

Corporate Governance Report

The Company strives to attain and maintain the highest standards of corporate governance as it believes that effective corporate governance practices are fundamental to enhancing shareholder value and safeguarding interests of shareholders and other stakeholders. Accordingly, the Company has adopted sound corporate governance principles that emphasise a quality board of Directors (the "Board"), effective internal control, stringent disclosure practices and transparency and accountability. It is, in addition, committed to continuously improving these practices and inculcating an ethical corporate culture.

The Company is fully compliant with all code provisions of the Code on Corporate Governance Practices in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") (the "Listing Rules") for the period from 8 May 2009 (date of listing of securities of the Company on the Stock Exchange) (the "Listing Date") to 31 December 2009. It has also adopted a number of recommended practices stated therein. The key corporate governance principles and practices of the Company are as follows:

The Board

The Board is responsible for directing the strategic objectives of the Company and overseeing the management of the business. Directors are charged with the task of promoting the success of the Company and making decisions in the best interests of the Company.

The Board, led by the Chairman (Non-executive), Mr Fok Kin-ning, Canning, approves and monitors Group wide strategies and policies, annual budgets and business plans, evaluates the performance of the Company, and supervises the management of the Company (the "Management"). Management is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Group under the leadership of the Chief Executive Officer.

As at 31 December 2009, the Board comprised nine Directors, including the Chairman (Non-executive), the Deputy Chairman (Non-executive), an Executive Director cum Chief Executive Officer, three Non-executive Directors and three Independent Non-executive Directors. Biographical details of the Directors are set out in The Board and Management Section on pages 30 to 33.

For a Director to be considered independent, the Board must be satisfied that the Director does not have any direct or indirect material relationship with the Group. In determining the independence of Directors, the Board follows the requirements of the Listing Rules.

The role of the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman are separate from that of the Chief Executive Officer. Such division of responsibilities helps to reinforce their independence and accountability.

The Chairman, Mr Fok Kin-ning, Canning, assisted by the Deputy Chairman, Mr Lui Dennis Pok Man, is responsible for providing leadership to, and overseeing the functioning of, the Board to ensure that it acts in the best interests of the Group and that Board meetings are planned and conducted effectively. The Chairman is responsible for setting the agenda for each Board meeting, taking into account, where appropriate, matters proposed by the Directors and Company Secretary. With the support of the Executive Director and the Company Secretary, the Chairman seeks to ensure that all Directors are properly informed of issues arising at Board meetings and provided with adequate and accurate information in a timely manner. The Chairman also actively encourages Directors to be fully engaged in the Board's affairs and contribute to the Board's functions. The Board, under the leadership of the Chairman, has adopted good corporate governance practices and procedures and taken appropriate steps to provide effective communication with shareholders and other stakeholders, as outlined later in the report.

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Wong King Fai, Peter, is responsible for managing the businesses of the Group, attending to the formulation and successful implementation of Group policies and assuming full accountability to the Board for all Group operations. Acting as the principal manager of the Group's businesses, the Chief Executive Officer attends to developing strategic operating plans that reflect the longer-term objectives and priorities established by the Board and is directly responsible for maintaining the operational performance of the Group. Working with the Chief Financial Officer, Ms Tan Yuen Chun, Jennifer and the executive management team of each core business division, the Chief Executive Officer presents annual budgets to the Board for consideration and approval, and ensures that the Board is fully apprised of the funding requirements of the businesses of the Group. With the assistance of the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Executive Officer sees to it that the funding requirements of the businesses are met and closely monitors the operating and financial results of the businesses against plans and budgets, taking remedial action if necessary. He maintains an ongoing dialogue with the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman and all Directors to keep them fully informed of all major business development and issues. He is also responsible for building and maintaining an effective executive team to support him in his role.

The Board meets regularly, and at least four times a year with meeting dates scheduled at the beginning of the year. Between scheduled meetings, senior management of the Group provides information to Directors on a regular basis with respect to the activities and development in the businesses of the Group. Throughout the year, Directors participate in the consideration and approval of routine and operational matters of the Company by way of circular resolutions with supporting explanatory materials, supplemented by additional verbal and/or written information or notification from the Company Secretary and other executives as and when required. Details of material or notable transactions of subsidiary and associated companies are provided to the Directors as appropriate. Whenever warranted, additional Board meetings are held. In addition, Directors have full access to information on the Group and independent professional advice at all times whenever deemed necessary by the Directors and they are at liberty to propose appropriate matters for inclusion in Board agendas. Furthermore, the Non-executive Directors (including the Independent Non-executive Directors) meet with the Chairman at least once a year without the presence of the Executive Director.

