mr Siu Yat-shing, the longest-serving shipyard technician who joined Hong Kong Shipyard as an apprentice in 1966. Up until today, Mr Siu has been serving the Group for 57 years and has guided many apprentices over the years. For further information on Mr Siu, please refer to Appendix II. Expressing his gratitude to all employees of the Group, Mr Gabriel Lee said: "My heartfelt appreciation goes out to each and every staff member of the Group for their commitment and pursuit of excellence. With the support of our employees, the Group will continue to provide a variety of services across industries and contribute to the long-term development, prosperity and stability of Hong Kong. Together, we look forward to embarking on a new chapter and progressing into another glorious century."

Photos

Photo 1



Left to right: Mr Gabriel Lee, General Manager of Hong Kong Ferry Group; Mr Zhou Wei, Deputy Director-General of Department of Social Affairs of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR; Ms Rosanna Law Shuk-pui, Commissioner for Transport of the HKSAR; Mrs Regina Ip Lau Suk-ye, Convenor of the Executive Council and Legislative Council Member; Mr John Lee Ka-chiu, Chief Executive of the HKSAR; Dr Colin Lam Ko-yin, Chairman of Hong Kong Ferry Group; Mr Lam Sai-hung, Secretary for Transport and Logistics of the HKSAR; Ms Carol Yuen Siu-wai, Director of Marine of the HKSAR; Mr Lv Feng, Deputy Director-General of Department of Economic Affairs of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR; and Mr Suen Kwok Lam, Executive Director of Henderson Land Group.

Photo 2



In celebration of its 100 years of establishment, the Group invited mentors and mentees of the Strive and Rise Programme from Henderson Land Group and the Centum Charitas Foundation to attend the Harbour Cruise – Bauhinia tour and enjoy the breathtaking views of Victoria Harbour.

Photo 3



Mr Gabriel Lee, General Manager of Hong Kong Ferry Group, presented certificates and gold coins to long-serving employees. Mr Siu Yat-shing, the Group's longest-serving shipyard technician, accepted the gifts on behalf of the awardees.



**Appendix I:
100 Years of Achievements of Hong Kong Ferry Group**

1923	Established the Hongkong and Yaumati Ferry Company
1928	Awarded franchise to operate new ferry services between Central/Hung Hom/Kowloon City and Central/Hung Hom/Sai Wan Ho/Shau Kei Wan
1933	Commenced the United Pier/Jordan Road passenger and vehicular ferry services
1938	Awarded franchise to operate new ferry services between Wilmer Street/Cheung Chau/Silvermine Bay/Peng Chau, Wilmer Street/ Tsuen Wan/Tsing Yi and Wilmer Street/Castle Peak/Tung Chung/Tai O
1949	Commenced the Wanchai/Jordan ferry service
1950	Commenced the Wilmer Street/Sham Shui Po ferry service
1955	Commenced the Tap Mun ferry service
1956	Commenced the Wanchai/Kowloon City ferry service
1958	Resumed the Hong Kong/Tsing Yi/Tsuen Wan ferry service
1959	Awarded franchise to operate a vehicular ferry service between North Point/Kowloon City
1961	Number of passengers carried during the year reached 102 million
1962	Commenced the Hong Kong/Lamma Island ferry service
1963	Commenced the North Point/ Kowloon City, North Point/Kwun Tong, North Point/Hung Hom ferry service
1965	Commenced the North Point/Kowloon vehicular ferry service
1966	Opened the Outlying Districts Services Pier
1970	Commenced double decked vehicular ferry service
1972	Opened the Kwun Tong Ferry Pier and Tai Kok Tsui Ferry Pier; commenced the Central/Kwun Tong ferry service
1973	Commenced the Shau Kei Wan/Sam Ka Tsuen and Shau Kei Wan/Kwun Tong ferry service from piers built at Shau Kei Wan and Sam Ka Tsuen
1980s	Commenced diversification into other businesses, including travel agencies, floating restaurants, supermarket chain near the piers, shipyard and hotel business
1989	Became member of Henderson Land Group as Hongkong and Yaumati Ferry Company became a wholly owned subsidiary of Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Company Ltd
2003	Delivery of Metro Harbour View (Phase 1 & 2)
2006	Delivery of Metro Regalia
2008	Delivery of Shining Heights
2009	Delivery of The Spectacle
2014	Delivery of Green Code
2015	Delivery of Metro6
2018	Delivery of Harbour Park
2022	Grand Opening of the first flagship store of Amour for medical beauty and aesthetic services Commenced operations for Total Healthcare Group Delivery of The Royale
2023	Grand Opening of Total HealthCare Specialists Centre



Appendix II:

Mr Siu Yat-shing joined Hong Kong Ferry as an apprentice on 6 June 1966, and it has been 57 years since then. He started as a technician in machine cutting and polishing. At the time, the company mainly manufactured engines and spare parts for British cars. Soon after, it branched out into various businesses and types of vessels. With the guidance of his mentor, Mr Siu acquired more knowledge and continued to hone his craft by taking part in various projects.

Looking back on the years past, Mr Siu mentioned that having to repair a catamaran in an emergency was the most memorable. The catamaran operated mainly on the route from Hong Kong to Zhongshan, and as a result of its huge vessel size, the maintenance work demanded the cooperation of different departments, including machinery, electrical and carpentry. The staff were working day and night to ensure that the process went as smoothly as possible. In the end, thanks to the concerted effort of the various parties, the vessel operated as scheduled, which gave Mr Siu an immense sense of satisfaction.

Mr Siu is going to officially retire in August this year, after which he plans to visit his family in Australia and immerse in the joy of travel. Having to say farewell to those whom he has worked closely together with for years would be the most difficult, Mr Siu told us. For the past five decades, Mr Siu has taught more than 10 apprentices, who have all become successful in their own right. Mr Siu takes great pride and pleasure in that.

In honour of the 100th anniversary of Hong Kong Ferry Group, he wishes the Group continued success and prosperity, and he looks forward to what is to come for the company.