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KWIH Spares No Efforts in Sponsoring Local Arts Programmes and Promoting Arts development

Collaborates Again with Opera Hong Kong and Le French May this Year to Present the Opera Classic Bizet's *Carmen* in Hong Kong

(Hong Kong – 18 May 2018) - **K. Wah International Holdings Limited** (“KWIH” or “Group”) (stock code: 173) is dedicated to advancing arts development in Hong Kong. As the Honorary Patron of Opera Hong Kong (“OHK”), the Group has again supported OHK and Le French May staging the masterpiece of the famous French composer Georges Bizet’s *Carmen*, an opera in four acts, and title-sponsored the performance in the Hong Kong Cultural Centre tonight.

This evening, Mr and Mrs Francis Lui Yiu-tung, Deputy Chairman of K. Wah Group; Paddy Lui, Executive Director, and Oliver Lam, Chief Financial Officer of KWIH; together with Wong Kwai Lam, Chairman of OHK and Independent Non-executive Director of KWIH; Warren Mok, Artistic Director of OHK, joined by local political and business luminaries and media friends, including Professor and Mrs Lawrence Lau Juen-yee; Professor and Mrs Tsui Lap-chee; Mr and Mrs Milton Au Man-chu, Independent Non-executive Director of KWIH enjoyed this prestigious opera classic together.

KWIH has collaborated with OHK for many years and helped promote local arts and culture by sponsoring world famous opera productions in Hong Kong. Through such endeavours, it has not only provided local artists with more valuable opportunities for cross-cultural exchange and performance participation, but has also enhanced a greater public appreciation of opera, with a view to sustain the value and heritage of arts development and elevate the stature of Hong Kong as an international metropolis.

Georges Bizet’s *Carmen*, a timeless opera of worldwide fame, was staged at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre for five days from 16 to 20 May. Combining Spanish passion with French lyricism, *Carmen* tells the story of Don José, who throws over everything for an ill-fated affair with a gypsy Carmen; with whom he falls in love. OHK gives *Carmen* a modern sheen with an innovative nested rotating set featuring a magnificent cast of world-renowned opera singers including Jean-François Borrás, Giancarlo Monsalve, Varduhi Abrahamyan, Marie Karall, Vittorio Vitelli and Jean-Kristof Bouton, presenting the timeless story about freedom, liberty, destiny and passion through the most spectacular and majestic stage effects.

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Photo Captions:

Photo 1 : Mr and Mrs Francis Lui Yiu-tung, Deputy Chairman of K. Wah Group appreciate this prestigious opera classic *Carmen* together



Photo 2 : Paddy Lui, Executive Director of KWIH and Oliver Lam, Chief Financial Officer of KWIH and other guests gather to appreciate the celebrated opera classic *Carmen* together

Photo 2i : (From left to right) Wong Kwai Lam, Chairman of OHK and Independent Non-executive Director of KWIH; Professor and Mrs Lawrence Lau Juen-ye, Chairman of the Prize Recommendation Committee, LUI Che Woo Prize; Paddy Lui, Executive Director of KWIH; Professor Stephen Cheung Yan-Leung, President of the Education University of Hong Kong



Photo 2ii : Professor Lap-chee Tsui (1st from left), Member, Board of Governors, LUI Che Woo Prize Limited; Michael Chugani (3rd from left); Wong Kwai Lam, Chairman of OHK and Independent Non-executive Director of KWIH (3rd from right); Warren Mok (1st from right), Artistic Director of Opera Hong Kong and friends



Photo 3 : Paddy Lui, Executive Director of KWIH; Oliver Lam and friends from the business sector gather to appreciate the opera classic *Carmen*





Photo 4: Milton Au Man-chu, Independent Non-executive Director of KWIH (Left) and Oliver Lam, Chief Financial Officer of KWIH (Right)



Photo 5-7: Committed to promoting local arts, KWIH sponsors the performance of the world-class opera *Carmen* in Hong Kong, with an aim to enhance public appreciation of operatic arts (Source of photos: Opera Hong Kong)





About K. Wah International Holdings Limited (stock code: 00173)

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