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Mr Y.S. Liu Named Honorary Fellow of The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts

[26 June 2013, Hong Kong] Mr Y.S. Liu, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society was recently named the recipient of the Honorary Fellowship 2013 of The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, in recognition of his contribution to the arts education and development in Hong Kong.

As a devoted supporter of music education in Hong Kong, Mr Liu has been sponsoring activities for young musicians in Hong Kong for many years. In addition, every year since 2006, Y.S. Liu Foundation scholarships and SAR Philharmonic scholarships have been given to music students of the HKAPA, who have also benefitted from opportunities to perform in concerts with the SAR Philharmonic, the orchestra founded by Mr Liu in 1999.

“I am very honoured and grateful to be awarded an Honorary Fellow of The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts. The HKAPA has been a cradle for musicians, and I hope through the scholarships and opportunities to perform with the orchestras, the students will be able to showcase their talents and contribute to the cultural development of Hong Kong”, said Y.S. Liu.

Mr Liu studied violin under the tutelage of the renowned Prof. Arrigo Foa in Hong Kong. He was a frequent performer on radio and television both as soloist and member of the famed Foa Duo and String Quartet. Mr Liu was member of the former Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra for a number of years during which he appeared on numerous occasions as soloist with the orchestra performing violin concerti ranging from Mozart to Wieniawski. One such noteworthy performance was his recording of the Butterfly Lovers Violin Concerto which he premièred in Hong Kong in 1969.

Mr Liu was founder and concertmaster of British Columbia Sinfonietta in Vancouver in 1992. He is now Chairman and Concertmaster of SAR Philharmonic Orchestra in Hong Kong. In November 2008 he was elected Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society. Mr Liu is also member of the Executive Committee of the Asian Youth Orchestra. Mr Liu is Chairman of Jenston Group of companies in Hong Kong/China and founder of Y. S. Liu Foundation.

The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts announced earlier the names of honorary degree and honorary fellowship recipients at its 2013 Conferment Ceremony. The 2013 Honorary Doctorate recipients are Dr Moses Cheng Mo-chi, Mr George Derbyshire and Professor John Malpas, and the Honorary Fellowship recipients are Mr Anthony Chan Kam-kuen, Mr Lin Weilin, Mr Liu Yuen-sung, Professor James Moody and Ms Mui Cheuk-yin.

The ceremony will be officiated by the HKAPA Council Chairman Mr William Leung at the Academy Lyric Theatre at 3pm on Friday 28 June 2013.

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Hong Kong Philharmonic

Music Director: Jaap van Zweden

As the city's largest and busiest musical organisation, the Hong Kong Philharmonic is a vital part of Hong Kong's cultural life. In 2013/14 the HK Phil will celebrate its 40th professional season, but its roots stretch back well over a century. The HK Phil has now evolved into an orchestral powerhouse of the region, and an acclaimed cultural centrepiece of Asia's World City.

The HK Phil is founded on the belief that a great city deserves a great orchestra. Annually it presents over 150 concerts for 200,000 music lovers. Featuring an enviable roster of international and local artists, with many concerts presented free, among them the annual *Swire Symphony Under The Stars*. Through its acclaimed education programme, over 40,000 young people learned about orchestral music last year.

The HK Phil's members come from every corner of the globe, joining its strong core of Hong Kong musicians. In September 2012, Jaap van Zweden became the orchestra's Music Director. Future years will see an ambitious series of new projects, with major international tours, renewed local partnerships, and large-scale concert events. The HK Phil has recently commenced a multi-CD recording project for Naxos, featuring works by Chinese composers.

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