With respect to regular meetings of the Board, Directors receive written notice of the meeting generally about a month in advance and an agenda together with supporting Board papers no less than three days prior to the meeting. With respect to other meetings, Directors are given as much notice as is reasonable and practicable in the circumstances.

The Board held four Board meetings in 2009 with a total 94% attendance.

	Name of Director	Attended/Eligible to attend
Chairman and Non-executive Director	Fok Kin-ning, Canning	4/4
Deputy Chairman and Non-executive Director	Lui Dennis Pok Man	4/4
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer	Wong King Fai, Peter	4/4
Non-executive Directors	Chow Woo Mo Fong, Susan	3/4
	Frank John Sixt	3/4
	Lai Kai Ming, Dominic	4/4
Independent Non-executive Directors	Cheong Ying Chew, Henry	4/4
	Lan Hong Tsung, David	4/4
	Wong Yick Ming, Rosanna	4/4

In addition to regular Board meetings, the Chairman held two meetings with Non-executive Directors (including Independent Non-executive Directors) for the period from the Listing Date to 31 December 2009.

Any Director who is appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office until the next general meeting of the Company, or in the case of an additional appointment, until the next annual general meeting of the Company, and shall be eligible for re-election at the relevant general meeting. All Directors are subject to retirement from office by rotation and re-election by shareholders at the annual general meeting at least about once every three years. In addition, Non-executive Directors are appointed for an initial term ending 31 December 2010, subject to possible re-election and renewal in accordance with the provisions of the Listing Rules and the Articles of Association of the Company.

None of the Directors who are proposed for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting has a service contract with the Company which is not terminable by the Company within one year without payment of compensation (other than statutory compensation). Where vacancies arise at the Board, candidates are proposed and put forward to the Board for consideration and approval, with the objective of appointing to the Board individuals with expertise in the businesses of the Group and leadership qualities so as to complement the capabilities of the existing Directors thereby enabling the Company to retain as well as improve its competitive position.

Upon appointment to the Board, Directors receive a package of orientation materials on the Group and are provided with a comprehensive induction to the Group's businesses by senior executives. Continuing education and information are provided to Directors regularly to help ensure that Directors are apprised of the latest changes in the commercial, legal and regulatory environment in which the Group conducts its businesses.

Securities Transactions

The Board has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers of the Listing Rules (the "Model Code") as the Group's code of conduct regarding Directors' securities transactions.

In response to specific enquiries made of them, all Directors confirmed that they have complied with the Model Code in their securities transactions throughout the period from the Listing Date to 31 December 2009.

Board Committees

The Board is supported by two permanent board committees: the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee, details of which are described later in this report. The terms of reference for these committees adopted by the Board are published on the Company's website at www.hthkh.com. Other Board Committees are established by the Board as and when warranted to take charge of specific chores.

Company Secretary

The Company Secretary, Ms Edith Shih, is responsible to the Board for ensuring that Board procedures are followed and Board activities are efficiently and effectively conducted. These objectives are achieved through adherence to proper Board processes and the timely preparation and dissemination to Directors of comprehensive meeting agendas and papers. Minutes of all Board meetings and Board Committees are prepared and maintained by the Company Secretary to record in sufficient details the matters considered and decisions reached by the Board or Committee, including any concerns raised or dissenting views voiced by any Director. The minutes are available for inspection by any Director at any reasonable time and on reasonable notice.

The Company Secretary is responsible for ensuring that the Board is fully apprised of all legislative, regulatory and corporate governance developments relating to the Group and that it takes these into consideration when making decisions for the Group. From time to time, she organises seminars on specific topics of significance and interest and disseminate relevant reading reference to the Directors for their information.

The Company Secretary is also directly responsible for the Group's compliance with all obligations of the Listing Rules and Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Repurchases, including the preparation, publication and despatch of annual reports and interim reports within the time limits laid down in the Listing Rules, the timely dissemination to shareholders and the market of information relating to the Group.

