JUST GRAND

HONG KONG

The five-star Harbour Plaza Hong Kong has been rebranded as Harbour Grand Kowloon. This follows the opening of Harbour Grand Hong Kong and means there are now two Harbour Grand hotels in Hong Kong, one on either side of the harbour.

Winning Ways

INDIAN 3 Global Services volunteers in Mumbai turned out in force to help children’s charity Akanksha at its annual sports day. They were on hand to organise races for the 400 children that took part. The beaming smiles on the faces of the winners as they stood on the podium to receive their medals showed that a good time was had by all.

Global Expansion on Target

HONG KONG

The A S Watson Group (ASW) is on course to meet its target of reaching 10,000 stores worldwide within the next two years. Rossmann opened the 400th store in Poland recently. ASW is the world’s largest international health and beauty retailer, with a portfolio of more than 8,600 stores across 34 markets in Asia and Europe.
On Song

3 Austria sponsored a concert by French singer David Guetta at the Austrian ski resort of Schladming, attracting more than 13,000 fans.

Team Spirit

More than 100 HWL staff and family members took part in a group orienteering competition in Hong Kong.

SIGN HERE

3 UK is taking part in the Terminate the Rate campaign to lower mobile termination rates in the UK. In all, some 114,259 people signed the petition that was handed in to Ofcom, the telecom regulator.

APPLAUSE!

The 2008 HWL annual report won five prizes in the League of American Communications Professionals Awards and another in the MerComm Inc Awards.

DESIGNER LABELS

Watsons Water commissioned a special limited edition collection of memorabilia for sports fans who attended the East Asian Games in Hong Kong. The collection featured nine different designs to represent the countries and territories that were competing for glory.
Joining the Social Club

INQ Mobile has launched two new 3G social mobiles complete with Internet-based Twitter capabilities. The INQ Chat 3G is the company’s first QWERTY-style phone, while the compact INQ Mini 3G provides an entry-level social mobile option for the price-sensitive pre-pay market. INQ is also making a push into the Greater China region, recently appointing Kinson Loo as the President of INQ for the Greater China region. Mr Loo was recently included in a Top Ten list of the most influential people in the Chinese mobile phone industry by the *People’s Daily* newspaper.

THE BIG VOTE

Online awards organised by *ESDlife*, Hong Kong’s leading wedding media, to identify outstanding wedding service providers attracted more than 190,000 votes.

GOING GREEN

PT Hutchison CP Telecommunications (HCPT) is switching to using hydrogen fuel for its back-up power supply at 210 base stations in Sumatra, Java and Bali. HCPT is the first telecom provider in Asia to operate hydrogen-run base stations on such a large scale.

CONGRATULATIONS!

HWL won the Best Deal Award (Hong Kong) in The Asset Triple A Country Awards 2009, North Asia.
New Look

Trebleste has celebrated its 30th anniversary by introducing a new look. While retaining the brand’s image as a friendly neighbourhood chemist, the revamp has also gone down well with customers and staff alike.

STUDENT EXCHANGE BOOST

The Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Awards have been extended for a further 10 years. The awards represent a partnership between the Cheung Kong Group and the Australian Government to promote educational exchange opportunities between Australia and Asia.

Husky Increases Retail Network

Husky Energy is buying a retail network of 98 petrol stations in Ontario from Suncor. This increases the company’s network of petrol stations to 571.

THE BIG PICTURE

With the 2010 Shanghai World Expo as the main theme, renowned artist Edgar Müller’s 300 square metre 3D painting, the world’s largest, went on display at the Westgate Mall in Shanghai over the summer.
CHEUNG KONG INFRASTRUCTURE and HK Electric have increased their investment in NGN, a company that supplies gas to homes and businesses across northern England. Their combined stake has risen from 75.1 per cent to 88.4 per cent.

Platform Launch

TOM, through Cite Publishing, has launched POPO, the first digital platform in Taiwan to link publishers, writers and readers. POPO enables writers to sell their work to readers directly or through publishers.

Savers has been named the UK’s best value for money personal care retailer in a consumer survey. It was voted No. 1 in the “Price for Personal Care” category in the 2009 Verdict Retail Research Report.
500th Watsons Store in China

The 500th Watsons store in China opened its doors in Shanghai recently, marking an important milestone in ASW’s plan to reach 1,000 stores in the Mainland. ASW Group Managing Director Dominic Lai issued an upbeat message at the opening ceremony.

IN SEASON

Guests enjoyed a night of jazz, Broadway musicals and a Hermès fashion show at the Seasons Rendezvous at the Shanghai Shangri-la Hotel to promote Hutchison Whampoa Property Limited’s Seasons Villas development.

FOREVER YOUNG

Students at the University of 3rd Age (U3A) showed that age is only a number at their Fun Day when they took part in stage performances, games and handicraft workshops. HK Electric and the Hong Kong Council of Social Service have run U3A since 2006.

Sydney Terminal Deal

Hutchison Port Holdings has signed an agreement with Sydney Ports Corporation to develop and operate the Third Terminal at Port Botany in New South Wales, one of Australia’s major international container ports.
MEETING OF MINDS

Victor Li, the Managing Director and Deputy Chairman of Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited, was recently invited to share his thoughts with 30 students from the University of Hong Kong. The talk was part of the Meet the Entrepreneurs programme run by the think tank Economic Synergy.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

3 UK has become the first UK mobile operator to open a store specifically catering for the Chinese community in London. The store, located at the entrance to Chinatown, employs staff who can speak English, Mandarin, Cantonese and Taiwanese.

WORKING TOGETHER

Hutchison Telecom Hong Kong and its partners in the Conexus Mobile Alliance have teamed up with NTT Communications to deliver smartphone solutions for multinational corporations.