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**Immediate Release**

**A highlight of Wan Chai Festival: Wan Chai Music Festival Finale  
Hysan presents – Music in the Green City**

**Attracted nearly 10,000 Participants “Took to the Streets”  
Over 300 students from Tin Shui Wai and Tung Chung to share art & music**

(Hong Kong, 28 January 2007) **Music in the Green City**, the first-ever city-centre outdoor concert in bustling Causeway Bay, blending the elements of architectural art and music, was held today at Hysan Avenue and Sunning Road, Causeway Bay. It attracted around 10,000 participants and 300 kids from Tin Shui Wai and Tung Chung, who, with the sponsorship of Hysan, visited Causeway Bay to watch the concert and connect with art and fun.

**Music in the Green City** was the finale of the Music Festival, which was the highlight of Wan Chai Festival. The concert has included various kinds of performance. On instruments, *Ban's Gig Drums (African Drums)* performed with 100 drummers who interacted with the audience on the floor. *Romance Quartet-Russian Music & Others (Justin Siu)* and *Longman's Steel Drum & Jazz Band* also earned enthusiastic applause from the audience. Chorus performances included *HK Treble Choir - Children's Choir*, *HK Melody Makers - a cappella*, and *The Architects' Band - Western Pop Music*. *American Community Theater* and *Alice Lau* performed *Broadway Musicals* and "*Spring Musical*" highlights respectively. In addition, free game and refreshment booths lined Sunning Road. Clowns, jugglers and stilt-walkers also mingled with the crowd throughout the afternoon.

Mr Michael Lee, Managing Director of Hysan Development Company Limited said, “Hysan has been a member of the Causeway Bay community for decades. All those years, we have been actively taking part in the community. This concert has pooled together the resources and efforts from different organisations sharing the same vision working together for the community. It does not only promote art and culture but also encourages an inclusive community. Causeway Bay is not only a place where fascinating people, goods and trends converge. It is also the best location for art and cultural performances.

**Music in the Green City** is the combined efforts of two top Hong Kong talents from the field of performing arts and architecture, Mr Ko Tin-Lung, Event Producer, also Artistic Director of the Chung Ying Theatre Company, and Dr Chan Lai-kiu, Honorary Secretary of the Hong Kong Architecture Centre, the Hong Kong Institute of Architects.

Mr. Ko Tin-lung said, “I wish to promote the concept of an inclusive community with arts to share. I would like to thank Hysan for sponsoring over 300 students from Tin Shui Wai and Tung Chung to join this concert, thereby facilitating those who may seldom have the chance to be in touch with art to share the fun. We wish to continuously work with Hysan through the Green Express, in more different arts forms for the community in future.

Dr. Chan Lai-kiu of the Hong Kong Architecture Centre said, “Our idea echoes the green environment on Hysan Avenue. We also want to anticipate and celebrate spring with the community. In fact, the leaf-shape decorative cushion is meant to be a souvenir for

participants. We hope that it will remind them of the very nice concert and its meaning behind.”

**Music in the Green City** has pooled together the resources and efforts from different organisations, including Wan Chai District Council, Economic and Employment Committee of Wan Chai District Council, Steering Committee of Wan Chai “Hygienic, Healthy and Dynamic City” Scheme, Cultural and Leisure Services Committee of Wan Chai District Council, Chung Ying Theatre Company, Hong Kong Architecture Centre, Wan Chai District Office, American International Assurance Company (Bermuda) Limited, Jebesen & Co Ltd, Hong Kong Police College Volunteer Service Team – Learning Heart, Hong Kong St. John Ambulance, Hysan volunteers team, Rotary Club of Hong Kong Sunrise, Yuen Long District School Heads Association and all the performers.

Photo 1:



(Middle, front row) Mr. Michael T.H. Lee, Managing Director, Hysan Development Company Limited, Ms. Ada Wong, JP, Chairman, Wan Chai District Council and Mr. William Yuen, JP, Wan Chai District Officer together with other officiating guests (back row from left: Ms Wendy Yung, Head of Corporate Services Division, Hysan Development Company Limited, Dr. Paul Siu, Vice Chairman, Economic and Employment Committee, Wan Chai District Council, Ms. Mary Ann King, Chairman, Cultural and Leisure Services Committee, Wan Chai District Council, Mr. Tin-lung Ko, Artistic Director, Chung Ying Theatre Co, Dr. John Tse, MH, Vice Chairman, Wan Chai District Council, Dr. Lai-kiu Chan, Honorary Secretary, Hong Kong Architecture Centre, Mr. Kennedy Lee, Chairman, Steering Committee of Wan Chai “Hygienic, Healthy and Dynamic City” Scheme, Wan Chai District Council, Mr. David Lai, Chairman, Wan Chai Music Festival Committee) kicked-off the opening ceremony for the **Music in the Green City**.

Photo 2:



Ban's Gig Drums (African Drums) performed with 100 drummers.

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