Furthermore, the Company Secretary advises the Directors on their obligations for disclosure of interests in securities, connected transactions and price-sensitive information and ensures that the standards and disclosures required by the Listing Rules are observed and, where required, reflected in the annual report of the Company.

Accountability and Audit

Financial Reporting

The annual and interim results of the Company are published in a timely manner, within three months and two months respectively of the year end and interim periods.

The responsibility of Directors in relation to the financial statements is set out below. It should be read in conjunction with, but distinguished from, the Independent Auditor's Report on pages 69 and 70 which acknowledges the reporting responsibility of the Group's Auditor.

Annual Report and Financial Statements

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for the preparation of the Annual Report and financial statements of the Company to ensure that these financial statements give a true and fair presentation in accordance with the applicable accounting standards and disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

Accounting Policies

The Directors consider that in preparing the financial statements, the Group has applied appropriate accounting policies that are consistently adopted and made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent in accordance with the applicable accounting standards.

Accounting Records

The Directors are responsible for ensuring that the Group keeps accounting records which disclose the financial position of the Group upon which financial statements of the Group could be prepared in accordance with the Group's accounting policies.

Safeguarding Assets

The Directors are responsible for taking all reasonable and necessary steps to safeguard the assets of the Group and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities within the Group.

Going Concern

The Directors, having made appropriate enquiries, are of the view that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and that, for this reason, it is appropriate for the Group to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Audit Committee

Under its terms of reference, the Audit Committee is required to oversee the relationship between the Company and its external auditor, review the Group's preliminary results, interim results and annual financial statements, monitor compliance with statutory and Listing Rules requirements, review the scope, extent and effectiveness of the activities of the Internal Audit Department of the Group's holding company, engage independent legal and other advisers and perform investigations as it determines is necessary.

The Audit Committee comprises three Independent Non-executive Directors who possess the relevant business and financial management experience and skills to understand financial statements and contribute to the financial governance, internal controls and risk management of the Company. It is chaired by Mr Cheong Ying Chew, Henry with Mr Lan Hong Tsung, David and Dr Wong Yick Ming, Rosanna as members.

The Audit Committee held three meetings in 2009 with 100% attendance of its members.

Name of Member	Attended/Eligible to attend
Cheong Ying Chew, Henry (<i>Chairman</i>)	3/3
Lan Hong Tsung, David	3/3
Wong Yick Ming, Rosanna	3/3

During the period from the Listing Date to 31 December 2009, the Audit Committee met with the Chief Financial Officer and other senior management of the Group to review the interim results, the interim report and other financial, internal control and risk management matters of the Group. It considered and discussed the reports and presentations of Management, the Group's internal and external auditors, with a view of ensuring that the Group's consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. It also met with the Group's principal external auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers ("PwC"), to consider their reports on the scope and outcome of their independent review of the interim financial report. In addition, the Committee holds regular private meetings with external auditor, the Chief Financial Officer and internal auditor separately without the presence of management of the Company.

The Audit Committee assists the Board in meeting its responsibilities for maintaining an effective system of internal control. It reviews the process by which the Group evaluates its control environment and risk assessment process, and the way in which business and control risks are managed. It reviews with the internal auditor of the Group's holding company the work plan for their audits together with their resource requirements and considers the internal audit reports to the Audit Committee on the effectiveness of internal controls in the Group business operations. In addition, it receives the report from the Company Secretary on the Group's compliance status on regulatory requirements. These reviews and reports are taken into consideration by the Audit Committee when it makes its recommendation to the Board for approval of the consolidated financial statements for the year.

External Auditor

The Audit Committee reviews and monitors the external auditor's independence and objectivity and effectiveness of the audit process. It receives each year the letter from the external auditor confirming their independence and objectivity and holds meetings with representatives of the external auditor to consider the scope of its audit, approve its fees, and the scope and appropriateness of non-audit services, if any, to be provided by it. The Audit Committee also makes recommendations to the Board on the appointment and retention of the external auditor.

The Group's policy regarding the engagement of PwC for the various services listed below is as follows:

- Audit services - include audit services provided in connection with the audit of the consolidated financial statements. All such services are to be provided by external auditor.

