

## Press Release

### **Hopewell and St. James' Settlement Celebrates Tuen Ng Festival with 1,000 Elderly Singletons for fourteen years**

*First Theme Park Outing Helps the Elderly Widen their Social Circle*

**Hong Kong, 5 June 2024** – Hopewell Holdings Limited (“Hopewell”) and St. James' Settlement (“SJS”) have joined hands for the fourteenth year to organize the “HH Social Club Tuen Ng Volunteer Programme” sending blessings to nearly a thousand elderly singletons to celebrate the Tuen Ng Festival. This programme has benefitted over 13,000 elderly singletons to date, sharing the festive joy.

To encourage elderly singletons to engage in outdoor activities and promote their physical and mental well-being, this year's program included a group outing to Ocean Park Hong Kong on May 18, 2024, called "HH Social Club Tuen Ng Tour". 20 volunteers in small groups accompanied around 40 elders on a visit to the theme park, enjoying a lunch together at the park's restaurant. The elders experienced the joy of the theme park and the volunteers expressed their care and love for the elders by presenting gift packs and festival greetings, allowing the elderly to enjoy the joyful moments.

In addition, on June 1, 2024, 30 volunteers and their family members participated in the “HH Social Club Tuen Ng Volunteer Visit”. They visited nearly 50 households of elderly singletons in Wan Chai District and Tsuen Wan District, delivering gift packs and blessings. This year, the theme of activity focused on life and death education. Prior to the home visits, the volunteers attended a life and death education seminar cum volunteer briefing by SJS, learning about pre-planning services and acquire communication skills with the elderly. The volunteers also prepared gift packs, including rice dumplings made by Panda Hotel, food items, and pill boxes.

Mrs. Ivy Wu Kwok, Director of Hopewell Holdings Limited, said, “Hopewell is committed to serving the community and actively building a more inclusive society. Tuen Ng Volunteer Visit has been held for 14 years, spreading festive love and warmth with the elderly singletons before the Tuen Ng Festival. This year, we also visited the theme park together, assisting the elderly in building the social network. At the same time, we encourage our employees to give back to society and help those in need.”

Mr. Ford Choi, Senior Service Manager (Continuing Care Service) of St. James' Settlement, said, “St. James' Settlement is delighted to be working closely with Hopewell to share our blessings with the elderly. Now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, St. James' Settlement and Hopewell have not

only made home visits through the Tuen Ng Volunteer Programme but also ventured to the theme park this year, strengthening the interaction with the community and creating unforgettable memories for elderly singletons, allowing them to feel the care of the society."

Photo caption :



Photo 1



Photo 2

**(Photo 1 & 2)**

20 HH Social Club volunteers and nearly 40 elders visited the theme park together, celebrating Tuen Ng Festival.



Photo 3

**(Photo 3)**

30 HH Social Club volunteers paid home visits to nearly 50 elderly singleton in Wan Chai District and Tsuen Wan District.



Photo 4

**(Photo 4)**

Ms. Lana Chong (second left), Chief Officer - Finance & Administration of Hopewell Holdings Limited and Mr. Andrew Chan (middle), General Manager of Kowloon Panda Hotel Limited, together with HH Social Club volunteers delivered gift packs and blessings to elderly.

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Hopewell Holdings Limited (“Hopewell”), a Hong Kong-based group, has diverse business interests spreading across property investment and development, hotel and hospitality businesses. Hopewell believes promoting sustainability and achieving long-term business growth are equally important. It devotes substantial resources to promote sustainability through corporate governance, environmental protection, community investment and workplace practices and continue to enhance engagement with various stakeholders.

### **About St. James' Settlement**

Founded by the Rt. Rev. Bishop R.O. Hall of the Anglican Church in 1949, St. James' Settlement began as a club for boys and girls in a temple in Stone Nullah Lane, Wanchai. It was then developed into a six-storey building on Kennedy Road in 1963 to provide diversified services, including children and youth services, elderly services and rehabilitation services. In 1987, the headquarters was opened in Stone Nullah Lane so that the scope of services could be further extended. Our first centre outside Wanchai (named Central and Western District Elderly Community Centre) was established in 1990. Since then, different service centres have been developed and most of them are located along the north coast of Hong Kong Island, from The Belcher's in Western to Hing Wah Estate in Chai Wan. In recent years, in view of the society's ever-changing needs, we have opened service centres in Kowloon and the New Territories. To date, our 96 service points are in operation across Hong Kong, serving more than 3.23 million person-times, and our target beneficiaries include children, teenagers, families, the elderly and people with disabilities.