

Newsbites



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FOLLOW THE LEADER

HONG KONG HWL Chairman Li Ka-shing loves to read and there's nothing he likes more than taking the latest copy of *Sphere* home from the office. So why not follow the chairman's lead and keep in touch with HWL companies around the world. It might even increase your "Sphere of influence!" **C**

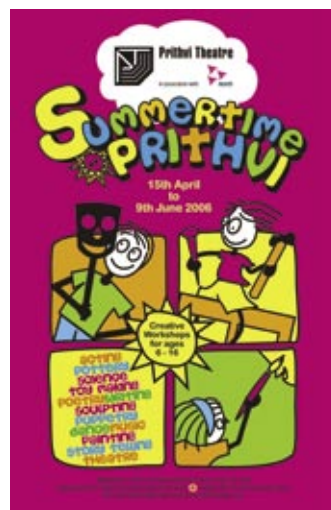
NET GAIN

HONG KONG Hutchison Telecom Hong Kong and NTT DoCoMo held a daruma doll eye-dotting ceremony during the announcement of their strategic partnership in bringing i-mode services to Hong Kong and Macau. According to Japanese tradition, one eye of the daruma doll is dotted to signify a good start to the project. The other is dotted on the project's successful completion. **T**



Summer Fun

INDIA Summertime at Prithvi, a theatre-based workshop for children sponsored by Hutchison Telecommunications International Limited since 1997, is growing in popularity. The two-month event featured 28 creative workshops and performances at four venues in Mumbai, allowing children to cultivate an appreciation of theatre and develop their personalities. **T**



New Network

UNITED KINGDOM Geo celebrated the launch of the new London dedicated fibre optic network, Geo.Metro, at London's City Hall. Geo owns and operates a national network in the UK that is used by 3. The new network will improve service to customers. **T**



CREATIVE TRIUMPH

HONG KONG The Harbour Plaza Hotels & Resorts website won a Bronze Award in the US-based Summit Creative Awards in the Travel/Tourism/Nature Category this year. **H**



Book Worms

HONG KONG TOM Group staff members visited the Po Leung Kuk to kick off a book donation campaign. The 1,300 books will help cultivate children's reading habits and also serve as teaching materials and reference books for the staff. **I**



CHEERS!

BELGIUM Sodium-free Watsons Water has proved a big hit at Krudivat stores. "We have already sold three times more bottles than the leading brand," said Kees Buur, Buying Director of Health & Beauty Continental Europe. "People like the shape and the colour of the bottle and the fresh taste of the water." **R**

HWL Records Improved Growth

HONG KONG Hutchison Whampoa Limited recorded improved and healthy growth in the first half of 2006. The Group's total revenue grew 14 per cent to HKD124,448 million, including HKD23,509 million from the 3 Group. Recurring earnings before interest expense and finance costs, taxation and minority interests (EBIT) from the Group's established businesses increased 12 per cent to HKD18,889 million.

Earnings per share amounted to HKD4.41, an increase of 100 per cent on the same figure last year. An interim dividend of HKD0.51 was declared.

The results reflect the continued strength of the established businesses, the improving results from the 3 Group operations and the conservative financial profile of the Group. **C**

HIGHLIGHTS

- First half profit increased 100 per cent to HKD18,800 million
- 3G customer base totals over 13.5 million worldwide
- 3G LBIT reduced by HKD8,034 million or 40 per cent to HKD11,990 million

Europe Website Makes Debut

HONG KONG An increasing number of investors and stakeholders are interested in HWL's growing project investments and operations in Europe. The launch of the HWL Europe Site (www.hutchison-whampoa.com/europe) targets a European audience, providing a clear picture of HWL business highlights in the region. **C**



STAYING AHEAD

CHINA Yantian International Container Terminals has taken delivery of three Post Panamax Quay Cranes and three Rubber Tyred Gantry Cranes to further enhance facilities at its Phase III site. **P**



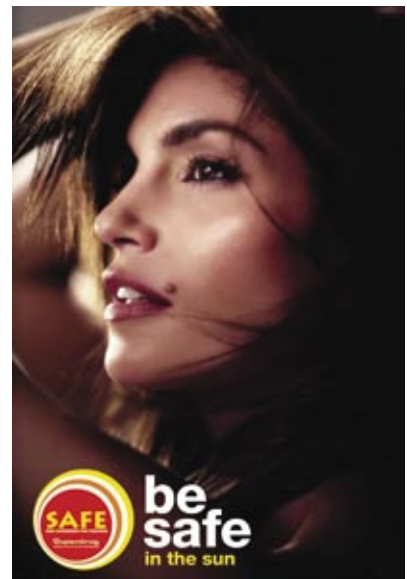
* APPLAUSE!

The SK-II outpost organised by Nuanice-Watson (HK) was highly commended for best beauty promotion in the Duty Free News International Product Awards 2005.



