HOTEL AWARD

The Harbour Plaza Hong Kong was voted Best Independent Hotel at the TravelWeekly (Asia) Industry Awards. “This award will inspire us to work even harder to exceed expectations and reach new heights,” said Jonathan A Wilson, the hotel’s general manager.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Europe Container Terminals celebrated the official opening of the Euromax Terminal and the Delta Barge Feeder terminal in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. The new facility has a total area of 84 hectares with a quay length of 1,500 metres and an annual capacity of 2.3 million TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units).

From Strength to Strength

Italia just keeps getting bigger and better. The company has just launched the new BlackBerry® Bold smartphone in the Italian market and has signed an agreement with Microsoft Online Service Group to give customers access to web services on the MSN portal. It has also teamed up with Yahoo! Italy to offer customers broadband navigation from their PCs and other new services include online access to the Sisal Matchpoint betting service and content from the leading motoring magazine Quattroruote.

Green Goal

Watsons Philippines not only looks after its customers’ health and beauty needs but also supports the environment by helping to rehabilitate and protect the La Mesa Watershed, a favourite eco-park for students and families.

Top TOM

Group’s flagship magazine, Business Weekly, won the “Best Editor” award in the magazine category at the 32nd Golden Tripod Awards in Taiwan. It also won an award at the 22nd Vivian Wu Journalism Awards for its excellent in-depth reporting.
NEW CABLE SYSTEM OPENS

**HONG KONG** Hutchison Global Communications (HGC), the fixed-line operating unit of Hutchison Telecom Hong Kong, has inaugurated its new cross-border fibre optic cable system at the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor. HGC now operates four cross-border routings and is well positioned to cater to high-end customers’ demand for high quality telecom services. The system provides Hong Kong’s biggest cross-border capacity, which is expected to accommodate the future growth in market demand.

APPLAUSE!

HWL picked up prizes in the Galaxy and ARC Awards that recognise excellence in annual reports.

Heading for Success

**THAILAND** Hutchison CAT Wireless MultiMedia Limited has presented 800 specially-designed helmets to motorcycle taxi drivers in the Thai city of Pattaya. Apart from promoting the Hutch brand’s popular post-paid services, the generous donation will also help to boost road safety in the resort.

HELPING HANDS

**HONG KONG** It’s been a busy time for the HWL Volunteers. They took Yan Oi Tong and Caritas Hong Kong students to watch the Olympic equestrian events at Shatin and also helped a group of elderly people at the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals go through their exercise routines. What’s more, staff at the Department of Clinical Oncology at the Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital presented the team with a certificate in recognition of all their valuable help.

Special Day

**HONG KONG** The Window Café at The Kowloon Hotel marked Hungary’s National Day on 23 October with a special promotion. The menu was designed by Executive Chef Robert Fontana with the help of the Hungarian Vice Consul General, Béla Németh. More than 100 guests attended. Pictured is Mr Németh (right), trying out his hand in cooking with Chef Fontana.
AN OUT OF THIS WORLD EXPERIENCE

UNITED KINGDOM The biennial Superdrug “Out of this World” charity ball in London was a huge success, with guests enjoying fantastic food and wine as well as avant-garde entertainment. The event raised more than GBP100,000 (about HKD1.2 million) for each of three UK charities – Kids Company, The Prince’s Trust and the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Dublin Calling

IRELAND 3 Ireland was the main patron of the annual Telecommunications and Internet Federation Conference at Dublin Castle. The conference, the most important event in the industry’s calendar, saw operators and service providers come together to discuss key developments in the Irish market.

TOP AWARD FOR CKI

HONG KONG Cheung Kong Infrastructure Holdings Limited (CKI), the largest publicly-listed infrastructure company in Hong Kong, received the International Stevie Award for Best Multinational Company in Asia (China, Japan and Korea) at the 2008 International Business Awards.

GRAND OPENING PLANNED

HONG KONG The Harbour Grand Hong Kong, Harbour Plaza Hotels & Resorts’ new five-star hotel, will open in spring 2009. Ideally located in the heart of Hong Kong Island and enjoying unobstructed harbour views, the 41-storey hotel will provide 828 guest rooms and suites, spacious meeting and banquet facilities, five restaurants and bars, an outdoor heated swimming pool, a fitness centre and a spa.

In the Picture

More than 200 staff took part in a photo competition organised by 3 Global Services. This is one of the winning entries.
**Prize Ports**

**China** Yantian International Container Terminals, Shanghai Container Terminals and Shanghai Mingdong Container Terminals have been named among the Top 10 PRC Container Terminals by the Container Branch of the China Ports and Harbours Association. Additionally, Shanghai Pudong International Container Terminals was designated as China’s most economically efficient container terminal.

**Good Sports**

**China** To get into the Olympic spirit and also celebrate its 10th anniversary, the Harbour Plaza Chongqing staged a mini-Olympics for the staff.