- Audit related services - include services that would normally be provided by an external auditor but not generally included in audit fees, for example, audits of the Group's pension plans, due diligence and accounting advice related to mergers and acquisitions, internal control reviews of systems and/or processes, and issuance of special audit reports for tax or other purposes. The external auditor is to be invited to undertake those services that it must or is best placed to undertake in their capacity as auditor.
- Taxation related services - include all tax compliance and tax planning services, except for those services which are provided in connection with the audit. The Group uses the services of the external auditor where it is best suited. All other significant taxation related work is undertaken by other parties as appropriate.
- Other services - include, for example, risk management diagnostics and assessments, and non-financial systems consultations. The external auditor is also permitted to assist management and the internal auditor of the Group's holding company with internal investigations and fact-finding into alleged improprieties. These services are subject to specific approval by the Audit Committee.
- General consulting services - the external auditor is not eligible to provide services involving general consulting work.

An analysis of the remuneration to PwC is shown in Note 8 to the consolidated financial statements. During the year ended 31 December 2009, the fees to PwC, amounting to HK\$19 million, were primarily for audit services. Non-audit services, including but not limited to PwC's services rendered for acting as reporting accountants in connection with the Company's listing, amounted to HK\$8 million, or 42% of the total fees.

Internal Control and Group Risk Management

The Board has overall responsibility for the Group's system of internal control and assessment and management of risks.

In meeting its responsibility, the Board seeks to increase risk awareness across the Group's business operations and has put in place policies and procedures, including parameters of delegated authority, which provide a framework for the identification and management of risks. It also reviews and monitors the effectiveness of the systems of internal control to ensure that the policies and procedures in place are adequate. Reporting and review activities include review by the Executive Director and the Board and approval of detailed operational and financial reports, budgets and plans provided by the management of the business operations, review by the Board of actual results against budgets, review by the Audit Committee of the ongoing work of the Internal Audit Department of the Group's holding company, as well as regular business reviews by Executive Director and the executive management team of each core business division.

Whilst these procedures are designed to identify and manage risks that could adversely impact the achievement of the Group's business objectives, they do not provide absolute assurance against material mis-statement, errors, losses or fraud.

Internal Control Environment

The Board is overall responsible for monitoring the operations of the businesses within the Group. Executive directors are appointed to the boards of all material operating subsidiaries and associates for monitoring those companies, including attendance at board meetings, review and approval of business strategies, budgets and plans, and setting of key business performance targets. The executive management team of each core business division is accountable for the conduct and performance of each business in the division within the agreed strategies and similarly the management of each business is accountable for its conduct and performance.

The Group's internal control procedures include a comprehensive system for reporting information to the executive management teams of each core business and the Executive Director.

Business plans and budgets are prepared annually by the management of individual businesses and subject to review and approval by both the executive management teams and the Executive Director as part of the Group's five-year corporate planning cycle. Reforecasts for the current year are prepared on a quarterly basis, reviewed for variances to the budget and for approval. When setting budgets and reforecasts, management identifies, evaluates and reports on the likelihood and potential financial impact of significant business risks.

The Executive Director reviews monthly management reports on the financial results and key operating statistics of each business and holds monthly meetings with the executive management team and senior management of business operations to review these reports, business performance against budgets, forecasts, significant business risk sensitivities and strategies. In addition, the Chief Financial Officer and members of the Group Finance Department have monthly meetings to review monthly performance against budget and forecast, and to address accounting and finance related matters.

The Group maintains a centralised cash management system for its subsidiary operations and the Group's Finance Department oversees the Group's investment and lending activities. Treasury reports on the Group's cash and liquid investments, borrowings and movements thereof are distributed weekly.

The Chief Financial Officer has established guidelines and procedures for the approval and control of expenditures. Operating expenditures are subject to overall budget control and are controlled within each business with approval levels set by reference to the level of responsibility of each executive and officer. Capital expenditures are subject to overall control within the annual budget review and approval process, and more specific control and approval prior to commitment by the Chief Financial Officer or Executive Director are required for unbudgeted expenditures and material expenditures within the approved budget. Quarterly reports of actual versus budgeted and approved expenditures are also reviewed.

