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Hysan Invests Further on Performing Arts Education for Youngsters

Following last Christmas' success to showcase performing arts to hundreds of youngsters, Hysan Development Company Limited is delighted to be partnering Chung Ying Theatre Company and The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts again to present the Art Tour this summer. Due to last year's overwhelming response, Hysan decided to sponsor 300 secondary school students this time around, up from 200 last year, from Tin Shui Wai, Tung Chung and Shumshuipo, to ensure more children from different districts would benefit from the programme.

Three tours are arranged between 3 to 5 June 2008. Each tour aims to introduce theatrical arts to the students through participation, appreciation and discussion. At the start of the tour, students visit the Academy in Wan Chai and learn about stage production techniques, with demonstrations of props making, as well as operation of the lighting and sound systems. They then attend a drama workshop to learn the basics of the trade, and at the end of the workshop, have the opportunity to show off their newly-learnt skills through a performance.

In the afternoon, they are treated to Chung Ying's award-winning performance of Mitch Albom's emotional "*Tuesdays with Morrie*". A forum is also held after the show to allow students to share their thoughts on the play and more.

Throughout each tour, the students are supported by knowledgeable "tour guides" and corporate volunteers, who provide different perspectives on the arts.

Wendy Yung, Executive Director and Company Secretary, Hysan Development Company Limited said, "Hysan is glad to again play a major part in this second Art Tour. We aim to make positive contributions to the community, not only through financial support, but also with time, talent and other resources. We very much enjoyed helping with the last Tour and hope to provide more for this worthwhile cause this time."

Hysan Development is a leading property investment, management and development company in Hong Kong with a major portfolio in high-quality office, retail and residential properties. It is the largest commercial landlord in the prime office/retail Causeway Bay district. Hysan's Ethnic Youth Enrichment Scheme (EYES) won the 2007 Best Practice Management Award for Corporate Social Responsibility.

This press release and other corporate information can also be found at: www.hysan.com.hk or www.irasia.com/listco/hk/hysan/index.htm

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Hysan's Executive Director and Company Secretary Wendy Yung (top row, third from left), shared the excitement with Ko Tin Lung, Artistic Director of Chung Ying Theatre Company; Professor Kevin Thompson, Director of The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts and a group of participating students at the opening ceremony.



The "tour guide" showed how the props like these giant chess pieces are made.



Students showed off their newly-learnt performing skills at the drama workshop.