**The Power of Education**

**Hong Kong** The HK Electric Clean Energy Fund has sponsored another 12 school renewable energy projects for the coming year. They include a stepping device that generates energy, an array of wind turbines on a rooftop and a solar-powered waterfall that combines renewable energy education with religious studies.

To record the achievements of the last year’s 12 projects, HK Electric has produced a Cleaner Energy, Cleaner Hong Kong 2009 desktop calendar for all schools in Hong Kong.

**CHANGCHUN FIRST**

**China** Regency Park Changchun, a spectacular villa development with a luxury clubhouse, was launched in September. It is the first Hutchison Whampoa Properties Limited project in the city.

**IN THE FAST LANE**

**Australia** Business and V8 Supercar legend Dick Johnson have been working together to help Australian small businesses get in the fast lane for success. A series of “race day” seminars around the country attracted more than 1,000 small business owners.
Caring for the Elderly

**HONG KONG** To encourage senior citizens to lead more active lives, HK Electric has launched a new programme – CAREnival for the Elderly – in association with the Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association and the St James' Settlement. The programme includes carnivals where participants have fun and also learn more about electricity subsidies as well as get useful tips on electrical safety and energy conservation.

**SWEDE**n 3 helped raise money for the Swedish Cancer Society’s Pink Ribbon breast cancer campaign by making a cash contribution for every “pink” product sold. Employees also did their bit by selling pink ribbons outside 3 stores.

FAIR DEALS

**CHIN**a Hutchison Whampoa Properties Limited introduced a series of new developments at the 31st China (Shenzhen) Autumn Real Estate Fair. The new properties are in Shenzhen, Zhuhai, Changsha and Chengdu.

**YEAH!** 3 UK’s mobile broadband package was named tariff of the year at the Mobile Choice Consumer Awards 2008.

Food Safety First

**HONG KONG** PARKnSHOP Hong Kong’s Food Safety Laboratory is the first supermarket laboratory to be awarded ISO 17025 certification under the Hong Kong Laboratory Accreditation Scheme. The award is recognition that the laboratory meets the highest international standards.

**MACAUS** Metro Finance has launched the first multimedia channel to be broadcast simultaneously in Hong Kong and Macau. The Macau Cable TV: Metro Finance Multimedia Channel, co-developed with Macau Cable TV, is simulcast on the Metro Finance Portal (www.104mfonline.com.hk) and Macau Cable TV’s Channel 12. It provides programmes in both Cantonese and Putonghua.
Open House

Regency Park in Shanghai staged Regency Rendezvous 2008 to mark the opening of phase seven of the luxury project. Guests had the chance to view a show house and the new clubhouse and were also treated to music, a wine tasting and a jewellery show.

Helping Those in Need

India

3 Global Services employees have donated pens, erasers, crayons, school bags and books to an orphanage. The children were thrilled to receive the gifts and staff members were happy to be able to brighten their day.

Welcome to the Darkside

UK

3 UK unveiled its latest must-have handset, the Sony Ericsson W595, at a Halloween themed launch. Journalists were invited to cross over to The Darkside and film their experiences on the W595, which has an exclusive YouTube upload application as well as a Walkman player and FM Radio.

Show Time

Hong Kong

PMW staff and the Warner Bros Consumer Products team enjoy themselves at the 2008 Hong Kong International Licensing Show.

White Rose Blooms

Husky Energy’s White Rose oil field has reached an important milestone – it has produced 100 million barrels of crude oil. The current production capacity of the oil field situated off St John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador, is 120,000 barrels per day.
FUTURE SPORTS STARS

Thirty lucky winners of the A S Watson Group Hong Kong Student Sports Awards (SSA) were given an exclusive preview of the fantastic Olympic facilities in Beijing this summer. The delegation visited the Bird’s Nest, the Water Cube and the National Sports Training Centre and also got to meet Chinese athletes in training for the Olympics. The SSA provides recognition and encouragement to students nominated by their schools for their outstanding performance or great potential in sports.

Flying High

Russian gymnast Sergei Charkov, a former Olympic gold medallist, and his team stunned the crowd at Wonderful Worlds of Whampoa with a brilliant performance on a set of triple high bars.

Just Champion

Ireland ambassador Padraig Harrington capped a great year by winning the USPGA Championship at Oakland Hills Country Club, Michigan. The Irishman also won the British Open.

POWER SAVER

An energy-saving project at the PARKnSHOP on Tin Hau Temple Road has proved to be a big success. The store saved 20 per cent on energy costs by using lighting products provided by HWL subsidiary bigboxXX.com that have a special nanoflex coating. There are plans to expand the scheme to other retail stores.

Bigger and Better

The Port of Felixstowe held a ground-breaking ceremony to mark the formal commencement of the Felixstowe South Reconfiguration project. Whilst the port can already accommodate the largest vessels in the market, the project will enable it to handle more vessels simultaneously, securing its position as the UK’s number one port.

CONGRATULATIONS!

TOM Outdoor Media Group emerged as a multiple winner at the Great Wall Advertising Awards, the 15th China International Advertising Festival and the China Advertising Association’s 5th Media Planning Awards.