The General Manager of the Internal Audit Department of the Group's holding company, reporting directly to the Audit Committee, provides independent assurance as to the existence and effectiveness of the risk management activities and controls in the Group's business operations worldwide. Using risk assessment methodology and taking into account the dynamics of the Group's activities, internal audit derives its yearly audit plan which is reviewed by the Audit Committee, and reassessed during the year as needed to ensure that adequate resources are deployed and the plan's objectives are met. The Internal Audit Department of the holding company is responsible for assessing the Group's internal control system, formulating an impartial opinion on the system, and reporting its findings to the Audit Committee, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and the senior management concerned as well as following up on all reports to ensure that all issues have been satisfactorily resolved. In addition, a regular dialogue is maintained with the Group's external auditor so that both are aware of the significant factors which may affect their respective scope of work.

Depending on the nature of business and risk exposure of individual business units, the scope of work performed by the internal audit function includes financial and operations reviews, recurring and surprise audits, fraud investigations and productivity efficiency reviews.

Reports from the external auditor on internal controls and relevant financial reporting matters are presented to the General Manager of the Internal Audit Department of the Group's holding company and, as appropriate, to the Chief Financial Officer. These reports are reviewed and the appropriate actions are taken.

Review of Internal Control System

The Board, through the Audit Committee, has conducted a review of the effectiveness of the Group's internal control systems for the period from the Listing Date to 31 December 2009, covering all material financial, operational and compliance controls and the risk management functions, and is satisfied that such systems are effective and adequate.

Legal Compliance

The Legal Department of the Group has the responsibility of safeguarding the legal interests of the Group. It monitors the day-to-day legal affairs of the Group, including preparing, reviewing and approving all legal and corporate secretarial documentation of Group companies, working in conjunction with finance, corporate secretarial and business unit personnel on the review and co-ordination process, and advising management of legal and commercial issues of concern. In addition, the Legal Department of the Group is also responsible for overseeing regulatory compliance matters of all Group companies. It analyses and monitors the regulatory framework within which the Group operates, including reviewing applicable laws and regulations and preparing and submitting response to relevant regulatory and/or government consultations. The Legal Department of the Group reports to the Group Legal Department of the Group's holding company on all material legal, regulatory and corporate secretarial matters and it determines and approves in conjunction with the Group Legal Department of the Group's holding company the engagement of external legal advisors, ensuring the requisite professional standards are maintained as well as most cost effective services are rendered. Further, the Group Legal Department of the Group's holding company organises and holds continuing education seminars/conferences on legal and regulatory matters of relevance to the Group for its legal counsels.

Group Risk Management

The Chief Executive Officer and the Group Risk Management Department of the Group's holding company have the responsibility of developing and implementing risk mitigation strategies including the deployment of insurance to transfer the financial impact of risks. The Group Risk Management Department of the Group's holding company, working with business operations worldwide, is responsible for arranging appropriate insurance coverage and organising Group wide risk reporting. Directors and Officers Liability Insurance is also in place to protect Directors and officers of the Group against their potential legal liabilities.

Workplace Safety

The Group is committed to providing a healthy and safe workplace for all its employees and complying with all applicable health and safety laws and regulations. Health and safety considerations are incorporated into the design, operations and maintenance of the Group's premises. Employees are provided appropriate job skills and safety training and are educated with regard to their responsibilities for achieving the health and safety objectives of the Group. The Group also communicates with its employees on occupational health and safety issues.

Remuneration of Directors and Senior Management

Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee comprises three members with expertise in human resources and personnel emoluments. The Committee is chaired by the Chairman, Mr Fok Kin-ning, Canning with Messrs Cheong Ying Chew, Henry and Lan Hong Tsung, David, both Independent Non-executive Directors, as members. The Committee meets towards the end of each year for the determination of the remuneration package of Directors and senior management of the Group. In addition, the Committee meets as and when required to consider remuneration related matters.

The responsibilities of the Remuneration Committee are to assist the Board in achieving its objective of attracting, retaining and motivating employees of the highest calibre and experience needed to shape and execute strategy of the Group. It assists the Group in the administration of a fair and transparent procedure for setting remuneration policies including assessing the performance of Directors and senior executives of the Group and determining their remuneration packages.

Members of the Remuneration Committee met in November 2009 to review background information on market data (including economic indicators, Watson Wyatt's 2010 projected salary increase for Hong Kong and 2010 Remuneration Review Guidelines of the Group), the Group's business activities and human resources issues, and headcount and staff costs. The Committee also reviewed and approved the 2009 and the proposed 2010 directors' fees, 2009 year end bonus and 2010 remuneration package of Executive Director and senior management of the Company and made recommendation to the Board on the proposed 2010 directors' fees for Non-executive Directors. Executive Director does not participate in the determination of his own remuneration.

