

# Newsbites



## VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

**HONG KONG** Chairman Li Ka-shing thanked the staff of the Cheung Kong Group for all their hard work last year and expressed confidence about the prospects for 2008. Speaking at the Group's annual New Year dinner, he said that the property business had achieved considerable success and other core businesses, including ports, hotels, telecommunications, retail and manufacturing, energy, infrastructure, and life sciences had also all performed well.

"More importantly, the continuing diversification and expansion plans overseas and in Mainland China provided our employees with unprecedented opportunities for personal and professional development. Advancement opportunities abound for colleagues who are principled, responsible, capable, dedicated and loyal," he said.

"Our Group's investments across the globe are all sound and heading in positive directions, and I believe that favourable conditions for progress will remain in place." **C**



## APPLAUSE!

HK Electric won the prestigious Green Innovative Practice Grand Award at the 2006 Hong Kong Eco-Business Awards.

## New Look

**HONG KONG** The Kowloon Hotel is undergoing a HKD10 million refurbishment to upgrade all its restaurants. The new look will feature an interactive buffet counter, a brand new boutique Chinese restaurant and a chic and stylish bar. **H**



## Taste of Brazil

**HONG KONG** The Harbour Plaza Hong Kong's The Promenade restaurant was filled with the sounds and flavours of Brazil during a successful Brazilian food promotion. Chef Alexandre Chalela Salzano and Chef Daniel Ribeiro prepared an array of delicious Brazilian dishes that were accompanied by Brazilian décor and music. **H**



## CHARITY RUN

**THAILAND** Watsons, the No. 1 health and beauty retailer in Thailand, hosted the Watsons Mini Marathon in Bangkok. It was the final charity event in the Watsons Good Heart Smart Health community programme that encouraged Thai people to stay healthy. **R**



## Perfect Combination

**AUSTRIA** The 3Store and coffee shop in Innsbruck, Austria, represents a completely new store concept. It allows customers to get all the latest information on 3 products and services while drinking coffee in a comfortable atmosphere. **T**



### CONGRATULATIONS!

**TOM Outdoor Group** won a host of Chang Cheng Awards, including four silvers, seven bronzes and 25 merits, at the 14th China Advertising Festival in Tsingtao.



## PORT DEALS

**AUSTRALIA & MEXICO** Hutchison Port Holdings (HPH), the world's leading port investor, developer and operator, has signed an agreement to lease two new container berths from the Port of Brisbane Corporation in Australia. Brisbane Container Terminals, a wholly owned subsidiary of HPH, has been established to operate the new container-handling facility.

HPH has also opened the Phase I Expansion of Lazaro Cardenas Terminal Portuaria de Contenedores at the Port of Lazaro Cardenas, Mexico, and signed an agreement with Karachi Port Trust in Pakistan to build a new container terminal in Keamari Groyne. **P**

## BEST OF BRITISH

**UNITED KINGDOM** 3 UK and T-Mobile (UK) are combining their 3G access networks in a collaboration that will lead to almost complete population coverage for 3G services across Britain by the end of 2008. It is the world's largest known active 3G network sharing agreement and will significantly increase both operators' 3G network quality and coverage, accelerate the provision of new high-speed mobile broadband services and deliver substantial cost savings as well as environmental benefits. **T**



## China's Number One!

**HONG KONG** HWL is China's Most Admired Company, according to the latest survey by *Fortune* Magazine. Industry analysts and executives at competing firms were asked to rate companies on nine attributes, including global competitiveness, management quality and long-term investment; 345 companies in 26 industries and 25 countries participated. **C**







## Skypephone Success

**UNITED KINGDOM** The popular 3 Skypephone was highly commended in the best mobile handset category at the 13th Annual GSMA Global Mobile Awards in Barcelona. The judges were generous in their praise, saying, "in addition to the headline Skype service, the phone offers extremely good value for money with a wide range of features not previously seen at this price point." **T**

## Husky Explores

**CANADA** Husky Energy has secured the mobile semi-submersible drilling unit GSF Grand Banks for operations in the White Rose area and continued exploration in offshore Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada. **I**



## SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS

**UNITED KINGDOM** A private jet and two film crews are all in a day's work for model Katie Price – also known as Jordan – and it was no different when she went on a whistle-stop tour of five The Perfume Shop stores to promote her best selling fragrance, Stunning. Stunning has been in The Perfume Shop's best selling celebrity fragrance chart since its launch. **R**



### YEAH!

TOM Group's AV magazine celebrated its 5th anniversary with a party at Hollywood Plaza, Diamond Hill. Proceeds from the lucky draw and charity auction were donated to children's charity Make-A-Wish.



