

Statement by Members of the Independent Panel of Inquiry on the Harbour Fest

Following is a statement by members of the Independent Panel of Inquiry on the Harbour Fest, Mr Moses Cheng and Mr Brian Stevenson:

"We would like to thank the Chief Executive for the appointment. We understand the wide public concern expressed in relation to the Harbour Fest. This is a challenging task. We pledge to conduct the inquiry in a fair, impartial and professional manner. We will submit a report to the Chief Executive by March 31, 2004.

"As there were many parties involved in various stages of the deliberations, planning and organisation of the Harbour Fest event, we look forward to their full co-operation. In the course of the inquiry, we will interview people who have been involved in the event. In addition, we will seek the views of those who may shed light on the entertainment industry practices as well as their suggestions for improvement."

Ends/Friday, December 12, 2003

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