

# THE PENINSULA

HONG KONG

11<sup>th</sup> December 2008

## THE PENINSULA HONG KONG CELEBRATES ITS 80<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY TODAY

On 11<sup>th</sup> December 1928, a legend of Asian hospitality was born – The Peninsula Hong Kong opened its doors for the first time, and has been welcoming guests and patrons from all over the world ever since. Today, the hotel turns 80 and celebrates this momentous occasion with a cheque presentation ceremony for three Hong Kong-based charities.

Throughout 2008, The Peninsula undertook a series of fundraising initiatives which raised a total of HK\$ 3 million for three beneficiaries which all provide direct community services in Hong Kong. The beneficiaries are: Make-A-Wish® Hong Kong, which grants the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses; Mary Rose School, which provides schooling for children with mental disabilities and St. James' Settlement Funeral Navigation Service, which assists the elderly with funeral preparations.

The event, held in The Lobby of The Peninsula, was hosted by The Hon. Sir Michael Kadoorie, Chairman of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited. In his speech, Sir Michael announced, "I am proud of this commitment which illustrates the enduring relationship between the hotel, this great city and the people who live in it."

He was joined on stage by three representatives from The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited: Mr. Clement Kwok, Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Neil Galloway, Chief Financial Officer and Mr. Peter Borer, Chief Operating Officer, as well as Ms. Rainy Chan, General Manager of The Peninsula Hong Kong. In addition, 80 boys and girls (children of the hotel's staff members) took to the stage, all dressed in traditional white Peninsula page boy uniforms, adding to the festivities.

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