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KWIH Title Sponsors *The Barber of Seville* Premiere Opera Buffa in Two Acts Presented by Opera Hong Kong

A Debut Show for HKSAR's 20th Anniversary Celebration

(Hong Kong — 7 May 2017) - **K. Wah International Holdings Limited** (“KWIH” or the “Group”) (Hong Kong stock code: 0173), the Honorary Patron of Opera Hong Kong (“OHK”), is pleased to devotedly support *The Barber of Seville*, OHK’s debut show to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). Being the title sponsor of the premiere show, KWIH management including Paddy Lui, Executive Director; Dr Moses Cheng, Non-Executive Director; Dr William Yip, Milton Au and Wong Kwai Lam, Independent Non-Executive Directors together with Edward Ho, Chairman of OHK, Warren Mok, Artistic Director of OHK; as well as friends from the political and business sectors enjoyed this timeless classic staged at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre on Friday (5th May).

Since 2013, KWIH has collaborated closely with OHK, striving to promote operatic performance and performing arts as well as to nurture local vocal artists and art management talents. Through the expansion of its education and outreach programmes, KWIH aims to further popularize operas and performing arts to a wider community while providing more cross-cultural exchange and performance opportunities to local outstanding artists and talents, with a view to fostering Hong Kong as a vibrant and international hub for culture and arts.

The Barber of Seville, a comic opera in two acts presented by OHK, is to be staged for three consecutive days from 5th to 7th May at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre. The opera was created by Gioachino Antonio Rossini, a well-known Italian composer of the 19th century. Since its premiere in 1816, the opera has enchanted worldwide audience. The show in Hong Kong has invited the leading international and local singers, along with the Hong Kong Sinfonietta and the Opera Hong Kong Chorus under the baton of conductor Roberto Gianola as well as the Hong Kong Dance Company led by renowned choreographer Luciano Cannito, to add an aura of modernity and splendour to the classic, bringing an exceptionally new experience to the audience.

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Photo caption:

Photo 1: Paddy Lui, Executive Director of KWIH and other guests from the political and business sectors gather to appreciate the celebrated comic opera The Barber of Seville together

Photo 1i: Mr and Mrs Donald Liao (1st from left and 1st from right), CBE, JP, former Secretary for Home Affairs; and Paddy Lui (2nd from right), Executive Director of KWIH



Photo 1ii: Warren Mok (1st from left), Artistic Director of Opera Hong Kong; Paddy Lui (2nd from left), Executive Director of KWIH; and Antonello De Riu (1st from right), Consul General of Italy in Hong Kong and Macau



Photo 1iii: Wong Kwai Lam (left), Independent Non-Executive Director of KWIH; Paddy Lui (middle), Executive Director of KWIH; and Edward Ho (right), Chairman of Opera Hong Kong



Photo 1iv: Mr and Mrs Lau Ping Cheung (1st and 2nd from left), Chairman of the Hong Kong Coalition of Professional Services; Paddy Lui (2nd from right), Executive Director of KWIH; and Edward Ho (1st from right), Chairman of Opera Hong Kong



Photo 2: KWIH prioritizes the development of the arts and culture in Hong Kong. As the Honorary Patron of Opera Hong Kong, KWIH introduces world-class operas such as *The Barber of Seville* to Hong Kong and further expands its education and outreach programmes, with an aim of enhancing the public appreciation of opera



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