MUSIC ON THE CARDS

INDIA There's a song for every occasion in India these days thanks to **Hutchison Telecommunications International Limited**. With Hutch Fun Cards customers can buy their favourite ringtones and callertunes from any Hutch shop and also give the cards to their loved ones. In addition, customers can now download their favourite songs directly to their Hutchison phone with the new "Music Everywhere" service. **T**



Be Safe

UNITED KINGDOM Superdrug has formed a partnership with The Prince's Trust, a charity that helps young people overcome barriers. The partnership includes producing a limited edition bag to be sold in Superdrug stores, with all proceeds going to The Prince's Trust. Meanwhile, the retailer has also launched a skin cancer campaign called SAFE. The campaign promotes skin awareness and is backed by The Institute of Cancer Research and supported by supermodel Cindy Crawford. **R**



CONGRATULATIONS!

ICI Paris XL was voted number one in the perfume/cosmetics category in a poll of more than 90,000 customers interviewed about the best shopping chains in the Netherlands.

Helping Hands

INDONESIA Jakarta International Container Terminal, a joint venture between Hutchison Port Holdings (HPH) and P.T. Pelabuhan Indonesia II, contributed USD100,000 to help victims of the Indonesian earthquake tragedy. In Hong Kong, **PARKnSHOP** placed donation boxes at checkout counters and the proceeds were donated to the Hong Kong Red Cross to fund relief operations in Indonesia. **P**



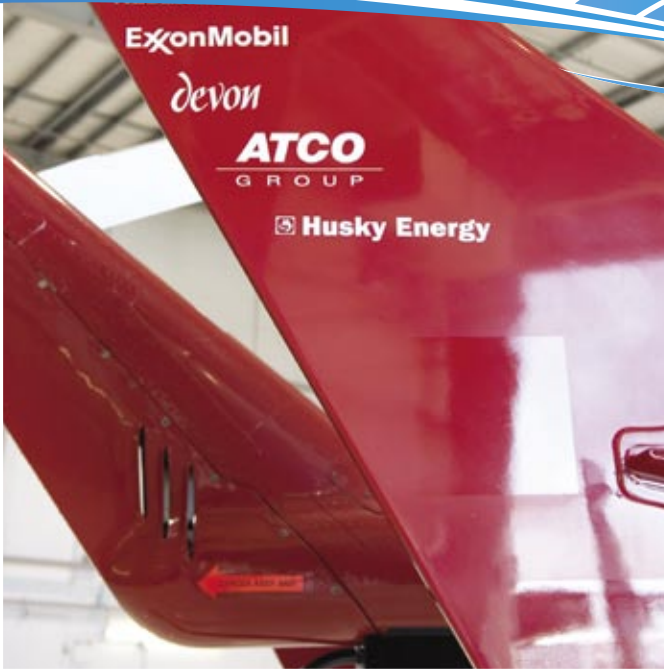
VIP VISIT

HONG KONG Michael Chertoff (above left), US Secretary of Homeland Security, was given a demonstration of the Integrated Container Inspection System (ICIS) at work during a visit to Hongkong International Terminals. ICIS is a non-intrusive inspection system that can detect radioactive materials in containers. **P**

SUPER SAVERS

UNITED KINGDOM Savers has risen from 39th to seventh most popular retailer in the UK – the biggest ranking gain in the top ten. Some 6,000 shoppers were interviewed in the survey conducted by retail industry analysts Verdict Research. **R**





HUSKY FLYING HIGH

CANADA The Alberta Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS) has placed the **Husky Energy** logo on the tail fins of its two helicopters in recognition of the company's generous support over many years. STARS provides emergency transport to critically ill and injured patients around Calgary and Edmonton. **1**

Royal Welcome

HONG KONG HRH The Duke of York is welcomed by HWL Chairman Li Ka-shing during a visit to the Cheung Kong Center to exchange views on Hong Kong-UK business relations. **6**



Good Work

HONG KONG The PARKnSHOP "Say No to Plastic Bags" campaign was a big success. Backed by a cute mascot, Earth Baby, consumers cut back on using plastic bags and bought about 200,000 environmentally friendly shopping bags.

Meanwhile, the **A.S. Watson Group** lent its support to the Tree Planting Challenge 2006 organised by the Friends of the Earth. Participants were required to plant 50-100 fire-resistant seedlings within six hours and complete a 13-kilometre trail. **R**



SPANISH GAIN

SPAIN HPH and Spanish partner Grupo Mestre will build and operate a new container terminal, Prat Pier Container Terminal, at the Port of Barcelona. Last December, HPH signed a conditional agreement with Grupo Mestre to acquire a majority stake in Terminal Catalunya (TERCAT), which has been awarded the concession for Prat Pier Container Terminal by the Barcelona Port Authority. Meanwhile, Hutchison Whampoa Limited has signed an agreement to sell 20 per cent of HPH to Singapore's PSA International. **P**



YEAH!

Business Weekly, a TOM Publishing Group publication, won the "Golden Tripod Award" for the best business magazine for the fourth straight year.



