3 Ireland completes acquisition of O₂ in Ireland

3 Ireland has completed the acquisition of O₂ in Ireland, taking 3 Ireland’s market share to 37 per cent and raising subscriber numbers to over two million active users.

“This is a big day for the Irish telecoms market,” said Robert Finnegan, CEO of 3 Ireland. “We will now get down to the task of combining the strengths and talents of the two businesses to create a major force in the Irish mobile market, which will be good for competition, good for consumers and good for Ireland.”
Hutchison Chevening Scholarships go social

HWL is a long-standing partner to the prestigious Chevening Scholarships that fund talented professionals for postgraduate studies in the UK. The Group, which so far has donated a total of GBP6.4 million to the programme, jointly funds the scholarship with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to send promising talents from Hong Kong and Mainland China to a partnership university. Now the use of Facebook and Google’s keyword search to promote the scholarships brings them into the 21st century to reach even more candidates. The schools are venerable, but HWL and the recipients are on top of the latest social media tools.

LIVE THE DREAM!

Upholding ASW’s commitment to nurture potential student athletes, it organised the ninth Hong Kong Student Sports Awards to commend student athletes for their outstanding performance. With 7,425 awardees thus far, this year’s 913 recipients represented over 80 per cent of all local primary, secondary and special schools. Students were honoured with a certificate and scholarship to thunderous applause from their parents, school principals and teachers.

WATSONS IS WHERE THE HEART IS FOR HK

The “Asia’s Top 1,000 Brands” report from Campaign Asia-Pacific and Nielsen revealed Watsons is the only local brand in the top 10 for brand recognition in Hong Kong in a regional survey. Watsons has also been named as Asia’s No.1 Pharmacy/Drugstore Brand* for the sixth consecutive year since 2009.

The Global Smile Campaign:

- 25 markets
- 10,800+ stores
- 100,000 employees
- 100,000 Smiles!
FOOTIE FUNDRAISING

Metro Broadcast, a Hong Kong radio station, has been showing its charitable spirit. In the kick-off ceremony of “Metro 2014 King’s Cup Charity Football”, Metro Deputy Managing Director, Sung Man-hei, Board Member of The Community Chest Hong Kong, Lincoln Yu Kam Yuen, the football coach, and other celebrities promoted a healthy workout lifestyle to all walks of life through a football competition and also raised funds for those in need.

PORTS

To be the BEST

On 6 June, Barcelona Europe South Terminal (BEST) held a groundbreaking ceremony for the next phase of its development. Ceremony officials included the President of the Government of Catalonia, The Most Honourable Artur Mas i Gavarró, and Hutchison Port Holdings Group Managing Director, Eric Ip. Attendees included the Mayor of Barcelona, Xavier Trias; the Mayor of El Prat de Llobregat, Luis Tejedor Ballesteros; and the President of the Barcelona Port Authority, Sixte Cambra.

In 2015, BEST will have a contiguous 1,500 metre berth with a draft of 16.5 metres, allowing four mega-vessels to dock simultaneously. Next up: 11 super post-Panamax gantry cranes and 54 automated stacking cranes, distributed over 27 automated container storage blocks.

HOTELS

8 DEGREES OF EXCELLENCE

Harbour Plaza 8 Degrees, a Hong Kong hotel, has had its extraordinary hospitality recognised by being named as the “Best Mid-range Hotel in Hong Kong” by TTG China Travel Awards 2014 for the fifth consecutive year. Votes for this award are cast by travel consultants, travel experts, tour operators and destination management companies.

Café 8 Degrees was honoured as the “U Favorite Buffet” by U Favorite Food Awards 2014 for the third consecutive year. It also topped the Best-Ever Dining Awards by Weekend Weekly for the second consecutive year. Café 8 Degrees’ buffet was particularly favoured by judges and won in the “Best Buffet” category for the second time. These publications recognise what industry professionals from across China know: 8 Degrees = one great hotel.

WEDDING PLANNER IN YOUR POCKET

ESDlife’s new wedding app will allow couples in the throes of wedding planning to obsess about their upcoming nuptials anytime, anywhere. Since 2011, its online platform “Wedding Union WOW” has hosted 16,000 members who exchange advice and opinion, saving them time and effort when organising their own weddings. The new app is perfect to share the most up-to-date wedding information and happiness among couples.
First oil at Sandall Thermal Project

Husky Energy’s Sandall Thermal Project located in the province of Saskatchewan, Canada, achieved its first oil production earlier this year. The 3,500 barrels/day oil project builds on two additional thermal projects from last year and is the next commercial plant in Husky’s strategy to develop longer production life thermal projects.

