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10th Anniversary of SJM Scholarship Awards 38 children of staff awarded

(Macau, 4 August 2014) Sociedade de Jogos de Macau, S.A. (“SJM”) awarded scholarships to 38 children of staff today, including scholarships to 10 outstanding students of Year 2014 and renewal of scholarships for 26 recipients of Year 2013, 2012 and 2011.

The SJM Scholarship Award Ceremony was held today at Kam Pek Community Centre. This year also coincided with the Awards’ 10th anniversary. Chairman of the Board of Directors of SJM Dr. Ambrose So, Managing Director Ms. Angela Leong, and Director Dr. Rui Cunha celebrated the joyous moments with the award-winning students and families.

Ten outstanding students were selected for Year 2014 by the SJM Scholarship Selection Committee. They were Lui Wai U, Kou Seng Pan, Chan Ka I, Wong Leng U, Lam Hio Tong, Chan Chong In, Kuan Wai Son, Hoi Wai Keong, Choi Wai Kit, and Chong Chi Ian. Each is awarded MOP20,000 per year until they finish their university studies. In addition, Ng Chi Keong and Chan Cheong Kit were each awarded MOP10,000 as an encouragement for their good performance.

The ceremony also witnessed the renewal and award of SJM Scholarships to 26 recipients of Year 2013, 2012 and 2011 who were each awarded MOP20,000 for the new academic year. Among them, Leong Chi Fong and Leong Man Ieng were named the best performing students in the past year, and were each given an extra award of MOP5,000.

Chairman of the SJM Scholarship Selection Committee Dr. Ambrose So complimented the winning students on their brilliant performance. He commented that the tireless efforts of Macau’s students combined with the commitment of SJM to nurture talents will continue to enhance Macau society in future as they have done over the past 10 years. Dr. So urged the young people to continue the educational process throughout their lives, not only in the pursuit of knowledge, but also in moral development, both of which are essential elements in building a harmonious society.

Chairman of the Staff Welfare Consultative Committee of SJM Ms. Angela Leong congratulated the students on the awards and invited them to join the SJM family upon graduation. She reiterated SJM’s dedication in nurturing talents for Macau, adhering to the principle of “from society, to society” of Dr. Stanley Ho, and hoped that the recipients of this year will join efforts with other members of the SJM Scholarship Alumni Association in serving the community.



Mr. Kou Seng Pan, on behalf of the recipients of Year 2014, thanked SJM for its enormous contributions to the development of education and for helping them realize their dreams. He noted the importance of independent thinking and the power of creativity, and considered the university a perfect venue for them to build a solid foundation for growth and success, and with conviction, they will map out a splendid future for Macau.

On the 10th Anniversary of the SJM Scholarship Award Ceremony, recipients of the past 10 years gathered tonight on stage to share their experience and to give a big thank-you to SJM for the support and encouragement throughout the years. They also pledged that they will do their best to contribute to society.

Established in 2005, the SJM Scholarship programme aims to award outstanding children of staff to further their university studies. Children of staff of SJM and STDM who are first-year undergraduates are eligible for application. The programme awards 10 scholarships annually to children of staff, who are each awarded MOP20,000 per year until they finish their university studies (up to five years). Renewal of scholarships is based on assessment of the recipients' academic results by the SJM Scholarship Selection Committee annually. Over the past 10 years, the Programme has awarded scholarships to over 100 children of staff, of whom 60 have graduated.

In addition to awarding scholarships to children of staff, SJM also sponsors the full school fees of staff to further their studies at Macau Millennium College, and encourages employees to return to school by completing secondary school education at Millennium Secondary School. Moreover, SJM offers scholarships to various institutions in Macau and sponsors their educational activities. SJM also cares for the development of education in China, and has funded the building of a primary school in the earthquake-affected area in Sichuan. Every year, SJM's Staff Welfare Consultative Committee organizes visits to Sichuan to bring their love and warmth to the students and families there.