Chengdu Le Parc Seminar

CHINA Situated in the newly planned part of southern Chengdu, Le Parc is the first **Hutchison Whampoa Property Group** project in the city. The spectacular development will provide more than 15,000 high-end residential units. A public seminar organised to discuss the project attracted a great deal of interest from local residents. **H**

HEALTHY LISTING



UNITED KINGDOM **Hutchison China MediTech**, a HWL subsidiary focused on developing and manufacturing health supplements derived from Traditional Chinese Medicine, has listed on London's AIM exchange. **I**

HUTCHISON CHINA MEDITECH LTD



CHINA BOOST

CHINA **PARKnSHOP China** has been recognised for its great efforts in providing the most comfortable shopping environment and the freshest delicacies. All stores in Dongguan were awarded "Hygiene A Level 2005" by the Dongguan Government. **R**



Team Spirit

HONG KONG **A.S. Watson's Volunteer Team** visited a temporary home for children in Sha Tin run by the charity Project

Care. After playing and talking to the children the volunteers left with a deep understanding of the importance of a happy home. **R**



APPLAUSE!

Fortress has received a Standard of Excellence Award from Hong Kong's Web Marketing Association after revamping its website.



Hundred Up

CHINA **Watsons China** has opened its 200th store on the Mainland, in Huadu, Guangzhou. It plans to open a new store every four days in 2006 and operate 1,000 stores by 2010. **R**



ROYAL AWARD

THAILAND King Bhumipol of Thailand honoured **Watsons Thailand** with an award recognising the generous donation by staff to the Rajaprajanugroh Foundation, which provides assistance to those affected by the 2004 Tsunami. **R**



Husky's China Find

CHINA Husky Oil China, a subsidiary of Husky Energy, has made a significant discovery 250 kilometres south of Hong Kong in the South China Sea. Based on current estimates, the find could contain four to six trillion cubic feet of recoverable natural gas – one of the largest natural gas discoveries in offshore China waters.

Husky has also made an additional hydrocarbon discovery in the White Rose oil field off Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada. **I**



NEW LOOK

HONG KONG Harbour Plaza Hong Kong has a fresh new look after renovating nearly 500 guest rooms without closing its doors for a single day! "The team put together a good renovation schedule that was successful and the renovation will improve the guests' experience," said General Manager Jonathan A. Wilson.

Meanwhile, singer and composer Paul Anka has become the latest to join the list of international stars staying at the hotel's Presidential Suite. Mr Anka had a wonderful time and described his visit as "the best stay ever". **H**



YEAH!

According to rankings compiled by *Media* magazine and *China Business Times*, TOM was ranked first among media companies in China in terms of total assets, net assets and turnover in 2005.

OH BROTHER!

AUSTRALIA 3 Australia, a sponsor of the reality TV show *Big Brother*, gave four housemates the chance to watch highlights of the FIFA World Cup soccer match between Australia and Brazil on a 3 mobile. The housemates had been in the *Big Brother* house for over 60 days with no contact with the outside world!

Meanwhile, other 3 Australia customers could watch the FIFA matches live or see the highlights on their mobiles. **T**



Ukraine Move

UKRAINE A.S. Watson Group announced its move into the Ukraine market by acquiring a 65 per cent stake in the country's No 1 health and beauty retail chain, DC. The acquisition, which is subject to anti-monopoly approval, is part of the Group's continued expansion into Central and Eastern Europe. **R**



New Card

HONG KONG

DBS Bank and Hutchison Whampoa Limited have relaunched their co-branded ComPass Visa card to offer consumers greater protection against fraud with the adoption of an enhanced chip. The new card is also capable of capturing more information such as customers' spending behaviour. **C**



HELLO NINGBO

UNITED KINGDOM

The Port of Felixstowe welcomed the inaugural visit of the *COSCO Ningbo*, one of the world's largest container ships with a declared capacity of 9,449 TEUs. To cope with the ever-increasing volume of international trade, the port, owned by **Hutchison Ports (UK) Limited**, has been given permission to re-develop the southern part of the port into a new deep-sea container terminal. **P**



Applause!

HWL was ranked eighth in the Fortune Global 500 list of China's Top Companies and 259th in the World's Largest Corporations for 2005.



Shopping Fun

CHINA

A large shopping mall project in Guangzhou, owned and run by **Cheung Kong (Holdings)** and **Hutchison Whampoa Properties**, has been officially named the Metropolitan Plaza Guangzhou. To be opened next year, the project's South Plaza will feature a streamlined ribbon-like façade with computerised LED lighting. Having an outdoor area of more than 11,300 square metres, the plaza will entertain shoppers with live performances, concerts, exhibitions and special events. **H**

BEAUTIFUL GIFT

FRANCE **Marionnaud**, Europe's largest retailer of perfumes and cosmetics, has presented a cheque for EUR72,696 (about USD93,000) to the Federation Nationale Solidarite Femmes (FNSF), an association that campaigns against domestic violence in France. The retailer will also assist FNSF by establishing hotlines and publishing flyers to promote the message of anti-violence.

In addition, Marionnaud, a member of the A.S. Watson Group, has donated EUR51,612 to Cosmetic Executive Women (CEW), an association that offers free beauty care to sick women. It has signed a five-year partnership with CEW and has also helped to raise funds by selling greeting cards in Marionnaud stores. **R**