PROPERTY

FIVE IS FINE IN FUTSAL

Futsal is a fast-paced, indoor variation of football played with five per side. It was developed in Brazil and Uruguay but has fans as far away as Chengdu.

Accordingly, Hutchison Whampoa Property (Chengdu) co-organised the Chengdu “i-City Cup” with the Chengdu Football Association. One hundred corporate teams participated in the four-month competition, enabling members of the Chengdu business community to build bonds through sport – Brazilian style!

SOLVING THE TOAD JUICE SHORTAGE

Demand for a key ingredient for the medicine Bufotalin has seen the demand for key ingredient Venenum Bufonis, extracted from toad glands, increase year by year.

SHPL has built a standardised breeding, processing, research and production demonstration base for toads in Shandong Province as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Heze and Hutchison Bioresource Technology Co Ltd.

Shanghai Hutchison Pharmaceuticals has built a standardised breeding, processing, research and production demonstration base for toads.
**OTHERS**

**READING FOR A BETTER TOMORROW**

The TOM Group visited the Fong Shu Fook Tong kindergarten in Hong Kong to donate books to underprivileged children. The group’s 10-year commitment to give the gift of reading, delivered through their “Love to Share Love to Read” programme, aims to cultivate a lifetime reading habit among people from all walks of life. This year’s focus on the environment saw them partner with the Baby-Kingdom Environment Protection Education Fund to instil a strong sense of environmentalism in schoolkids.

**EVERY STEP COUNTS**

The HK Electric Volunteers Team celebrated its 10th anniversary this year, registering more than 36,000 service hours in caring for the environment and the community. With elderly care as its key service focus, HK Electric volunteers pay monthly visits to single elders, especially those with financial and mobility problems, and help them buy bulky daily necessities.

**INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Park your money - high-flying returns**

In July 2014, a 50/50 joint venture comprising Cheung Kong Infrastructure and Cheung Kong Holdings acquired Park’N Fly, the largest off-airport car park provider in Canada. The enterprise value of the transaction was approximately CAD381 million. Park’N Fly provides off-airport car park solutions in Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal, Edmonton and Ottawa.

**HOTELS**

**FIVE SENSUOUS SENSES**

In celebration of the 12th anniversary of the Harbour Plaza Metropolis (Hong Kong), the hotel launched “A Touch of Five Senses” room package in August. By incorporating five sensory inputs – mood lighting (Sight), massage (Touch), custom Canto-pop (Sound), a tasting dinner (Taste), and boutique aromatherapy (Smell) – into nine designated themed rooms, guests were able to enjoy a brand-new type of hotel experience.
**TELECOMS**

**iPhone 6 mania cured by 3 Hong Kong**

The iPhone 6 launch in Hong Kong saw thousands come down with an iPhone fever. Well-planned logistics and aggressive advance marketing and sales meant many pre-ordered their phones through 3 Shoppers across Hong Kong. Pop up distribution centres opened at the crack of dawn to make sure iPhone fanatics could get their phones even before they went to work.

**PROPERTY**

**“LOVE YOU FOREVER” QINGDAO!**

The Harbourfront is Hutchison Properties’ massive residential, shopping and entertainment district on the Qingdao waterfront, a district known as Xin Jie Li. They brought the love to Qingdao with a sumptuous wedding event named “Love you forever”. Eight pairs of newlyweds dressed up with national costumes from around the world to demonstrate their passion.

**RECYCLING FOR GOOD**

Hutchison Telecommunications Hong Kong Holdings (HTHKH) ran a special recycling station at Hutchison Telecom Tower from 20-22 May as part of the “Sharing for a Cause” campaign organised by the Kids4Kids charitable institution. HTHKH invited employees to donate usable educational and household items to help children in need.

**PORTS**

**ENVIRO-PORTS**

Hutchison Port Holdings’ (HPH) business units around the world are constantly improving their environmental performance by reducing energy consumption and pollutant emissions. HPH recently introduced four electric Rubber-Tyred Gantry Cranes (eRTGC) at the Port of Felixstowe which deliver energy savings of around 45 per cent compared with conventional diesel-driven models. They have also reduced emissions and improved air quality around the port.

Lighting plays a part as well. HPH has completed the installation of energy-saving LEDs at the Mexican business unit’s Ensenada International Terminal and Ensenada Cruiseport Village.

**Electric Rubber-Tyred Gantry Cranes deliver energy savings of around 45 per cent.**

**CERTIFIED GREEN STARS**

Europe Container Terminals won its second Lean and Green Star in March. This award is for companies actively engaged in innovations that make the supply chain more sustainable.

In early June, Hongkong International Terminals secured a renewal of the ISO 14001 environmental management system certification, which provides practical tools for companies to identify and control the environmental impact of their operations and constantly improve their environmental performance.