## FESTIVE FUN

**HONG KONG**

Sixty students from Tin Shui Wai and Shamshuipo enjoyed a great day out at a Christmas mosaic decoration design competition at Home World, Wonderful Worlds of Whampoa. **C**

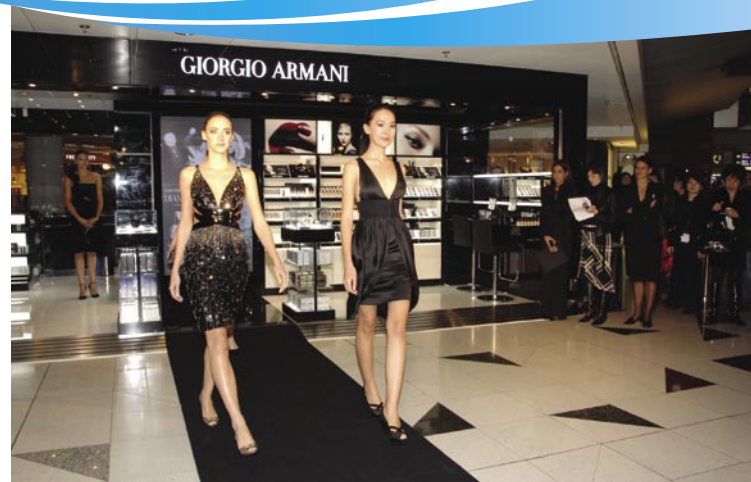


## Top Spot

**HONG KONG** The Harbour Plaza Metropolis is becoming one of the Hong Kong's top places for wedding celebrations. In 2007, a total of 122 couples chose The Patio, the hotel's unique outdoor venue, to host their wedding banquet. The Patio, named the Best Unique Venue by Travel Weekly, has spectacular postcard views of the Hong Kong skyline and is guaranteed to make the big day a very special occasion. **H**

## ARMANI LAUNCH

**HONG KONG** Nuance-Watson Hong Kong has opened a Giorgio Armani Beauty Boutique at the Hong Kong International Airport. The boutique is Armani's first ever travel retail outlet worldwide and the occasion was marked by a superb make-up catwalk show. Like the boutique itself, the event was a first for any airport in the world. **R**



## Cooking in Harmony

**HONG KONG** Ethnic minority families learned about traditional

Chinese New Year customs and tried their hands at making festive dumplings at a Cooking in Harmony programme organised by HK Electric and Christian Action. The programme aims to encourage cultural exchange and increase interaction between ethnic minorities and the local community. **I**



## POWER PLAY

**CANADA** Cheung Kong Infrastructure Holdings Ltd (CKI) has acquired and subsequently privatised TransAlta Power, LP, an energy company which was formerly listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange, in a deal worth CAD629 million (USD636 million). TransAlta Power owns 49.99 per cent of TransAlta Cogeneration, LP, which has interests in five gas-fired power plants in Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan and a coal-fired generation station in Alberta. CKI's energy portfolio now spans Hong Kong, Mainland China, the UK, Australia and North America. **I**

## CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

**HONG KONG** A group of volunteers and chefs from the Harbour Plaza North Point helped organise a Christmas party for the elderly at the Haven of Hope Sister Annie Skau Nursing Home in Tseung Kwan O. **H**



## Plugged In

**AUSTRIA** Five more 3mobile TV channels are now available on laptops in Austria. Customers can plug a 3datacard or 3datamodem into their laptops, connect to the Internet and click on the "3Live! Stream" on [www.drei.at](http://www.drei.at) – and that's it! 3 has also launched Laola.tv, the first mobile TV channel to focus on sports. **T**

