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## **TurboJET Scholarship to Nurture Talents of Tomorrow**

(March 5 2008 – Hong Kong) Since its establishment, TurboJET has always been committed to giving back to the society; through nurturing talents and interests in the seafaring career, it works to fulfill this promise. As the grooming of talents remains an integral component of quality marine services, TurboJET had launched a cadet training program 10 years ago to arouse interest among young people and encourage students of maritime-related disciplines to channel their academic pursuit into lifelong careers.

Riding a sea of changes in the society, TurboJET has constantly introduced new education programs in order to realize its vision. This year, TurboJET has established an inaugural Scholarship Programme to acknowledge a selected group of local students for their efforts and excellence. This afternoon, a presentation session was hosted by Shun Tak-China Travel Ship Management Limited (“STCTS”) and attended by Guests of Honour Mr. Roger Tupper, Director of Marine, and Ms. Anna Hong, Deputy General Manager of STCTS.

On recommendation from respective schools, outstanding students from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong Institute of Education, Maritime Services Training Institute and Hong Kong Sea School are shortlisted for an interview, out of which four winners are chosen by STCTS. Criteria of award include academic and extra-curricular achievements, leadership ability, dedication to the society and passion for the maritime industry. Award recipients would receive a tuition subsidy ranging from 50% to 100% along with an opportunity to attend TurboJET’s familiarization training during school holidays to learn more about the seafaring environment and ferry operations.

In the ceremony Ms. Anna Hong spoke of TurboJET’s aspirations. ‘The present and future of the maritime industry depends very much on consistently training and bringing up professional crew through the ranks. The scholarship, designed for students of marine or transportation-related disciplines, is aimed to elevate interests

among young people towards working on the sea. Hopefully we would receive generous support from the Government and industrial bodies to help sustain development of the marine sector.’ Meanwhile, Director of Marine Mr. Roger Tupper echoed with TurboJET’s view. ‘The fact that Hong Kong has continued to make steady progress in developing its maritime and transportation operations over the years offer promising prospects for newcomers. We are delighted to see TurboJET launching the scholarship program to nurture tomorrow’s talents.’

Winners of the TurboJET Scholarship Program Award 2008 include Chan Tak Hing from the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education, Yiu Yi Lun Iris from Maritime Services Training Institute, Yeung Hoi Ting from Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Chiu Kam Kwong from Hong Kong Sea School. ‘I’m honored to be able to emerge from a pool of exceptional nominees and receive the scholarship. Apart from its financial connotations, the award gave me confidence and much-needed motivation to do even better. I’ve set out my goals and hopefully I can help contribute to Hong Kong’s maritime scene in the future,’ remarked Yeung, one of the recipients of the award.

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