Entries invited for Hong Kong Awards for Industries Monday, June 8, 2009

The 2009 Hong Kong Awards for Industries (HKAI) is now open for entries to "honour excellence and applaud success". Hong Kong companies in the manufacturing and services sectors are welcome to submit entries and the closing date is July 31.

The HKAI, the only award of this kind championed by the Government, aims to recognise the outstanding achievements of Hong Kong enterprises in their move towards higher technology and higher value-added activities and commend excellence in different aspects of their performance.

Organiser	Category
Federation of Hong Kong Industries	Consumer Product Design
The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong	Machinery and Machine Tools Design
Hong Kong Retail Management Association	Customer Service
Business Environment Council	Environmental Performance
Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce	Innovation and Creativity
Hong Kong Productivity Council	Productivity and Quality
Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation	Technological Achievement

The awards comprise seven categories, each organised by one leading organiser:

The adjudication process in each award category is carried out by a preliminary judging panel arranged by individual leading organisers. A final judging panel, to be chaired by Professor Tsui Lap-chee, will then be convened to decide the winners. There is only be one grand award in each category presented to the most outstanding entry. Other deserving entries will be presented with an award or a certificate of merit. All award winners are entitled to display the official logo of the HKAI for three years and receive the HKAI trophy/certificate as a permanent memento of their achievements.

The awards presentation ceremony will be held on January 18, 2010, at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Entry forms and brochures are now available from the respective organisers. They can also be downloaded from the HKAI website <u>www.hkindustryaward.org</u>.

The HKAI was launched in 2005 by merging the former Hong Kong Awards for Industry and the former Hong Kong Awards for Services, established in 1989 and 1997 respectively. Over the years, the awards have recognised and commended the excellent performance of more than 780 companies.

The 2009 HKAI media partners are Hong Kong Economic Times, Metro Radio and NOW BNC. For further information, please visit the HKAI website, contact the respective leading organisers (contact details at the website) or the Trade and Industry Department (the Secretariat of the Organising Committee via email: <u>hkai@tid.gov.hk</u> or tel: 2398 5551).

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