Remuneration Policy

The remuneration of Directors and senior executives is determined with reference to their expertise and experience in the industry, the performance and profitability of the Group as well as remuneration benchmarks from other local and international companies and prevailing market conditions. Directors and employees also participate in bonus arrangements which are to be determined in accordance with the performance of the Group and the individual's performance.

Directors' emoluments comprise payments to Directors from the Company and its subsidiaries. The amounts paid to each Director for 2009 are as follows:

Name of Director	Director's fees HK\$ millions	Basic salaries, allowances and benefits-in-kind HK\$ millions	Bonuses HK\$ millions	Provident fund contributions HK\$ millions	Inducement or compensation fees HK\$ millions	Total emoluments HK\$ millions
Fok Kin-ning, Canning ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾	0.07	-	-	-	-	0.07
Lui Dennis Pok Man ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	0.06	-	-	-	-	0.06
Wong King Fai, Peter ⁽³⁾	0.06	2.74	5.64	0.20	-	8.64
Chow Woo Mo Fong, Susan ⁽¹⁾	0.06	-	-	-	-	0.06
Frank John Sixt ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	0.06	-	-	-	-	0.06
Lai Kai Ming, Dominic ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	0.06	-	-	-	-	0.06
Cheong Ying Chew, Henry ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	0.12	-	-	-	-	0.12
Lan Hong Tsung, David ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	0.12	-	-	-	-	0.12
Wong Yick Ming, Rosanna ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	0.10	-	-	-	-	0.10
Chan Ting Yu ⁽⁷⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robin Sng Cheng Khoong ⁽⁷⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-
Edmond Wai Leung Ho ⁽⁷⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-
Richard Waichi Chan ⁽⁷⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	0.71	2.74	5.64	0.20	-	9.29

Notes:

- (1) Non-executive Directors
- (2) Independent Non-executive Directors
- (3) Appointed on 4 March 2009
- (4) Appointed on 3 April 2009
- (5) Members of the Audit Committee
- (6) Members of the Remuneration Committee
- (7) Resigned on 4 March 2009

Code of Conduct

The Group places utmost importance on employees' ethical, personal and professional standards. Every employee is provided with the Group's Code of Conduct booklet, and all employees are expected to adhere to the highest standards set out in the Code of Conduct including avoiding conflict of interest, discrimination or harassment and bribery etc. The employees are required to report any non-compliance with the Code of Conduct to the management.

Relationship with Shareholders and other Stakeholders

The Group actively promotes investor relations and communication with the investment community when the interim and year end financial results are announced and during the course of the year. Through its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, and the Investor Relations Department, the Group responds to requests for information and queries from the investment community including institutional shareholders, analysts and the media through regular briefing meetings, conference calls and presentations.

The Board is committed to providing clear and full information of the Group to shareholders through the publication of notices, announcements, circulars, interim and annual reports. Moreover, additional information is available to shareholders through the Investor Relations page on the Company's website.

Shareholders are encouraged to attend all general meetings of the Company. All shareholders have statutory rights to call for extraordinary general meetings and put forward agenda items for consideration by shareholders by sending to the Company Secretary at the principal place of business a written request for such general meetings together with the proposed agenda items. All resolutions at general meetings are decided on a poll which is conducted by the Company Secretary and scrutinised by the Company's Hong Kong Share Registrar. The results of the poll are published on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange. Financial and other information on the Group is made available on the Company's website, which is regularly updated.

Other corporate information is set out in the "Information for Shareholders" section of this annual report. This includes, among others, dates for key corporate events for 2010 and public float capitalisation as at 31 December 2009.

Information concerning the Group and its business can be located from the Company's website for information of the other stakeholders.

The Group values feedback from shareholders on its efforts to promote transparency and foster investor relationships. Comments and suggestions are welcome and can be addressed to the Investor Relations Manager by mail or by e-mail to the Group at ir@hthkh.com.

Corporate Social Responsibility

The Group has adopted a proactive approach to corporate social responsibility and undertakes a wide range of philanthropic efforts as well as community initiatives. Details of these initiatives are set out on pages 28 to 29.

By Order of the Board

Edith SHIH
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 8 March 2010